

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Key Equipping. This evening, our Key Equipping classes and programs will not take place due to the Easter holiday.

Spanish Worship Service Tonight, 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.

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.

New 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 Philippians using Melissa Kruger's study *In All Things*. Joy is what we are made for. How can we find it? Only by knowing the One who considered it a joy to save us! 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.

Missions Opportunity - Short-term trip to Japan from November 8th through 16th. We are being asked if we could help support and serve the region through a leadership development and church planting conference. The aim is to help run a VBS with children of registrants, engage relationally with teens of missionary families and church planters, and to help with conference event needs. The anticipated attendance is 600-700 people and serves many in the region through plenary sessions, workshops, and opportunities to fellowship. Pastor Josh will be holding an interest meeting on Sunday morning, **April 21st**, from 10:20-10:50 in room 007 off the fellowship hall if you are considering the opportunity to join the team and serve.

Hymn Sing on April 21. Join us at 5pm on April 21 for a time of singing and learning about the central role of hymns in the church's life and worship. This all-church event is family friendly. Afterwards, we invite you to join us downstairs for a potluck. Please bring a dish to share.

The next Inquirers Class is May 31 - June 1. Sign up today by scanning the QR code, or through the link in the APC email. If you are interested in membership or in gaining a deeper understanding of APC, we invite you to attend this class.

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



Men's Retreat



Newcomer Dinner



C.S. Lewis Institute Application



SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality Nursery

This Week: Emily Kerski

This Week (9am): Mark, Kari, Luke and Elaina Adams, Tina Brady, Laura Erickson, Erin Furgerson, Evelyn Heil, Sarah Huntington, Jackie McCauley, McKinzie Newman, Joey Rolland

This Week (11am): Sifa Balagizi, Sue Edwards, Gina Mitchell, Tom Mood, Stephanie, Abbie and Ellie Olsen, Athena Selim

Next Week (9am): Mary Lou and Chase Chessner, Phoebe Drybola, Jackie McCauley, Jenny and Abby McGahey, Jessica Newman, Abbie and Ellie Olsen, Traci Youngquist

Next Week (11am): Kari Adams, Flora Chipana, Jodie and Anna Kirk, KayCee Poole, Stacey Stephens, Stephen Sylvia, Angel Tinev

Children's Church Tech Team Greeters

11am: Ryan and Erin Furgerson

Wayne Folta, Lee Huntington, Bailey Rolland

9am: Mary Baird, Adam and Hannah Davis, Ryan Furgerson, Lindsay Hutter, Lynn Streett

11am: Maggie Cho, Kristi Hellmuth, Jodie Kirk, 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

Not Meeting March 31

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 31, 2024

Easter
Sunday



Alexandria
Presbyterian Church

Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ prelude

■ **processional** | *Dorothy Taft, bagpipes*

■ **call to worship** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

from 1 Peter 1:3

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

All: According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Leader: Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (Trinity Hymnal #277)

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today,” Alleluia!
sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav’n! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be giv’n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
hail, the Resurrection, Thou! Alleluia!

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **scripture reading** | *Jim Taft*

Matthew 28:1-10 (pg. 784)

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **confession of faith** | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions Heidelberg Catechism #45*

Q. How does Christ’s resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. Third, Christ’s resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

■ **choral anthem** | *Youth Choir*

Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah!

O God the Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
O let me, let me hide myself in Thee.
You are the Rock of Ages, cleft for me.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

■ song of praise

The Power of the Cross

O to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the pow’r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us,
took the blame, bore the wrath—
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

O to see the pain written on Your face,
bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed
crowning Your bloodstained brow.

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

■ **offertory prayer** | *Rob Coit, Operations Manager (9am); Laura Erickson (11am)*

■ **offertory** | *Adult Choir*

The Garden

There is a garden fair to see,
where Jesus Christ, a child was He.
He planted roses, red and white,
to make Himself a garden bright,
and when they saw that He was there,
they came and plucked the rose tree bare.

There is a garden sad to see,
where Jesus prayed— Gethsemane.
He prayed alone with all His might
for strength to wait the coming night,
and when they saw Him thus displayed,
’twas with a kiss He was betrayed.

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 20:19-31 (pg. 852)

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

With nothing in my hands, myself I bring,
for simply to the cross I’ll ever cling.
With nothing in my hands, myself I bring.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

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Now the daylight flees;
now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
“Finished!” the vict’ry cry.

O to see my name written in the wounds,
for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death;
life is mine to live,
won through Your selfless love.

*This, the pow’r of the cross:
Son of God, slain for us.
What a love, what a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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There is a garden made of stone,
where hope for all the world was sown.
Sweet Mary came for one last time,
carrying myrrh, His wounds to bind,
and when she saw the tomb was bare,
her grief descended to despair.

There in that garden, love became
all life restored, renewed, reclaimed.
“Seek not the living with the dead,”
he spoke among the roses red.
She turned and saw the shining One,
God’s perfect gift, His perfect Son.

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Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

The Purpose of This Book

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

■ **prayer for illumination**

■ **sermon** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*
“My Lord and My God”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

O My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
the bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears.
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands;
my name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

*O my soul, arise! Behold the risen Christ,
your great High Priest, your spotless Sacrifice.
O my soul, arise! God owns you as His child.
Shake off your guilty fears, my soul, arise!*

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“don’t let that ransomed sinner die!”

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear.
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
and “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.

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■ **song of response**

Worthy Is the Lamb

Thank You for the cross, Lord; thank You for the price You paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame, in love You came and gave amazing grace.
Thank You for this love, Lord, thank You for the nail-pierced hands.
Washed me in Your cleansing flow, now all I know is Your forgiveness and embrace.

*Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne!
We crown You now with many crowns, You reign victorious!
High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God,
the Treasure of heaven crucified—
Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb!*

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■ **dismissal**

Leader: Let us go forth, proclaiming the good news of our risen Lord.

All: We will go forth in the power of our risen Lord, sharing the hope of the gospel to a world in need of the Savior’s love.

■ **benediction**

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