

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 and Potluck 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. Please submit hymn recommendations using the form in the APC emails. Afterwards, we invite you to join us downstairs for a potluck. Please bring a dish to share.

**The next quarter of nursery sign-ups is open.** Volunteers, please sign up before the open enrollment window closes on Sunday April 21st. On the 22nd, slots will be assigned to fill the nursery schedule. Thank you for helping to tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord!

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be June 17th to 21st for children who are rising kindergarteners through 5th grade!** Nursery will be available for children of volunteers. **Save the date for a VBS interest meeting** between worship services in room 201 on April 28th. Come learn about how you can get involved!

**Men's Retreat.** The APC Men's Retreat will be held May 3-5 at picturesque Massanetta Springs just outside of Harrisonburg, Virginia, a leisurely 2.5 hour drive. It will be a weekend of fellowship and fun, and we will explore the theme of Gospel Joy in large and small group gatherings throughout the weekend, culminating in a worship service before we depart on Sunday. We will officially begin Friday evening with our own private cook out at approximately 6pm. Everyone is encouraged to arrive by 5pm, if possible.

For those able to get away earlier on Friday we have two events from which to choose; golf at Lakeview Golf Club (about 10 minutes from the retreat site) or a tour of the Civil War battle site at Brandy Station (about 1.5 hours from the retreat site). Golf tee times will begin about 11:15. Greens fees are \$46.00. Bring your own clubs. Others may wish to simply use the driving range and putting green and may obtain clubs from the clubhouse. If you are golfing, please let Jim Taft know by April 22nd.

**Newcomer Fellowship Dinner is Saturday, May 18th, 6pm.** A few weeks before our inquirers class, we will be hosting a newcomer dinner. If you've been attending APC for one week or several months, please join us for food and fellowship. You'll have a chance to meet church officers and staff, ask questions, and learn more about the ministry God is building here.

**The next Inquirers Class is May 31st and June 1st!** If you are interested in membership or in gaining a deeper understanding of APC, we invite you to attend this class. You will receive an introduction to Christianity, the PCA, and the specific vision/mission and philosophy of ministry at APC. It's also a great opportunity to meet other newcomers to the church, as well as pastors and staff! Membership is open to all who profess faith in Christ and believe the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church.

**Save the Date:**

- May 18: Newcomer Dinner
- May 31 - June 1: Inquirers (membership) class
- June 17-21: Vacation Bible School (VBS)

**Inquirers Class**



**Newcomer Dinner**



**Men's Retreat**



**Hymn Sing**



**SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS**

**Hospitality  
Nursery**

**This Week:** Rosas Family  
**This Week (9am):** Femi Adeniji, Sifa Balagizi, Leslie Bridge, Mary Lou and Chase Chesser, Jessica Newman, Evan and Maureen Ward, Justin Wells-Morgan  
**This Week (11am):** Marc and Shannon Allen, Tom Mood, Sam, Jessica, Collin and Charlie White  
**Next Week (9am):** Jonerik Blank, Jamie Connelly, Ryan Douglass, Juliet Edem, Will Marks, Julie Myers, Jess and Nathan Newman, Stephanie Olsen, Susanna Root, Margaret Veenstra  
**Next Week (11am):** Christine Brittle, Laura Erickson, Bailey and Joey Rolland, Allison Rivera, Staci Root

**Children's Church  
Tech Team  
Greeters**

**9am:** Chris and Amy Weld  
 Chris Blackburn, Liz Crowley, Lee Huntington, Amanda Petelik  
**9am:** Mary Baird, Tina Brady, Matt Coombs

**Ushers**

**11am:** Sara Eppright, Pierre Jolly, Becky and Maelee Mason, Cynthia Oviatt  
**9am:** Mark Adams, Femi Adeniji, Sue Edwards, Brian Field, Katty Hoyle, Daniel Hoyle, Romy Murr, Sam White  
**11 am:** Christian and Connor Brittle, Rick Eppright, Vynn Huh, Jodie and Seth Kirk

**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**

Adult Key Equipping classes have finished, but the equipping will continue, including the following opportunities:

- CFG Leader Huddle, April 14th.**
- Hymn Sing, April 21st.**
- Spanish Service, April 28th.**
- Prayer Meeting, May 19th.**
- Spanish Service, May 26th.**
- Shepherding Large Group, June 2nd.**

**GIVING AT A GLANCE**

July 1 - March 31, 2024

**Giving:** \$1,928,596  
**Budget:** \$1,951,000  
**Difference:** \$22,404  
**Percentage:** 99%

**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](mailto: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 | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

*Psalm 27:7-8*

Leader: <sup>7</sup> Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;  
**All: be gracious to me and answer me!**  
Leader: <sup>8</sup> You have said, “Seek my face.”  
**All: My heart says to you,  
“Your face, Lord, do I seek.”**

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### **Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (Trinity Hymnal #76)**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, His praise should sing?  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;  
praise Him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;  
in His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, widely as His mercy goes.

Frail as summer’s flow’r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore Him; you behold Him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space,  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise with us the God of grace.

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### ■ prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### ■ scripture reading | *Bryant and Lynn Streett (9am); Pastor Tom and Sharon Holliday (11am)*

*Luke 15:11-32 (pg. 821)*

#### **The Parable of the Prodigal Son**

<sup>11</sup> And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ <sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup> but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### **Thy Mercy, My God**

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
the joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue.  
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last  
hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
but through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,  
and He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground  
and weep to the praise of the mercy I’ve found.

Thy mercy in Jesus exempts me from hell;  
its glories I’ll sing, and its wonders I’ll tell:  
‘Twas Jesus my all, as He hung on the tree  
and opened the channel of mercy for me.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,  
and the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
all praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

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### ■ song of praise

#### **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount—I’m fixed upon it—mount of God’s unchanging love.

Sorr’wing I shall be in spirit till released from flesh and sin,  
yet from what I do inherit, here Thy praises I’ll begin;  
to this place Thy love has brought me, here by Thy great help I’m come,  
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.  
How His kindness yet pursues me mortal tongue can never tell;  
clothed in flesh, till death shall loose me, I cannot proclaim it well.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be;  
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love!  
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

O that day when, freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
full arrayed in blood-washed linen, how I’ll sing Thy sovereign grace.  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, bring Thy promises to pass,  
for I know Thy pow’r will keep me till I’m home with Thee at last!

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### ■ missions partner update | *Matt DeLong, RUF George Mason*

### ■ congregational prayer | *Elder Mark Adams*

### ■ offertory prayer | *Amanda Leamer (9am); Brian Oviatt (11am)*

### ■ offertory | *Adult Choir (9am)*

#### **Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

*Amazing grace, amazing grace so vast  
and yet so free!  
The Son of God, the righteous One,  
is crucified for me.*

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
‘tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise  
than when we’d first begun.

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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 11-12:1 (pg. 709)*

#### **The Lord’s Love for Israel**

<sup>1</sup> When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
and out of Egypt I called my son.

<sup>2</sup> The more they were called,  
the more they went away;  
they kept sacrificing to the Baals  
and burning offerings to idols.

<sup>3</sup> Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk;  
I took them up by their arms,  
but they did not know that I healed  
them.

<sup>4</sup> I led them with cords of kindness,  
with the bands of love,  
and I became to them as one who eases  
the yoke on their jaws,  
and I bent down to them and fed them.

<sup>5</sup> They shall not return to the land of Egypt,  
but Assyria shall be their king,  
because they have refused to return to  
me.

<sup>6</sup> The sword shall rage against their cities,  
consume the bars of their gates,  
and devour them because of their own  
counsels.

<sup>7</sup> My people are bent on turning away  
from me,  
and though they call out to the Most  
High,  
he shall not raise them up at all.

<sup>8</sup> How can I give you up, O Ephraim?  
How can I hand you over, O Israel?  
How can I make you like Admah?

### ■ prayer for illumination

### ■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

**“All of God’s Compassion”** *Sermon series: God’s Love That Pursues*

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of response

#### **O Wondrous Love**

O wondrous love that will not let me go, I cling to You with all my strength and soul;  
yet if my hold should ever fail, this wondrous love will never let me go.

O wondrous love that’s come to dwell in me; Lord, who am I that I should come to know  
Your tender voice assuring me? This wondrous love will never let me go.

*I’m resting in the everlasting arms, in the ever faithful heart, the Shepherd of my life.  
You’ll carry me on Your mighty wings of grace, keeping me until the day I look into Your eyes.*

O wondrous love that sings of Calvary, the sweetest sound this sinner’s ever known,  
the song of Your redeeming Son Whose wondrous love will never let me go.

O wondrous love that rushes over me, I can’t escape this river’s glorious flow;  
You overwhelm my days with good; Your wondrous love will never let me go.

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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

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