

WELCOME

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

Today! Newcomer Reception, July 21st after both services. If you've been with us one week or several months, we invite you to join us following each service at a special reception where you can meet other newcomers and staff.

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 WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date for the Vision Banquet on September 28th. We invite you to join us as we share more about God's vision for APC and how you can be involved. Sign-ups for the banquet will be coming soon.

Women's Summer Bible Study every Wednesday night. 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. For more information, please contact shannonallen9@gmail.com.

Join us in partnering with Sanctity of Life Ministries for Christmas in July! Over the next month, we will be collecting new items to help SLM restock their baby boutiques for patients enrolled in their 15-Month Continuing Care Program. Sanctity of Life Ministries exists to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and affirm life in the womb by offering compassionate support, education and medical services to women who face unplanned pregnancies.

Come hear about the vision for teen discipleship at APC. All adults & students are invited to attend the PROTAS Discipleship Interest Meeting on Sunday, August 4th at 10:30am in the youth room between the two worship services.

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).

Nursery Volunteers: Please sign up for the coming quarter of nursery. Please read the instructions at the top of the Sign Up for important information.

Nursery
Sign-Up



Sanctity of Life
Restock



SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality
Nursery

This Week: Allison Bolling

This Week (9am): Maggie, Woodrow, and Gus Coombs, Jenny and Abby McGahey, Chris Nelms, Ethan and Serenity Novak, Stephanie Olsen, Mike, Tracy, and Kingston Powell

This Week (11am): Stacey Diack, Sally and Drew Lindsay, Gina Mitchell, Tom Mood

Next Week (9am): Femi Adeniji, John Connelly, Ryan Douglass, Sue Edwards, Evelyn Heil, Sarah Huntington, Emily Kinch, Stacey Stephens, Evan and Maureen Ward

Next Week (11am): Phoebe Drybola, Jodie Kirk, Gina Mitchell, KayCee Poole, Carmen Rives, Athena Selim

Children's Church

9am: Becky Knapp and Amy Murr, Will and Catherine Marks

11am: Ryan and Erin Furgerson

Tech Team
Greeters

Chris Blackburn, Liz Crowley, Hudson Diack, Hensley Gollopp

9am: Ryan Furgerson, Lindsay Hutter, Yaovi and Patricia Kodjo, Murr Family

11am: Allen Family, Pierre Jolly, Cynthia Oviatt, Sharon Steeg, Greg Thomas

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 **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 worshippers of Jesus.

Covenant Kids, PROTAS, and adult classes will resume on August 25th.

Newcomer
Dinner



Inquirers
Class



Connect With
APC



Give
to APC



Covenant
Fellowship Groups



unchanging
truth.
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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.

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Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ prelude

■ call to worship | *Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries*

Psalm 149:1-4

Leader: ¹ Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

Left: ² **Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

Right: ³ *Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!*

All: ⁴ ***For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.***

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Our Great God

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown,
Your boundless love unfailing in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around Your glorious throne—
they raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

*Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!*

Lord, we are weak and frail, and helpless in the storm;
surround us with Your angels, and hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm—
rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,
let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth,
let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
sing praises to the living God, who rules them by His Word.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Carrie Brown (9am); Tom Holliday (11am)*

Colossians 1:3-14 (pg. 924)

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ sacrament of baptism *(9am)*

This morning we are pleased to baptize Bertrand Alaka Ndem.

■ reception of new members *(9am)*

■ song of praise

May the Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night into Your glorious light
that we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.
May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
with boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life.

*May the peoples praise You; let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.*

All the earth is Yours, and all within; each harvest is Your own;
and from Your hand, we give to You to make Christ known.
May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard;
may songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.

This, our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name;
to every nation, tribe and tongue, Your church proclaims:
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; all creation praise Your glorious name!

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■ farewell | *Wittmeyer Family (9am)*

■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | *Lynn Streett (9am); Eleanor Nagy (11am)*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ song of preparation

Here Is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood,
when the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heav’n’s eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;
through the floodgates of God’s mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above;
heaven’s peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Here is love that conquered evil– Christ, the firstborn from the grave;
death has failed to be found equal to the life of Him who saves.
In the valley of our darkness dawned His everlasting light;
perfect love in glorious radiance has repelled death’s hellish night.

That same Love beyond all measure, mocked and slain by hateful men,
lives and reigns in resurrection and can never die again.
Here is love for all the ages; radiant Sun of Heav’n, He stands
calling home His Father’s children, holding forth His wounded hands.

Here is love, vast as the heavens; countless as the stars above
are the souls that He has ransomed– precious daughters, treasured sons.
We are called to feast forever on a love beyond our time;
glorious Father, Son, and Spirit now with man are intertwined.

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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

1 John 4:7-21 (pg. 961)

God Is Love

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Josh Diack, Associate Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions*

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GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

My Jesus, I Love Thee (#648)

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
for Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

I’ll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death;
and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
and say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I’ll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I’ll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

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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