

## WELCOME

Welcome, we are glad you're here! Please silence all electronic devices.

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.

**Nursery is available downstairs for newborn to age 4. Children age 5 through 2nd grade are welcome to continue worship in Children's Church following the offertory song.**

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

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Save the Date for the Vision Banquet on September 28th.** More information about the banquet will be shared at our Congregational Meeting.

**International Worship Service is Saturday, June 29th, from 5-7 pm.** Come together as various nations in a united celebration of Christ! An hour will be devoted to multilingual worship, followed by an hour of fellowship and food samplings downstairs in the fellowship hall.

**Congregational Meeting and Potluck is on June 30th at 5pm.** APC family, we invite you to attend the upcoming Congregational Meeting where we will give updates and present the budget for the upcoming year. The meeting will be followed by a potluck in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish to share!

**Save The Date: Women's Summer Bible Study starting Wednesday, July 10.** In 1 John, God's glory is powerfully on display -- purity of light, lavishness of love, fullness of true life in him. As an older man, John writes to the next generation with tenderness and conviction. He points to the Father's love in Christ, encouraging them in their walk, challenging them to discern truth, and assuring them of the confidence they have in Jesus Christ. These truths are for us today.

Please join us this summer as we soak in God's Word together and eagerly anticipate the Spirit to do his marvelous work. We will meet each Wednesday night from July 10-August 7, 7pm-8:30pm in the church fellowship hall. As summer brings vacation, this study is designed for you to come as you can.

**The next baptism is Sunday, July 14th.** If you would like to have your child or children baptized, please send an email to Bailey Rolland at [bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org](mailto:bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org).

**The next Inquirers Class is Friday evening, October 4th, and Saturday, October 5th.** 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. 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.

**Newcomer Fellowship Dinner, Saturday, September 14th, 6-8pm.** If you've recently started attending APC, we would love the chance to get to know you more! Please join us for food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall (downstairs at APC).

International  
Worship Service  
Food Sign-Up



Newcomer  
Dinner



Inquirers  
Class



## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality  
Nursery

**This Week:** Joe Newman

**This Week (9am):** Nikki Blank, Emily and Elyse Coit, Jon Blank, Owen Gentry, Andrea and Mary Ellis Jones, Madison Newman, Amanda and Tom Petelik, Christian Poole, Steve Sylvia

**This Week (11am):** Rick and Sara Eppright, Dan and Kathryn Johnson, Gina Mitchell, KayCee Poole, Steve Sylvia

**Next Week (9am):** Shannon Allen, Liz Crowley, Josh and Sam Diack, Jackie and Claire McCauley, Jenny and Abby McCahey, Eleanor Nagy, Jessica and Nathan Newman, Stacey Stephens

**Next Week (11am):** Shannon, Marc, and James Allen, Didier Balagizi, Sally and Drew Lindsay, Gina Mitchell

Children's Church

**9am:** Mary Lou and Chase Chesser, Nathan and Amanda Leamer

**11am:** Ryan and Erin Furgerson

Tech Team

Ben Crowley, Hudson Diack, Wayne Folta, Amanda Petelik

Greeters

**9am:** Allison Family, Mary Baird, Ann Howley, Bryant and Lynn Streett

**11am:** Maggie Cho, Kristi Hellmuth, Chris Nelms, Cynthia Oviatt, Greg Thomas

Ushers

**9am:** Mark Adams, Femi Adeniji, Sue Edwards, Brian Field, Katty and Daniel Hoyle, Rometry Murr, Sam White

**11am:** Christian and Connor Brittle, Rick Eppright, Vynn Huh, Jodie and Seth Kirk

## KEY EQUIPPING No Sunday Evening 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, PROTAS, and adult classes will resume on August 25th.

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Covenant  
Fellowship Groups



June 23, 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.

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# Holy Worship Service

## GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

### ■ prelude

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

*from Psalm 104*

**All:** <sup>1</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
O LORD my God, you are very great!**

Leader: <sup>24</sup> O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom have you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

**All:** <sup>27</sup> **These all look to you,  
to give them their food in due season.  
<sup>28</sup> When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

Leader: <sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works,  
<sup>32</sup> who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke!

**All:** <sup>33</sup> **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
<sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.**

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

**How Great Thou Art (#44, vv. 1, 3-4)**

*please see hymnal or projection for lyrics*

### ■ prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### ■ scripture reading | *Amy Weld (9am); Shauna Pittman (11am)*

*John 9:1-7; 13-17; 35-41*

<sup>1</sup>As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup>He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” <sup>38</sup>He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ prayer of confession

Abba Father, as You address us today through the words Your Son spoke on earth, Your Spirit reveals knowledge about ourselves that we are prone to avoid. We confess that we have strayed and wandered from Your loving heart, and so have left our hearts and minds impoverished. Like the younger lost son, we spurn the demands of Your holiness. Like the older lost son, it seems we hardly know the welcome of Your grace. Neither kind of son will ever find their home or identity apart from You.

Father, please forgive us for insisting on our own idolatrous identities, whether through our rebellion or our strenuous efforts of obedience. Give us renewed eyes to see our prodigal sin and Your prodigal mercy. And help us to accept our identity in Christ Jesus, who offered His life for the joy of seeking us out and carrying us home on His shoulders. Amen.

### ■ words of assurance | *1 Peter 2:24-25*

<sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

### ■ song of praise

#### Not in Me

No list of sins I have not done, no list of virtues I pursue,  
no list of those I am not like can earn myself a place with You.  
O God, be merciful to me— I am a sinner through and through!  
My only hope of righteousness is not in me, but only You.

No humble dress, no fervent prayer, no lifted hands, no tearful song,  
no recitation of the truth can justify a single wrong.  
My righteousness is Jesus’ life; my debt was paid by Jesus’ death;  
my weary load was borne by Him, and He alone can give me rest.

No separation from the world, no work I do, no gift I give  
can cleanse my conscience, cleanse my hands; I cannot cause my soul to live.  
But Jesus died and rose again— the pow’r of death is overthrown!  
My God is merciful to me, and merciful in Christ alone.  
My righteousness is Jesus’ life; my debt was paid by Jesus’ death;  
my weary load was borne by Him, and He alone can give me rest.

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### ■ sacrament of baptism (*11 am*)

*This morning we are pleased to baptize Ollie Mason before we welcome him as a communicant member.*

### ■ reception of new members

### ■ congregational prayer

### ■ offertory prayer | *Jeff Fearon (9am); Manuel Bravo (11am)*

### ■ presentation of tithes and offerings

*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

*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.’”

### ■ prayer for illumination

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

**“The Father Loves the Two Lost Sons, Part II”**

*Sermon Series: Heaven’s Perspective, Heaven’s Joy!*

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ songs of response

**And Can It Be (#455, vv. 1, 3-5)**

And can it be that I should gain an int’re<sup>s</sup>t in the Savior’s blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be  
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

He left His Father’s throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;  
humbled Himself, so great His love; and bled for all His chosen race.  
‘Tis mercy all, immense and free— for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature’s night.  
Thine eye diffused a quick’ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown— through Christ, my own!

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### His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done;  
omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum,  
thrown into a sea without bottom or shore:  
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more—  
stronger than darkness, new every morn:  
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam,  
what Father so tender is calling us home;  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor:  
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us;  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford:  
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

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### ■ deacons’ fund offering

### ■ 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