

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. 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.

Ministry and Service Fair, August 18th, after each worship service. As we dive into Fall, the Ministry and Service Fair is a great way to learn about the various ministries available at APC, as well as an opportunity to see how you can get connected, involved, and serve alongside others APC.

Save the Date for the Church Picnic, September 1st. Bring a lawnchair, enjoy some food, and spend sometime with one another! More information to follow.

Sign-Up for the Spiritual Leadership Training Class now. The Spiritual Leadership Training class begins on Tuesday, September 3rd and runs 7 weeks (weekly from 7:30-9pm). This class is open to all men and women who are interested in spiritual leadership in the home or any ministry. It is required for any man seeking to become an officer at APC (elder or deacon) and any woman considering appointment as a deaconess.

Would you like to support the APC Short-Term Missions team heading to Japan this fall? Seven APC members will be traveling to serve at the Church Planting Institute Renown Conference November 8-17. Japan CPI is a conference that offers missionary families and national pastors an opportunity to meet with fellow co-workers, participate in training, enjoy fellowship, experience spiritual renewal and be energized for ministry. If you would like to support financially, please scan the QR code on the next page, click the drop down option for "Japan 2024 Missions Trip," and be on the look out for future fundraising opportunities.

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).

APC is Hiring! We currently have one full-time job opening for our Operations Manager. We invite you to spread the word and contact us if you are interested in joining the APC team. We are seeking the Lord's timing and leading for this staff position. Please contact Executive Director of Ministries Matt Coombs at matthew.coombs@alexandriapres.org if you are interested, would like to see the full position description, or would like more information.

Spiritual Leadership Training Sign-Up



Newcomer Dinner



Inquirers Class



Connect With APC



Give to APC



Japan Mission Trip Support



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SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality Nursery

This Week: Allison Bolling, Ward/Newman CFG
This Week (9am): Jon and Nikki Blank, Matt, Carrie and Millie Brown, John and Jamie Connelly, Liz Crowley, Laura Erickson, Catherine Marks, Jackie McCauley, Jenny and Abby McGahey
This Week (11am): Christine and Zach Brittle, Juliet Edem, Owen Gentry, Becky Knapp, Tom Mood, Staci Root
Next Week (9am): Mary Lou and Chase Chesser, Flora Chipana, Ryan and Graeme Furgerson, Sally and Drew Lindsay, Amy, Anna Grace and Mila Murr, Serenity Novak, Tommy Ribaric, Jeremy Root, Steve Sylvia
Next Week (11am): Marc and Shannon Allen, Frank Girgenti, Kathryn and Dan Johnson, Allison Rivera, Steve Sylvia

Children's Church

9am: Lynn & Bryant Streett, Ryan and Erin Furgerson
11am: Ryan and Erin Furgerson

Tech Team

Chris Blackburn, Ben Crowley, Bailey Rolland

Greeters

9am: Mary Baird, Matt Coombs, Jim and Jo Ann Kottkamp, Ariel Sanchez
11am: Allen Family, Maggie Cho, Richard and Melinda Douglass

Ushers

9am: Mark Adams, Femi Adeniji, Sue Edwards, Brian Field, Katty Hoyle, Daniel Hoyle, Sam White, Romy Murr
11am: Christian Brittle, Connor Brittle, Rick Epright, Vynn Huh, Jodie Kirk, Seth Kirk

KEY EQUIPPING

No Sunday Evening Key Equipping Tonight

Key Equipping Kick-Off August 25th, 5-7pm.

APC offers an array of classes on Sunday evenings for further spiritual development and equipping disciples of Christ. The adults' curriculum includes foundational, topical, and Bible tracks. Children and Youth receive teaching, and connect through fellowship and activities.

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! Contact: Erin Furgerson at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

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. Contact: Adam LeRoy at adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org.

Adults: Adults of all ages, rooms TBD. Come to learn, study, pray, and be transformed as each class offers opportunities to be equipped as a disciple of Christ. No meals provided for adults. The classes that will be offered starting August 25th are:

Parenting By Grace taught by Pastor Tom

This class of 11 weeks will address the crucial question: "How do we parent our children by grace?" We will study key passages from the Old and New Testament on the subject of parenting. Although the Bible does not give us a manual per se on parenting, it offers wise and practical advice based on "God's parenting of us." We will see how the doctrines of justification and sanctification are essential not only for our salvation but also how they inform our own parenting by grace. We will also study the role that the sacraments play in raising our children. In addition, we will introduce wise principles and strategies from well-known Christian authors on the subject as well as current podcasts that will prove helpful. This class will address the challenges of parenting children of all ages.

The Unity of the Faith taught by Elders Marc Allen and Aaron Renenger

Join us for a 5-week class that considers what it means to speak Truth in Love, and how especially that manifests in righteous conflict and growth into spiritual maturity. We will address topics such as identity in Christ, conflict among the righteous, taming the tongue, humility, and collaboration. We pray this study will help us explore how the Gospel impacts our approach to contentious issues — something we may find particularly relevant to our lives in these times of great political, cultural, and religious polarization.

Titus taught by Elder Matt Brown

The Book of Titus is practical, focusing on the necessity of sound doctrine and good character among the members and leaders of the church. During this 5-week class we will explore how your character and doctrine impacts others and how we should grow in both.

August 11, 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 | Elder Rob Fisher

Psalm 33:1-9

Leader: ¹ Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.

All: ² **Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!**
³ **Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.**

Leader: ⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.

All: ⁵ **He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.**

Leader: ⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;
he puts the deeps in storehouses.

All: ⁸ **Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!**
⁹ **For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening sky with wonders
The earth, it is Your throne from desert to the sea, All nature testifies Your splendor

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Sing His greatness, all creation!
Praise the Lord! Raise your voice, You heights and all you depths from furthest east to west
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

You reached into the dust; in love Your Spirit breathed, You formed us in Your very likeness
to know Your wondrous works, to tell Your mighty deeds, to join the everlasting chorus

Let symphonies resound; let drums and choirs ring out, All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring its honors to the King, A roar of harmonies eternal

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Sing His greatness, all creation!
Praise the Lord! Raise your voice, You heights and all you depths from furthest east to west
You distant burning stars, all creatures near and far
From sky to sea to shore, sing out forevermore
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Dorothy Taft (9am); Jessica White (11am)

Romans 1:16-25 (pg. 883)

The Righteous Shall Live by Faith

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

God’s Wrath on Unrighteousness

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ prayer of confession | Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries

based on Isaiah 55, Romans 1, and Psalm 19

God of righteousness, Your ways are higher than our ways, just as the heavens are higher than the earth. Please forgive us for refusing to forsake our own habits. Immortal Creator, You have plainly revealed Your eternal power and divine nature in all things which You have made. Please forgive us for exchanging Your glory for our own false images.

Father of all knowledge, You discern every one of our errors. Please forgive us for claiming our own wisdom, proving how foolish we really are.

O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer, please let not our own sins have dominion over us. By Your Spirit, claim us as *Your own*, for Your capture of our hearts is the one way we can be found innocent of great transgression. We praise You for Jesus, who has died to make this so— in His name we pray to You. Amen.

■ words of assurance

Romans 3:23-26

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

■ songs of praise

Jerusalem

See Him in Jerusalem, walking where the crowds are.
Once these streets had sung to Him; now they cry for murder.
Such a frail and lonely Man, holding up the heavy cross—
see Him walking in Jerusalem, on the road to save us.

See Him there upon the hill; hear the scorn and laughter.
Silent as a lamb, He waits, praying to the Father.
See the King who made the sun, and the moon, and shining stars
let the soldiers hold and nail Him down, so that He could save them.

See Him there upon the cross, now no longer breathing;
dust that formed the watching crowds takes the blood of Jesus.
Feel, the earth is shaking now; see, the veil is split in two—
and He stood before the wrath of God, shielding sinners with His blood.

See the empty tomb today: Death could not contain Him!
Once the servant of the world, now in vict’ry reigning.
Lift your voices to the One who is seated on the throne;
see Him in the new Jerusalem—praise the One who saved us!

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Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small;
child of weakness, watch and pray; find in me thine all in all.”

*Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find—Thy pow’r, and Thine alone,
can change the leper’s spots, and melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim;
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat.

O praise the One who paid my debt
and raised this life up from the dead!

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■ congregational prayer | Elder Rob Fisher

■ offertory prayer | Will Marks (9am); Gladys Acevedo (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

Psalm 19 (pg. 426)

The Law of the Lord Is Perfect

¹TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID.
The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims
his handiwork.

² Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

³ There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

⁴ Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom
leaving his chamber,

and, like a strong man, runs its
course with joy.

⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;

⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Joel Acevedo, Pastor of International Outreach and Mercy

“Meditating on the Truth Transforms Hearts”

Sermon Series: Meditating On The Psalms

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;
all creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God, seated on His throne—come let us adore Him!
Behold our King; nothing can compare—come let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His Words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave;
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth!)

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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

⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;

the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your
servant warned;

in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from
hidden faults.

¹³ Keep back your servant also from
presumptuous sins;

let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart

be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.