

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sanctuary flowers are a gift from Christ the King Anglican Church.

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.

Please join us on March 23 from 5 - 7:30pm for our Missions Dinner! There is no cost, and we will be catering Indian food. During the first portion of the dinner, adults will rotate through three breakout rooms with three different missionaries. One room will focus on "pray", one on "welcome" and the last one will focus on "invest". Adults will have the option to attend 2/3 over the course of the first hour. For the second hour over dinner, we will focus on "going", with Pastor Josh leading the conversation and sharing ways the Lord has used us this past year.

There is nursery for children ages 5 and under (pizza will be served). Children ages 6 through 5th grade are invited to a special children's program upstairs with Leslie Bridge, APC member and supported missionary, for the first hour and will rejoin their parents for the second hour. Parents, you are welcome to decide if your older children (4th/5th grade) are able to handle the breakout rooms with the adults. If your child will be in the nursery, please do not sign them up as a registrant.

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.

APC Softball. The City of Alexandria's co-ed church softball league will kick off on April 8th! All games will be played on Monday nights at the Four Mile Run softball field. If you would be interested in being on the team this year, please reach out to Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

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:

May 3-5: Men's Retreat at Massanetta Springs
June 17-21: Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Nursery Sign Up



Missions Dinner



SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality Nursery

This Week: The Allen Family

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

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

Next Week (9am): Flora Chipana, Evelyn Heil, Sarah Huntington, Jackie McCauley, Evan and Maureen Ward, Bryan Wittmeyer

Next Week (11am): Cindy Cai, Juliet Edem, Mike and Kingston Powell, Stacey Stephens, Bethany Tinev

Children's Church

9am: Mark and Kari Adams, Annie and Shant Boyajian

11am: Josh and Stacey Diack

Tech Team

Ben Crowley, Sam and Collin White

Greeters

9am: Ryan Furgerson, Lindsay Hutter, Jim and Jo Ann Kottkamp, Lynn Streett

11am: Maggie Cho, Sara Eppright, Kristi Hellmuth

Ushers

9am: Femi Adeniji, Andy, Kira and Granville Allison, Patricia Kodjo, Will Marks, Janice Nichols, Sam White

11 am: Rick Eppright, JW Jung, Jodie, Seth and Levi Kirk, Jack and Christian Poole, Rachel Veenstra

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.

APC Visitor Form



Give to APC



Covenant Fellowship Groups



March 3, 2024

unchanging truth. changing lives

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*

1 Samuel 2:6-8

Leader: ⁶The Lord kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
⁷The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low and he exalts.

All: ⁸**He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.
For the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s,
and on them he has set the world.**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Psalm 34 (Taste and See)

I sought the Lord, and He answered me
and delivered me from every fear.
Those who look on Him are radiant;
they’ll never be ashamed, they’ll never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from my enemies.
The Son of God surrounds His saints;
He will deliver them, He will deliver them.

*Magnify the Lord with me; come exalt His name together!
Glorify the Lord with me; come exalt His name forever!*

O taste and see that the Lord is good!
O blessed is he who hides in Him!
O fear the Lord, O all you saints;
He’ll give you everything, He’ll give you everything.

Let us bless the Lord every day and night.
Never ending praise— may our incense rise.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Bruce Barham (9am); Tom Tarrants (11am)*

Luke 18:9-14 (pg. 824)

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Not in Me

No list of sins I have not done, no list of virtues I pursue,
no list of those I am not like can earn myself a place with You.
O God, be merciful to me—I am a sinner through and through!
My only hope of righteousness is not in me, but only You.

No humble dress, no fervent prayer, no lifted hands, no tearful song,
no recitation of the truth can justify a single wrong.
My righteousness is Jesus’ life; my debt was paid by Jesus’ death;
my weary load was borne by Him, and He alone can give me rest.

No separation from the world, no work I do, no gift I give
can cleanse my conscience, cleanse my hands; I cannot cause my soul to live.
But Jesus died and rose again—the pow’r of death is overthrown!
My God is merciful to me, and merciful in Christ alone.
My righteousness is Jesus’ life; my debt was paid by Jesus’ death;
my weary load was borne by Him, and He alone can give me rest.

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | *Will Marks (9am); Vell Rives (11am)*

■ offertory | *Adult Choir* I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

I know Jesus will walk with me.
I know Jesus will walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I know Jesus will walk with 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 6 (pg. 706)

Judah and Israel are Unrepentant

Come, let us return to the Lord;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

²After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord;
his going out is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth.”

⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes early away.

⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have slain them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

⁷But like Adam they transgressed the covenant;
there they dealt faithlessly with me.

⁸Gilead is a city of evildoers,
tracked with blood.

⁹As robbers lie in wait for a man,
so the priests band together;
they murder on the way to Shechem;
they commit villainy.

¹⁰In the house of Israel I have seen a horrible thing;
Ephraim’s whoredom is there; Israel is defiled.

¹¹For you also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor* “Bargaining with God” *Sermon series: God’s Love That Pursues*

■ confession of sin

based on Exodus 14:13-16

Dear Father, we acknowledge that Your grace offers us full forgiveness, and Your hand is mighty to deliver us from the slavery of our sin. However, like the Israelites You delivered from Egypt, we often desire to stay in the familiarity of our bondage, rather than walking with You in true repentance and faith.

May we stop complaining and fighting against You, and learn to trust that Your ways are best for us. Please teach us to see the salvation of the Lord, and to go forward through the sea in faith, trusting Your Holy Spirit as our Guide. We know we can only walk this path because Jesus has gone before us, on the road to Calvary. Collapsing on His merit, we pray in His name. Amen.

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

■ sacrament of the lord’s supper

Explanation, Invitation, Participation

All baptized Christians who are members in good standing of a church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ are invited to participate. Children who have been admitted into the church as communicant members are invited to participate as well. If you have any questions, please ask one of our pastors or elders.

Members will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup. You will receive the elements from the pastors and elders standing up front in your section of the Sanctuary, and then take the bread and cup back to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand and a server will bring the elements to your seat. We will take the elements together as prompted by the pastor.

*During the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper you are invited to sing or meditate on the following song:
Come, O Sinner (lyrics on the screen).*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Jesus, What A Friend for Sinners (#498 vv. 1-3, 5)

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, Lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me; He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

Jesus, what a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him,
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing; He, my Strength, my vict’ry wins.

Jesus, what a Help in sorrow! While the billows o’er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking, He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus, I do now receive Him; more than all in Him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness; I am His, and He is mine.

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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

■ announcements | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions*

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