

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spanish Worship Service Sunday, March 31, at 5pm 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.

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 12 more people sign up this quarter, all spots will be filled. Contact Erin Furgerson at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org with questions.

C.S. Lewis Institute Applications—Deadline April 15. APC highly recommends the CSLI Fellows Program. If you are interested in applying to be a Fellow, visit the website [HERE](#). This year-long discipleship program is for believers who are already established in their faith, are highly motivated to grow deeper in their knowledge of and obedience to Jesus Christ, and who desire for God to use them more effectively in the work of His Kingdom. The program focuses on the integration of heart and mind in a small group context, and is designed to dramatically alter the trajectory of spiritual growth. A combination of focused Bible study, dynamic teachers, classic writers, experienced mentors, effective small groups and active response to the Word and the Spirit helps believers mature in their ability to articulate, defend and joyfully live out their faith in public and personal life.

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 by **March 31st**.

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:

Good Friday, March 29: 7:30pm

Easter Sunday, March 31: 9am and 11am

A special reception will be held after each service on Easter Sunday.

Save the Date:

April 21: Hymn Sing and Potluck

May 3-5: Men's Retreat at Massanetta Springs

May 18: Newcomer Dinner

May 31 - June 1: Inquirers (membership) class

June 17-21: Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Inquirers Class



Nursery Sign Up



Newcomer Dinner



C.S. Lewis Institute Application



SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality Nursery

This Week: The Schad Family

This Week (9am): Sifa Balagizi, Fern Birtwistle, Ryan Douglass, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Chris Nelms, Joe Newman, Juliana Richardson, Bryant and Lynn Streett, Stephen Sylvia

This Week (11am): Shannon Allen, Sara Eppright, Dan and Kathryn Johnson, Laurie and Mella LeRoy, Tom Mood

Next Week (9am): Tina Brady, Laura Erickson, Erin Furgerson, Sarah Huntington, Jackie McCauley, McKinzie Newman, Joey Rolland

Next Week (11am): Gina Mitchell, Tom Mood, Stephanie, Abbie and Ellie Olsen, Athena Selim

Children's Church

9am: Amanda and Nathan Leamer, Jess and Nathan Newman

11am: Ryan and Erin Furgerson

Tech Team

Beth Ifft, Eli Kendrick, Chris McGahey

Greeters

9am: Ryan Furgerson, Lindsay Hutter, Gladys Monroy, Ariel Sanchez, Lynn Streett

11am: Maggie Cho, Kristi Hellmuth, Jodie Kirk, Becky Knapp, Greg Thomas

Ushers

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

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 24, 2024

Palm Sunday



Alexandria Presbyterian Church

Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ prelude

■ call to worship | Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries

from Psalms 11, 29, 31, and 118

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Children: *Hosanna in the highest!*

People: The Lord is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.

Children: *Hosanna in the highest!*

Leader: The Lord is a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

Children: *Hosanna in the highest!*

People: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

All: Hosanna in the highest!

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Praise His Name (Psalm 148)

Reaches of heaven, starry heights
Lights of the evening, dancing in silent skies
Brilliance of morning, breaking day
O let them praise Him, praise His name

*O praise His name, O praise His name
Let all His wondrous works declare His praise*

Mightiest mountains, peaceful plains
Snowfall and fire, thundering ocean waves
Kings and their kingdoms, age to age
O let them praise Him, praise His name

King enthroned in majesty, all things made by His decree
Hear creation’s melody, “Praise Him! Praise Him!”
Everything with life and breath, everywhere from east to west
Every heart raised from the dead, praise Him, praise Him
Angels echo the refrain, “Jesus, Lamb for sinners slain!”
Name above all other names, praise Him

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions

2 Corinthians 2:12-17 (pg. 907)

Triumph in Christ

¹² When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord, ¹³ my spirit was not at rest because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I took leave of them and went on to Macedonia.

¹⁴ But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵ For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, ¹⁶ to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? ¹⁷ For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God’s word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Glorious Christ

The radiance of the Father before the dawn of time,
You spoke and all creation came to be.
The molecules and planets reveal Your great design,
and every one was made so we could see—so we could see

*You are the glorious Christ, the greatest of all delights;
Your power is unequalled, Your love beyond all heights.
No greater sacrifice than when You laid down Your life;
we join the song of angels who praise You day and night— glorious Christ!*

You left the air of heaven to breathe the dust of earth
and dwell among the outcast and the poor;
You came to be forsaken, and died to take our curse
so You could be our joy forevermore— forevermore.

You’re seated now in heaven, enthroned at God’s right hand;
You’ve shattered death and freed us from our fears,
and though we cannot see You, You’re coming back again,
and all will be made right when You appear,
and all will be made right when You appear.

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■ sacrament of baptism

This morning we are pleased to baptize the following before we welcome them as communicant members:

Bert Rives (9am)

Zoe Lynch (11am)

■ reception of communicant members

■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | Ben Youngquist (9am); Christine Brittle (11am)

■ offertory | Adult Choir (9am)

Alleluia from “Brazilian Psalm”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O Lord, O Lord— Cymbals and the sounding harp I do not have,
but I’ll make a fair procession for You, O blessed Lord.
We have no cymbals for Your praise, no harps to praise You,
but I’ll praise You with waving of palms.
O Lord, O Lord— Accept them, I implore You.
I will dance and sing your praises!

Words from “Salmo” by Jorge de Lima, 1929; Music by Jean Berger, 1941, adapted by Tom Anderson; © 2005 G. Schirmer, Inc.

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

John 12:12-19 (pg.845)

The Triumphal Entry

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor “What Happened Between Sunday and Friday?”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Jerusalem

See Him in Jerusalem, walking where the crowds are.
Once these streets had sung to Him; now they cry for murder.
Such a frail and lonely Man, holding up the heavy cross—
see Him walking in Jerusalem, on the road to save us.

See Him there upon the hill; hear the scorn and laughter.
Silent as a lamb, He waits, praying to the Father.
See the King who made the sun, and the moon, and shining stars
let the soldiers hold and nail Him down, so that He could save them.

See Him there upon the cross, now no longer breathing;
dust that formed the watching crowds takes the blood of Jesus.
Feel, the earth is shaking now; see, the veil is split in two—
and He stood before the wrath of God, shielding sinners with His blood.

See the empty tomb today: Death could not contain Him!
Once the servant of the world, now in vict’ry reigning.
Lift your voices to the One Who is seated on the throne;
see Him in the new Jerusalem— praise the One who saved us!

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■ deacons’ fund offering | Deacon Pete Olsen

■ song of response

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav’ny anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him Who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side—
rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life Who triumphed o’er the grave,
and rose victorious through the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring; and lives, that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of Lords Who over all doth reign,
Who, once on earth th’incarnate Word for ransomed sinners slain,
now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing
their songs before Him day and night— their God, Redeemer, King.

Crown Him the Lord of heav’n, enthroned in worlds above;
crown Him the King to Whom is giv’n the wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns, as thrones before Him fall;
crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all.

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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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