

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.

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 of the 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! The league runs for 10 weeks. 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

Postcards with Holy Week information are available at the welcome desk. We invite you to take a few and pray about who you might invite.

GIVING AT A GLANCE

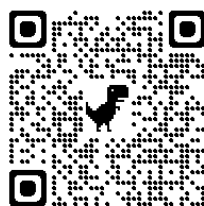
July 1 - February 29, 2024

Giving: \$1,702,741
Budget: \$1,716,000
Difference: \$13,259
Percentage: 99%

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 Rosas Family
This Week (9am): Flora Chipana, Evelyn Heil, Sarah Huntington, Jackie McCauley, Evan and Maureen Ward, Bryan Wittmeyer
This Week (11am): Cindy Cai, Juliet Edem, Mike and Kingston Powell, Stacey Stephens, Bethany Tinev
Next Week (9am): Carrie, Matt and Millie Brown, John Connelly, Patricia Kodjo, Susanna Root, Tom and Amanda Petelik, Rachel Sylvia
Next Week (11am): Matt, Augustus, Maggie and Woodrow Coombs, Carmen Rives, Rachel Sylvia, Mary Mitchell Todd

Children’s Church

9am: Mark and Kari Adams, Annie and Shant Boyajian
11am: Josh and Stacey Diack

Tech Team Greeters

Liz Crowley, Hensley Gollop, Ethan Novak, Amanda Petelik
9am: Ryan Furgerson, Mike and Vicki Gutshall, Gladys Monroy, Ariel Sanchez, Lynn Streett
11am: Maggie Cho, Sara Eppright, Kristi Hellmuth, Lindsay Hutter, Chris Nelms, Cynthia Oviatt
9am: Andy, Kira and Granville Allison, Edwin Gentry, Patricia Kodjo, Will Marks, Janice Nichols, Jo Porwoll
11 am: Sam Diack, JW and Rachel Jung, Christian and Jackson Poole

Ushers

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



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

Psalm 71:19-21

¹⁹Your righteousness, O God,
reaches the high heavens.

You who have done great things,
O God, who is like you?

²⁰You who have made me see many troubles and calamities
will revive me again;

from the depths of the earth
you will bring me up again.

²¹You will increase my greatness
and comfort me again.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of praise

Your Great Name We Praise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious,
Your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, not wanting or wasting, You rule us in might;
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,
Your clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

*Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise.*

All life comes from You, Lord, to both great and small;
in all life You live, Lord, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish, but quickly grow frail; we wither and perish, but You never fail.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O Father of grace, till one day in splendor we see face to face.

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (Trinity Hymnal #521)

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading |*Chris Blackburn (9am); Maggie Cho (11am)*

1 John 4:7-16 (pg. 961)

God Is Love

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of confession

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone,
but in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame,
but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

*I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul;
I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die; fame, youth, and beauty hurry by;
but life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom’s fleeting light,
but I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness;
my value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

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■ reception of new members

■ congregational prayer | *Elder Aaron Renenger (9am); Elder Chris Weld (11am)*

■ offertory prayer | *Shannon Allen (9am); Mary Mitchell Todd (11am)*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

*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 6:11-7:16 (pg. 706)

^{6:11b}When I restore the fortunes of my people,

^{7:1}when I would heal Israel,
the iniquity of Ephraim is revealed,
and the evil deeds of Samaria,
for they deal falsely;
the thief breaks in,
and the bandits raid outside.

²But they do not consider
that I remember all their evil.
Now their deeds surround them;
they are before my face.

³By their evil they make the king glad,
and the princes by their treachery.

⁴They are all adulterers;
they are like a heated oven
whose baker ceases to stir the fire,
from the kneading of the dough
until it is leavened.

⁵On the day of our king, the princes
became sick with the heat of wine;
he stretched out his hand with mockers.

⁶For with hearts like an oven they approach their intrigue;
all night their anger smolders;
in the morning it blazes like a flaming fire.

⁷All of them are hot as an oven,
and they devour their rulers.

All their kings have fallen,
and none of them calls upon me.

⁸Ephraim mixes himself with the peoples;
Ephraim is a cake not turned.

⁹Strangers devour his strength,
and he knows it not;

gray hairs are sprinkled upon him,
and he knows it not.

¹⁰The pride of Israel testifies to his face;
yet they do not return to the Lord their God,
nor seek him, for all this.

¹¹Ephraim is like a dove,
silly and without sense,
calling to Egypt, going to Assyria.

¹²As they go, I will spread over them my net;
I will bring them down like birds of the heavens;
I will discipline them according to the report made to their congregation.

¹³Woe to them, for they have strayed from me!
Destruction to them, for they have rebelled against me!

I would redeem them,
but they speak lies against me.

¹⁴They do not cry to me from the heart,
but they wail upon their beds;

for grain and wine they gash themselves;
they rebel against me.

¹⁵Although I trained and strengthened their arms,
yet they devise evil against me.

¹⁶They return, but not upward;
they are like a treacherous bow;

their princes shall fall by the sword
because of the insolence of their tongue.

This shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions* “**Hindrances of True Repentance**” *Sermon series: God’s Love That Pursues*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ confession of faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism #87

Q. What is repentance unto life?

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

■ song of response

Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness, into Thy health; out of my wanting and into Thy wealth;
out of my sin, and into Thyself; Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth’s sorrows, into Thy balm; out of life’s storms, and into Thy calm;
out of distress into jubilant psalm; Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love; out of despair into raptures above;
upward forever on wings like a dove; Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
ever Thy glorious face to behold; Jesus, I come to 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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