

WELCOME

Welcome, we are glad you're here!

Se ofrece traducción al español cada domingo durante el servicio de la 9am. Para más detalles acercarse a alguno de los ujieres.
Spanish translation is offered every Sunday during the 9am service.
For more details, approach one of the ushers.

Assisted Listening System is offered every service. Users wishing to try this option should ask a sound tech for assistance.

A simulcast of the worship service will also be available in the Main Level Adult Education Room (Room 112). You may view and hear the full service from this room with others that use this space. As you consider your family's needs during worship, please feel free to use this area to continue your worship!

Nursing Mothers Room available downstairs near the fellowship hall in room 009. You may view and hear the full service, while comfortably nursing and caring for your child.

Large Print Bulletin Available. See one of the greeters for the large print bulletin.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

In light of the holiday weekend, PROTAS and Covenant Kids are not meeting this evening.

Spanish Worship Service tonight, 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.

VBS Registration is open! VBS postcards are available to take to friends and neighbors! Please pick some up in the lobby. VBS Volunteers are needed - adults, teens and big kids! Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Erin Furgerson, Director of Children's Ministries, 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.

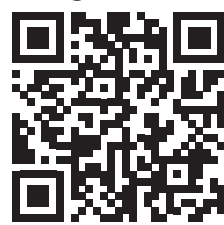
The next baptism is Sunday, June 16th. If you would like to have your child or children baptized, please send an email to Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

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 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.

Inquirers
Class



VBS
Registration



APC
Visitor Form



Give
to APC



Covenant
Fellowship Groups



SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality
Nursery

This Week: Alex and Allison Bolling, Emily Kerski
This Week (9am): Shannon Allen, Sifa Balagizi, Erin and Graeme Furgerson, Matti Jamison, Elizabeth Kohlmann, Chris Nelms, Doug Shipley
This Week (11am): Phoebe Drybola, Stacey Diack, Robert Fisher, Frank Girgenti, Gina Mitchell, Athena Selim, Mary Mitchell Todd
Next Week (9am): Jonerik Blank, Chase and Mary Lou Chesser, Jamie Connelly, Laura Erickson, Alex Gesch, Patricia Kodjo, McKinzie, Joe, Anna and Paul Newman, Madison Newman, Margaret Veenstra
Next Week (11am): Dan and Kathryn Johnson, Gina Mitchell, Gladys Monroy, Tom Mood, Lynn and Bryant Streett

Children's Church

9am: Stacy Wittmeyer and Leslie Bridge
11am: Ryan and Erin Furgerson

Tech Team
Greeters

Wayne Folta, Chris and Abby McGahey, Emmett Stephens
9am: Ryan Furgerson, Yaovi and Patricia Kodjo, Jim and Jo Ann Kottkamp
11am: Maggie Cho, Kristi Hellmuth, Jodie and Anna Kirk, Cynthia Oviatt
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

Ushers

KEY EQUIPPING PROTAS and Covenant Kids are not meeting 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:
Spanish Service, May 26th.
Shepherding Large Group, June 2nd.
Prayer Meeting, June 9th

May 26, 2024

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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*

Romans 11:33-36

Leader: ³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

All: ³⁴ **“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”**

³⁵ **“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”**

³⁶ **For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou almighty King, help us Thy name to sing; help us to praise.

Father all-glorious, o’er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword; our prayer attend.

Come and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success, and let Thy righteousness on us descend.

All glory be to the Father, all glory be to the Son, All glory be to the Spirit, the blessed Three in One.

Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour!

Thou, who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne’er from us depart, Spirit of pow’r.

To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore!

Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading

Joshua 1:1-9 (pg.167)

God Commissions Joshua

¹ After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, ² “Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. ⁵ No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of praise

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart— naught be all else to me, save that Thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night; waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight, Thou my soul’s shelter, Thou my high tow’r: raise Thou me heav’nward, O pow’r of my pow’r.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise: Thou mine inheritance, now and always, Thou and Thou only first in my heart; High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Words from 8th cent. Irish poem, trans. by Mary E Byrne (1905), vers. by Eleanor H Hull (1912); Irish melody SLANE; © Public Domain; CCLI Song # 30639

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song; this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.

This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save,

till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,

for every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;

then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,

for I am His and He is mine— bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death— this is the power of Christ in me;

from life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;

till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.

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■ farewell | *Jon Paramore and Marissa Salgado (9am)*

■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | *Linda Willows (9am); Linda Metheny (11 am)*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings | *Becky Mason and Vell Rives*

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 6:10-20 (pg. 920)

The Whole Armor of God

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

■ prayer for illumination

■ **sermon** | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate*
“Don’t Forget We Are In A War”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ prayer of commitment

adapted from The Valley of Vision, “The Servant in Battle”

O Lord, I bless You because the outcome of the battle between Yourself and Satan has never been uncertain. My soul extols the mighty Conqueror, who crushed the serpent’s head at Calvary.

Yet I receive wounds in this great conflict. Too often I gather defilement, my faith suffers damage, my hope is less than bright, my love is not fervent, and my soul sinks under the pressure of the fight.

O Lord whose every promise is balm, and every touch is life— draw near to Your weary warrior. Give me true refreshment from the eternal fountain of Your immutable, everlasting love and decree. Then, and only then, my hand shall never weaken, my feet never stumble, my sword never rest, my shield never rust, my helmet never shatter, my breastplate never fall, as my strength rests in the power of Your might. Amen.

■ song of response

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (#92)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;

our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;

his craft and pow’r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;

were not the right man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,

Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same; and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,

we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;

his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them, abideth;

the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;

the body they may kill— God’s truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

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■ deacons’ fund offering | *Deacon Angel Tinev*

■ 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