

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The PCA Committee on Discipleship Ministries (CDM) has certified Erin Furgerson**, as she has completed the 12-month course for Children’s Ministry. Please congratulate Erin and thank her for all the hard work she has done to strengthen the ministry of our church. We thank God for her faithful service to the next generation.

**Missions Opportunity - Short-term trip to Japan from November 8th through 16th.** 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. 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.

**Hymn Sing and Potluck on April 21.** Join us tonight at 5pm 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 and arrive by 4:45pm if you are bringing food.

**The next quarter of nursery sign-ups is closing tonight.** Volunteers, please sign up before the open enrollment window closes . On Monday 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 - Last call, sign up by tonight.** 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. The Brandy Station battlefield was the opening action of the Gettysburg Campaign and site of the largest cavalry battle in North America. The landscape is essentially unchanged and we will explore by car and on foot. If you are going on the battlefield tour, please meet for lunch at The Corner Deli in Remington, VA at 12:30pm. During lunch, we will discuss the lead up to the battle and its aftermath and importance. After lunch, we will tour the battlefield and head to the retreat center at 4:30pm. More information will be provided on these options if you indicate interest at the time you register for the retreat.

**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!

### Save the Date:

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

### Men’s Retreat



## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

### Hospitality Nursery

**This Week:** Alex and Allison Bolling, Sharon Holliday  
**This Week (9am):** Jonerik Blank, Jamie Connelly, Ryan Douglass, Juliet Edem, Will Marks, Julie Myers, Jess and Nathan Newman, Stephanie Olsen, Susanna Root, Margaret Veenstra  
**This Week (11am):** Christine Brittle, Laura Erickson, Bailey and Joey Rolland, Allison Rivera, Staci Root  
**Next Week (9am):** Sue Edwards, Brian and Sarah Field, Owen Gentry, Will and Catherine Marks, Amy Murr, Jo Porwoll, Andrea Romyn, Rachel Sylvia  
**Next Week (11am):** Stacey Diack, Rick, Sara and Lydia Eppright, Emily Kinch, Nathan Leamer, Kaycee Poole

### Children’s Church

**9am:** Becky Knapp and Amy Murr, Mark and Kari Adams  
**11am:** Shant and Annie Boyajian

### Tech Team Greeters

Ben Crowley, Eli Kendrick, Sam and Collin White  
**9am:** Tina Brady, Matt Coombs, Adam and Hannah Davis, Yaovi and Patricia Kodjo

### Ushers

**11am:** Pierre Jolly, Cynthia Oviatt, Milu Reyes  
**9am:** Mark Adams, Femi Adeniji, Sue Edwads, Brian Field, Katty Hoyle, Daniel Hoyle, Romedly Murr, Sam White  
**11am:** Christian and Connor Brittle, Rick Eppright, Vynn Huh, Jodie and Seth Kirk

## KEY EQUIPPING

Kids and teens are invited to the Hymn Sing this evening.

*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:

- Hymn Sing and Potluck, April 21st.
- Spanish Service and Prayer Meeting, April 28th.
- Prayer Meeting, May 19th.
- Spanish Service, May 26th.
- Shepherding Large Group, June 2nd.
- Prayer Meeting, June 9th

### Inquirers Class



### Newcomer Dinner



### APC Visitor Form



### Give to APC



### Covenant Fellowship Groups



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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 | *Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries*

*Deuteronomy 7:9*

<sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### **10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)**

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I’ll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning; it’s time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

You’re rich in love, and You’re slow to anger, Your name is great, and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing— ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come, still my soul will sing Your praise unending— ten thousand years and then forevermore.

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### ■ prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

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

*Jeremiah 17:9-10 (pg. 604)*

<sup>9</sup>The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup>“I the Lord search the heart and test the mind,

to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.”

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ confession of sin

**Father of compassion, Your love for us is rich and everlasting, but our hearts are desperately sick and divided. We praise You while offering ourselves to our self-serving idols. We suppress Your searching of us and attempt to correct our own unfaithful ways. We harm ourselves and others by seeking their affirmation rather than Your healing. Our failure to detect these deceptions has kept us in deep bondage to our sin. Forgive us, Lord.**

**May we stop believing that we can manage our deceitful hearts. Convince us, Holy Spirit, that this is the way of death and judgment, and a source of deep wounds even in this life. Cause us to abandon our pride and surrender to the Savior who promises us life, holiness, and fullness of joy. Amen.**

### ■ song of confession

#### **Heal Us**

*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are; we long to feel Thy touch. Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly; O Savior, hear our cry.*

Our faith is feeble, we confess; we faintly trust Thy word. But will You pity us the less? Be that far from You, Lord!

Remember him who once applied with trembling for relief. “Lord, I believe,” with tears he cried, “O help my unbelief!”

She too, who touched You in the press and healing virtue stole was answered, “Daughter, go in peace; thy faith has made thee whole.”

Like her, with hopes and fears we come to touch You if we may. O send us not despairing home; send none unhealed away.

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### ■ song of assurance

#### **Before the Throne of God Above**

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea— a great High Priest, Whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart; I know that while in heav’n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart, no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free, for God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me, to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness, the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace. One with Himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood; my life is hid with Christ on high— with Christ, my Savior and my God, with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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### ■ reception of communicant members

### ■ congregational prayer | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

### ■ offertory prayer | *Lindsay Hutter (9am); John Kinch (11am)*

### ■ offertory | *Adult Choir (9am)*

#### **Jesus Is Lord**

“Jesus is Lord”— the cry that echoes through creation: Resplendent power, eternal Word, our Rock, the Son of God, the King whose glory fills the heavens, yet bids us come to taste this living Bread.

Jesus is Lord— whose voice sustains the stars and planets, yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown. Jesus the Man, who washed our feet, who bore our suffering, became a curse to bring salvation’s plan.

Jesus is Lord— the tomb is gloriously empty; not even death could crush this King of love. The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we’re forgiven, and we can run into the arms of God.

“Jesus is Lord”— a shout of joy, a cry of anguish, as He returns and every knee bows low. Then every eye and every heart will see His glory; the Judge of all will take His children home.

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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 12:2-14 (pg. 709)*

#### **The Lord’s Indictment of Israel and Judah**

<sup>2</sup>The Lord has an indictment against Judah and will punish Jacob according to his ways; he will repay him according to his deeds.

<sup>3</sup>In the womb he took his brother by the heel, and in his manhood he strove with God.

<sup>4</sup>He strove with the angel and prevailed; he wept and sought his favor.

He met God at Bethel, and there God spoke with us—

<sup>5</sup>the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord is his memorial name:

<sup>6</sup>“So you, by the help of your God, return, hold fast to love and justice, and wait continually for your God.”

<sup>7</sup>A merchant, in whose hands are false balances, he loves to oppress.

<sup>8</sup>Ephraim has said, “Ah, but I am rich; I have found wealth for myself; in all my labors they cannot find in me iniquity or sin.”

<sup>9</sup>I am the Lord your God from the land of Egypt; I will again make you dwell in tents, as in the days of the appointed feast.

<sup>10</sup>I spoke to the prophets; it was I who multiplied visions, and through the prophets gave parables.

<sup>11</sup>If there is iniquity in Gilead, they shall surely come to nothing:

in Gilgal they sacrifice bulls; their altars also are like stone heaps on the furrows of the field.

<sup>12</sup>Jacob fled to the land of Aram; there Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he guarded sheep.

<sup>13</sup>By a prophet the Lord brought Israel up from Egypt, and by a prophet he was guarded.

<sup>14</sup>Ephraim has given bitter provocation; so his Lord will leave his bloodguilt on him and will repay him for his disgraceful deeds.

### ■ prayer for illumination

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

**“A Common Problem”** *Sermon series: God’s Love That Pursues*

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of response

#### **Christ Our Hope in Life and Death**

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone. What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong. Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ, our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good. Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer’s blood. Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing? “Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!” And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed, and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

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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 | *Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries*

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