

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray with a Shepherd after both worship services. After each service, leaders of APC's shepherding ministry will be waiting at the front of the Sanctuary. They would love to pray with you about any topic.

Key Equipping not meeting tonight. In light of the holiday weekend, Key Equipping (Covenant Kids, PROTAS, and Adult classes) will not be meeting tonight.

Join us for our All-Church Dinner—this Saturday, February 24 from 6-8pm in the Fellowship Hall. The theme is Southwest Fiesta, and there will be great food, fellowship, and even a mariachi band. We will also be holding a dessert making contest, so please let us know when you sign up if you would like to enter. Childcare is provided for children 6 and under. Tickets are available for \$18/person or \$60/ family. In addition to signing up to attend the dinner, we need volunteers to help with the event. If you are able to help with food preparation, set-up or clean-up, please let us know when you are signing up. Registration will be capped at 200 people. Please ensure that you sign up for everyone in your party. After we reach capacity, we will start a waiting list.

We need your help in nursery! God is blessing us with a growing number of children at APC, and therefore we have an increasing demand for volunteers in the nursery. We are being called to increase the adult to child ratio and possibly expand to an additional nursery room to meet the growing demand. Would you please prayerfully consider serving in this ministry? If you are already serving, would you consider signing up for additional slots?

For new volunteers, a sign up sheet is at the Welcome Desk and Erin will be in the Fellowship Hall with a sign up sheet and to answer questions. For existing volunteers, please scan the QR code to sign up. If you would like to become a nursery volunteer, contact Erin Furgerson at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

APC Easter Egg Hunt: Volunteer Coordinator needed! We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate our annual APC Easter Egg Hunt, taking place on March 23. This will entail organizing the egg hunt, and recruiting help (if desired) to stuff eggs. If you are interested, contact Erin Furgerson at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

APC member and flutist Becky Mason invites her APC family and community to "Fantasias & Romances - A Flute Recital to Benefit LOVE146." Taking place on Saturday, March 2nd at 3:30pm here at APC, this event seeks to raise awareness and funds for LOVE146, a non-profit that fights tirelessly to eradicate the trafficking of children through prevention and survivor after-care. Enjoy an afternoon of beautiful and exciting music with a dessert reception to follow, all while supporting this important organization. Donations are not required, but will be gladly accepted on behalf of LOVE146. Children welcome! Email fluterm@yaho.com for more info.

Women's Thursday Bible studies. Ladies, as we continue with our theme of Unfailing Hope, we invite you to pray about joining the Thursday women's Bible study. We are going through the book of Hebrews, using Jen Wilkin's study *Better*. As we "fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith", we'll see Him as the better Word, the better high priest, the better sacrifice, etc. The morning study meets weekly from 9:45-11:30am. Childcare is provided. The evening study is a hybrid class: the first Thursday of each month we meet in person and the remaining weeks we meet via Zoom, from 7-8:30pm. Please rsvp to Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com in order to receive the Zoom link or if you have any questions.

Women's Friday Bible study meets February 23. Join us for this study on finding Jesus in Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon, which are the last chapters of Nancy Guthrie's *The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms and Wisdom Books*. It doesn't matter whether you were able to join us in the fall, come and join us now from 9:45-11:30am. Childcare is provided, but please let us know if you need it. Contact ruth.fisher@hotmail.com to let us know you are coming.



Save the Date:
February 24: All-Church Dinner
March 23: Missions Dinner
May 3-5: Men's Retreat at Massanetta Springs

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality Nursery

This Week: Gladys Acevedo, Emily Kerski

This Week (9am): Femi Adeniji, Leslie Bridge, Ryan Furgerson, Lina Gentry, Adam LeRoy, Stephanie Olsen, Joey and Bailey Rolland, Susanna Root, Traci Youngquist

This Week (11am): Didier Balagizi, John Connelly, Rob Fisher, Frank Girgenti, Chris Nelms, Carmen Rives, Staci Root

Next Week (9am): Mark Adams, Sifa Balagizi, Sharon Holliday, Becky Knapp, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Jackie McCauley, Janice Nichols, Doug Shipley, Justin Wells-Morgan

Next Week (11am): Stacey Diack, Dan and Kathryn Johnson, Tom Mood, Chris Nelms, Athena Selim, Allison Rivera

Children's Church

9am: Mary Lou and Chase Chesser, Tom and Amanda Petelik

11am: Ryan and Erin Furgerson

Tech Team

Wayne Folta, Pete Olsen, Sam White, Joshua Youngquist

Greeters

9am: Andy and Kira Allison, Matt Coombs, Andrew and Vanessa Hobold, Chris Nelms

11am: Pierre Jolly, Sara Eppright, Brian and Becky Knapp, Greg Thomas

Ushers

9am: Mark Adams, Sue Edwards, Brian Field, Alex and Heidi Gesch, Katty and Daniel Hoyle, Yaovi Kodjo, Jonathon Osborne

11 am: Christian and Connor Brittle, Christian and Jack Poole

KEY EQUIPPING Not meeting February 18

During our Key Equipping time on Sunday evenings from 5-7pm, ministries are designed to equip all ages, from toddlers to seniors, to be followers and worshipers of Jesus.

Covenant Kids Ministry: Children 2 years old - 5th grade, Lower Level (Nursery for 1 & under) We welcome children to learn foundational truths about God and the Gospel story. We experience what it looks like to love God and love others in community with our worship, small groups, teaching, games, fellowship, and dinner!

PROTAS Youth Ministry: Teens 6th-12th grade, Upper Level

Connect each week in community with your peers — the schedule includes games, worship, small group discussions, a short devotion at a teen level, and dinner.

Adults

The Gospel According to Matthew, Led by Elder Marc Allen, Room 112 (Open to all). From its opening focus on the Messianic lineage, to its spectacular capture of Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount, to the Great Commission with which it ends, the Gospel According to Matthew offers beautifully deep teaching about the Kingdom of Heaven and Lord Jesus' work for our salvation. In this class, we will survey the entirety of the Gospel in our 10 weeks of study.

The Lord's Prayer as a Way of Life, Elder Aaron Renenger and Jeremy Root, Room 114 (Open to all). The Lord's Prayer is so familiar to us that we often say it reflexively, without stopping to contemplate the profundity of its message. Tertullian called the Lord's Prayer "an abridgement of the entire Gospel," and William Edgar calls it "a remarkable statement of faith, as it stands opposed to a confused world." Join us for this six-week contemplation of The Lord's Prayer, as we see that it serves not only as a perfect model prayer, but reflects a God-centric worldview that epitomizes the Christian life.

Walking in the Spirit (WitS), Led by Pastor Tom and Sharon Holliday, Room 201 (Registration closed). This is a 10 week in-depth study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

WE ARE HIRING

Communications Manager: The Communications Manager maintains and develops APC's communications both inside and outside the congregation through various means including website, social media, weekly emails, bulletins, and more. Experience with Adobe InDesign, Canva, and MailChimp is preferred; however training is available. A full position description is available. This position is part-time with an anticipated 25 hours/week (including Sunday activities). If you desire to use those talents as a member of APC's staff, please contact Executive Director of Ministries Matt Coombs at matthew.coombs@alexandriapres.org.

APC Visitor Form



Give to APC



Covenant Fellowship Groups



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Alexandria Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community of believers, rejoicing in the gospel, transformed by its power, and responding with grateful hearts in service to our God and world. We long to taste the glory of God in such an astonishing way that the city of Alexandria will be drawn to the majesty and mercy of our great God. It is our desire that our worship will serve as an authentic model to our city of the possibilities for transformation of individuals, families and a city encountering the glory and grace of God.

Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ prelude

■ call to worship | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate*

Lamentations 3:22-24

Leader: ²²The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

All: ²⁴**“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

I could not love Thee, so blind and unfeeling; covenant promises fell not to me.
Then without warning, desire, or deserving, I found my treasure, my pleasure, in Thee.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor (9am)*

Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions (11am)

Isaiah 59:21 (pg. 580)

²¹“And as for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the Lord: “My Spirit that is upon you,
and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of
the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring,” says the Lord,
“from this time forth and forevermore.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ covenantal blessing

from the liturgy of the French Reformed Church

For you, little one, the Spirit of God moved over the waters at creation, and the Lord God made covenants with his people.

It was for you that the Word of God became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

For you, Jesus Christ suffered death crying out at the end, “It is finished!”

And for you Christ triumphed over death, rose in newness of life, and ascended to rule over all.

All of this was done for you, though you do not know any of this yet. But we will continue to tell you this good news until it becomes your own. And so the promise of the gospel is fulfilled: “We love because God first loved us.”

■ sacrament of baptism

This morning we are pleased to baptize the following covenant children:

Clara Priscilla Kohlmann, daughter of Matt & Elizabeth Kohlmann

Eloise June Kohlmann, daughter of Matt & Elizabeth Kohlmann

Freya Michaela Maylum, daughter of Reb Maylum

Adelaide Victoria Maylum, daughter of Reb Maylum

Benjamin Henderson Ribaric, son of Tommy & Emily Ribaric

Scottie Sue Sauer, daughter of David & Dani Sauer

■ song of praise

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus *(Trinity Hymnal #535)*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me is the current of Thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;
how He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
how He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;
how for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of every love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer

■ song of preparation

Show Us Christ

Prepare our hearts, O God; help us to receive;
break the hard and stony ground; help our unbelief.
Plant Your Word down deep in us, cause it to bear fruit;
open up our ears to hear; lead us in Your truth.

Show us Christ, show us Christ;

*O God, reveal Your glory through the preaching of Your Word
until every heart confesses, "Christ is Lord!"*

Your Word is living light upon our darkened eyes;
guards us through temptations; makes the simple wise.
Your Word is food for famished ones, freedom for the slave,
riches for the needy soul—come speak to us today.

Where else can we go, Lord? Where else can we go?
You have the words of eternal life.

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*Children ages 5 through 2nd grade are now invited to continue worship in Children’s Church.
Children should exit the Sanctuary using the door to the left of the stage.*

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ sermon scripture reading

Hosea 4 ((pg. 704)

The Lord Accuses Israel

¹Hear the word of the Lord, O children of Israel,
for the Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land.

There is no faithfulness or steadfast love,
and no knowledge of God in the land;

²there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery;
they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.

³Therefore the land mourns,
and all who dwell in it languish,
and also the beasts of the field
and the birds of the heavens,
and even the fish of the sea are taken away.

⁴Yet let no one contend,
and let none accuse,
for with you is my contention, O priest.

⁵You shall stumble by day;
the prophet also shall stumble with you by night;
and I will destroy your mother.

⁶My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge;
because you have rejected knowledge,
I reject you from being a priest to me.

And since you have forgotten the law of your God,
I also will forget your children.

⁷The more they increased,
the more they sinned against me;
I will change their glory into shame.

⁸They feed on the sin of my people;
they are greedy for their iniquity.

⁹And it shall be like people, like priest;
I will punish them for their ways
and repay them for their deeds.

¹⁰They shall eat, but not be satisfied;
they shall play the whore, but not multiply,
because they have forsaken the Lord
to cherish ¹¹whoredom, wine, and new wine,
which take away the understanding.

¹²My people inquire of a piece of wood,
and their walking staff gives them oracles.
For a spirit of whoredom has led them astray,
and they have left their God to play the whore.

¹³They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains
and burn offerings on the hills,
because their shade is good.

Therefore your daughters play the whore,
and your brides commit adultery.

¹⁴I will not punish your daughters when they play the whore,
nor your brides when they commit adultery;
for the men themselves go aside with prostitutes
and sacrifice with cult prostitutes,
and a people without understanding shall come to ruin.

¹⁵Though you play the whore, O Israel,
let not Judah become guilty.

Enter not into Gilgal,
nor go up to Beth-aven,
and swear not, “As the Lord lives.”

¹⁶Like a stubborn heifer,
Israel is stubborn;
can the Lord now feed them
like a lamb in a broad pasture?

¹⁷Ephraim is joined to idols;
leave him alone.

¹⁸When their drink is gone, they give themselves to whoring;
their rulers dearly love shame.

¹⁹A wind has wrapped them in its wings,
and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate*

“Hear the Word of the Lord” *Sermon series: God’s Love That Pursues*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Rock of Ages *(Trinity Hymnal #499)*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood from Thy riven side which flowed
be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling;
naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.
Wash me, Savior, or I die! Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

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■ dismissal

Leader: Let us go forth and serve our city and our world as those who love the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: We will go forth and serve our city and our world in the name of Christ.

■ benediction

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