

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. 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.

Spanish Worship Service this Saturday, March 2 at 6pm in Room 201. Join us for a time of singing, prayer, and a sermon—all in Spanish. This monthly worship service is led by Joel Acevedo, APC’s Pastor of International Outreach and Mercy. Help us spread the word by inviting friends and neighbors, and join us in prayer as we seek to glorify Christ through this time of worship.

Missions Dinner, March 23 at 6pm. Join us on March 23 for a time of sharing from some of our supported missionaries and to celebrate all that God has done! More details are coming soon.

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.

Holy Week at APC. We hope you will join us during our Holy Week services as we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus! This year, our theme will be “Surely This Is God’s Son.” Please join us for the following services:

Palm Sunday, March 24: 9am and 11am
Good Friday, March 29: 7:30pm
Easter Sunday, March 31: 9am and 11am

Save the Date:

March 23: Missions Dinner
 May 3-5: Men’s Retreat at Massanetta Springs
 June 17-21: Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Nursery
Sign Up



SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality Nursery

Next Week: The Allen Family

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

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

Next Week (9am): Tina Brady, Maggie Coombs, Lina Gentry, Alex Gesch, Catherine Marks, Madison Newman, Joe Newman, Serenity Novak, Stephen Sylvia, Evan and Maureen Ward

Next Week (11am): Frank Girgenti, Tom Mood, Andy, Rebecca and Bethany Schad, Stephen Sylvia, Amy Weld

Children’s Church

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

11am: Ryan and Erin Furgerson

Tech Team

Chris Blackburn, Beth Ifft, Chris and Abby McGahey

Greeters

9am: Matt Coombs, Lindsay Hutter, Yaovi and Patricia Kodjo

11am: Pierre Jolly, Jodie and Anna Kirk, Cynthia Oviatt, 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

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.

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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 | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

Psalm 99:1-5

Leader: ¹The Lord reigns;

All: let the peoples tremble!

Leader: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;

All: let the earth quake!

Leader: ²The Lord is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.

**All: ³Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!**

Leader: ⁴The King in his might loves justice.

**All: You have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.**

Leader: ⁵Exalt the Lord our God;

**All: worship at his footstool!
Holy is he!**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Holy, Holy, Holy (#100)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning

our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy!

though the darkness hide Thee,

though the eye of sinful man

Thy glory may not see.

Only Thou art holy;

there is none beside Thee

perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth

and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Song # 1156*

■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Jim Taft (9am); Lauren Evans (11am)*

Romans 3:21-26 (pg. 885)

The Righteousness of God Through Faith

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior’s name:

He has hushed the law’s loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame;

He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,

He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threatens hard to bear us down,
for the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror’s crown:
He Who washed us with His blood, He Who washed us with His blood,
He Who washed us with His blood soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy’s store;
when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
He Who washed us with His blood, He Who washed us with His blood,
He Who washed us with His blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky:

“Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou art worthy, Lamb of God!”

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer |*Sue Edwards (9am); Micah Howard (11am)*

■ offertory |*Adult Choir (9am)*

What God Ordains Is Always Good

What God ordains is always good; His will is just and holy.

As He directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly.

My God indeed in every need knows well how He will shield me;

to Him, then, I will yield me.

What God ordains is always good; He is my Friend and Father.
He suffers naught to do me harm though many storms may gather.
Now I may know both joy and woe;
someday I shall see clearly that He has loved me dearly.

What God ordains is always good; this truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm, for with His arm He shall embrace and shield me;
so to my God I yield me.

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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 5 (pg. 705)

Punishment Coming for Israel and Judah

¹Hear this, O priests!

Pay attention, O house of Israel!

Give ear, O house of the king!

For the judgment is for you;

for you have been a snare at Mizpah

and a net spread upon Tabor.

²And the revolters have gone deep into slaughter,

but I will discipline all of them.

³I know Ephraim,

and Israel is not hidden from me;

for now, O Ephraim, you have played the whore;

Israel is defiled.

⁴Their deeds do not permit them

to return to their God.

For the spirit of whoredom is within them,

and they know not the Lord.

⁵The pride of Israel testifies to his face;

Israel and Ephraim shall stumble in his guilt;

Judah also shall stumble with them.

⁶With their flocks and herds they shall go

to seek the Lord,

but they will not find him;

he has withdrawn from them.

⁷They have dealt faithlessly with the Lord;

for they have borne alien children.

Now the new moon shall devour them with their fields.

⁸Blow the horn in Gibeah,

the trumpet in Ramah.

Sound the alarm at Beth-aven;

we follow you, O Benjamin!

⁹Ephraim shall become a desolation

in the day of punishment;

among the tribes of Israel

I make known what is sure.

¹⁰The princes of Judah have become

like those who move the landmark;

upon them I will pour out

my wrath like water.

¹¹Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment,

because he was determined to go after filth.

¹²But I am like a moth to Ephraim,

and like dry rot to the house of Judah.

¹³When Ephraim saw his sickness,

and Judah his wound,

then Ephraim went to Assyria,

and sent to the great king.

But he is not able to cure you

or heal your wound.

¹⁴For I will be like a lion to Ephraim,

and like a young lion to the house of Judah.

I, even I, will tear and go away;

I will carry off, and no one shall rescue.

¹⁵I will return again to my place,

until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,

and in their distress earnestly seek me.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“The Roaring Lion” *Sermon series: God’s Love That Pursues*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ silent confession

■ assurance of pardon

Micah 7:18

¹⁸Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity

and passing over transgression

for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever,

because he delights in steadfast love.

■ song of response

Pass Me Not

Pass me not, O gentle Savior; hear my humble cry:

While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief,

kneeling there in deep contrition; help my unbelief.

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;

While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Trusting only in Thy merit would I seek Thy face;

heal my wounded, broken spirit; save me by Thy grace.

Thou the Spring of all my comfort— more than life to me.

Whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heav’n but Thee?

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■ deacons’ fund offering | *Deacon Angel Tinev*

■ 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

■ announcements | *Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries*

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