

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special APC Prayer Meeting Tonight Focused on Saving Your Friends and Family. Tonight, during Key Equipping time beginning at 5pm, we will be meeting together to pray for those people on your "list" who are lost or who need to be brought back from their wandering. Who are the people you've been praying for, for years, and in whom you long to see the Holy Spirit move? "Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them" (Matt 18). Come see what the Lord will do.

Pray with a Shepherd after the service. If you are in need of prayer, there will be shepherds at each service that can pray with you about any topic.

VBS Registration opened Friday, May 17th! Today, May 19th, Erin Furgerson, Director of Children's Ministries, will be in the fellowship hall between services to register children and volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Erin at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

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.

Spanish Worship Service Sunday, May 26th, 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.

The next baptism is Sunday, June 16th. If you would like to have your child or children baptized, please send an email to Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

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 Philipians 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.

Inquirers Class



SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

**Hospitality
Nursery**

This Week: Rosas Family
This Week (9am): Mark and Luke Adams, Ryan Douglass, Sarah Huntington, Patricia Kodjo, Jackie McCauley, Amy and Anna Grace Murr, McKinzie, Anna, Joe, and Paul Newman, Tommy Ribaric, Justin Wells-Morgan, Bethany Tinev, and Bryan Wittmeyer
This Week (11am): Rick and Sara Eppright, Laurie and Mella Leroy, Tom Mood, Bailey and Joey Rolland, Stacy Root.
Next Week (9am): Shannon Allen, Sifa Balagizi, Elizabeth Kohlmann, Chris Nelms, Doug Shipley

Children's Church

Next Week (11am): Phoebe Drybola, Rob Fisher, Frank Girgenti, Gina Mitchell, Athena Selim, Mary Mitchell Todd
9am: Will and Catherine Marks, Brian and Sarah Field
11am: Ryan and Erin Furgerson
Tech Team
Ben Crowley, Hudson Diack, Ethan Novak, Brittany Payton
Greeters
9am: Ryan Furgerson, Mike and Vicki Gutshall, Lindsay Hutter, Jennifer Szabo, Emma and Crissy Stubbs
11am: Maggie Cho, Sara Eppright, Kristi Hellmuth, Emma and Crissy Stubbs
Ushers
9am: Andy Allison, Kira Allison, Granville Allison, Edwin Gentry, Patricia Kodjo, Will Marks, Janice Nichols, Jo Porwoll
11am: Sam Diack, JW Jung, Rachel Jung, Christian Poole, 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

Adult Key Equipping classes have finished, but the equipping will continue, including the following opportunities:
Prayer Meeting, May 19th
Spanish Service, May 26th.
Shepherding Large Group, June 2nd.
Prayer Meeting, June 9th

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 | Joel Acevedo, Pastor of International Outreach and Mercy

Psalm 96:1-6

Worship In the Splendor of Holiness

Leader: ¹ Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

All: ² **Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

³ **Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!**

Leader: ⁴ For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

All: ⁶ **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God who from His altar call; extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown Him Lord of all; extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall, hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all; hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all; to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall; we’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all; we’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Nick and Laura Carter (9am); Aaron and Sarah Lynch (11am)

Acts 2:1-21 (pg. 855)

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Peter’s Sermon at Pentecost

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes,

the great and magnificent day.

²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of praise

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting without hope, without light, till from Heaven You came running; there was mercy in Your eyes. To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word from a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One God of glory, Majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost, to redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross; for even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side; knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died.

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death. And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe, for the souls of all who’d come to the Father are restored. And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame; now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint. By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free for the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me.

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Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul. Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole. Cause Your Word to come alive in me, give me faith for what I cannot see, give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do— love enough to cover every sin in each thought and deed and attitude, kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striving into works of grace; breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth, giving life to all that God has made, show Your power once again on earth; cause Your church to hunger for Your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice, that in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | Ryan Furgerson (9am); Scott Kirk (11am)

■ offertory | Adult Choir

Sanctify Me

Sanctify me; fill me with Thy Spirit. Sanctify me; fill me with Thy Spirit. Sanctify my body, my mind, and my soul.

I want to be used by Thee, Lord— sanctify all of me!

I am ready, I am ready; My heart is fixed, my mind’s made up, I want to be used by Thee; yes, I am ready.

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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

Ephesians 1:1-14 (pg. 917)

Greeting

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Blessings in Christ

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Josh Diack, Associate Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions “Our Blessed God”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Come Praise and Glorify

Come praise and glorify our God, the Father of our Lord! In Christ He has in heav’nly realms His blessings on us poured; for pure and blameless in His sight He destined us to be, and now we’ve been adopted through His Son eternally.

To the praise of Your glory, to the praise of Your mercy and grace, to the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves!

Come praise and glorify our God, who gives His grace in Christ; in Him our sins are washed away, redeemed through sacrifice. In Him God has made known to us the myst’ry of His will: that Christ should be the Head of all, His purpose to fulfill.

Come praise and glorify our God, for we’ve believed the Word, and through our faith we have a seal, the Spirit of the Lord. The Spirit guarantees our hope until redemption’s done, until we join in endless praise to God, the Three in One.

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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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