

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.

Today! Ministry and Service Fair 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 at APC.

Spanish Worship Service is tonight 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.

Save the Date for the Church Picnic, September 1st. Hot dogs, ice cream, bounce house and more. Bring a lawnchair, enjoy some food, and spend some time with one another!

Sign-Up for the Spiritual Leadership Training Class now. Sign-Up for the Spiritual Leadership Training Class now. The Spiritual Leadership Training class begins on Tuesday, September 3rd (7:30-9pm) and runs 7 weeks. This class is open to all men and women who are interested in spiritual leadership. 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.

Women's Thursday morning Bible Study, beginning September 5th, 9:45am-11:30am. Our God is a promise maker and a promise keeper. From the Garden itself, He promised that He would send One who would reverse the curse and set all things right. Nancy Guthrie's *The Son of David* will take us through the historical books of the Old Testament to help us see Jesus there. Please sign up at lynn.streett79@gmail.com and indicate if you will need childcare.

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.

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SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality Nursery

This Week: Emily Kerski and Rodney Veenstra

This 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

This Week (11am): Marc and Shannon Allen, Frank Girgenti, Kathryn and Dan Johnson, Allison Rivera, Steve Sylvia

Next Week (9am): Rob Fisher, Andrew Hobold, Patricia Kodjo, Madison Newman, Andrea Romyn, Emmett and Phoebe Stephens, Susanna Root, Rebecca, Bethany, and Andy Schad, Evan Ward

Next Week (11am): Shannon Allen, Rick and Sara Eppright, Gina Mitchell, Tom Mood, Carmen Rives, Stacey Stephens

Children's Church

9am: Daniel and Andrea Jones, Shant and Annie Boyajian

11am: Ryan and Erin Furgerson

Tech Team

Hensley Gollop, Abby McGahey, Ethan Novak, Emmett Stephens

Greeters

9am: Mary Baird, Matt Coombs, Yaovi and Patricia Kodjo,

Ariel Sanchez

11am: Maggie Cho, The Butler Family, Sara Eppright, Kristi Hellmuth, Cynthia Oviatt

Ushers

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

11am: Christian Brittle, Connor Brittle, Rick Epright, Vynn Huh, Jodie

KEY EQUIPPING

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

APC offers an array of classes for all ages on Sunday evenings for further spiritual development and equipping disciples of Christ.

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. 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 Holliday, room 201.

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, room 112.

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, room 114.

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 11-week class we will explore how your character and doctrine impacts others and how we should grow in both.

Connect With APC



Give to APC



Japan Mission Trip Support



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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** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*
Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus the Great High Priest

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of confession

Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication.
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
Men: O who shall stand before Thee? (*Women:* who shall stand before Thee?)
O who shall stand before Thee? (who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth.
No man can glory in Thy sight; all must alike confess Thy might
and live alone by mercy, (live alone by mercy,)
and live alone by mercy. (live alone by mercy.)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
on Him my soul shall rest; His Word upholds my fainting spirit.
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience, (wait for it with patience,)
I wait for it with patience. (wait for it with patience.)

What though I wait the live-long night, and till the dawn appeareth,
my heart still trusteth in His might, it doubteth not nor feareth;
do thus, O ye of Israel’s seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed,
and wait till God appeareth, (wait till God appeareth,)
and wait till God appeareth. (wait till God appeareth.)

Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd, good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free
from all their sin and sorrow, (all their sin and sorrow,)
from all their sin and sorrow. (all their sin and sorrow.)

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **scripture reading** | *Carrie Brown (9am); Athena Selim (11am)*

Luke 10:38-42 (pg. 816)

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)

Are you weary, heavy laden? Come and lay your burdens down.
Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you; rest in Him.
He is gentle, He is lowly, He delights to bring us peace;
tender Shepherd, mighty Savior; rest in Him.

*How sure His compassion for us, O how deep is His love,
so come, come to Jesus and rest in Him.*

Are you hopeless, are you guilty, caught in shame for all your sin?
He pursues you to forgive you; rest in Him.
He has paid for every failure, mercy flows in endless streams;
come and follow, freedom calls you; rest in Him.

Are you waiting in your sorrows for this broken world to heal?
He is coming, soon returning; rest in Him.
We will see Him, we will know Him, O what heights of grace revealed:
from His kindness, every promise then fulfilled.
Trust in Jesus; He will keep us to the end.

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■ congregational prayer

■ **offertory prayer** | *Vell Rives (9am); Aaron Lynch (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 27 (pg. 429)

The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation

¹OF DAVID
The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;

■ prayer for illumination

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

“Gazing at the Lord’s Beauty”
Sermon Series: Meditating On The Psalms

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸You have said, “Seek my face.”
My heart says to you,

“Your face, LORD, do I seek.”
⁹Hide not your face from me.

Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

¹⁰For my father and my mother have
forsaken me,
but the LORD will take me in.

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

¹²Give me not up to the will of my
adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.

¹³I believe that I shall look upon the
goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take
courage;
wait for the LORD!

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

■ sacrament of the lord’s supper

Explanation, Invitation, Participation

All baptized Christians who are members in good standing of a church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ are invited to participate. Children who have been admitted into the church as communicant members are invited to participate as well. If you have any questions, please ask one of our pastors or elders. Members will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup. You will receive the elements from the pastors and elders standing up front in your section of the Sanctuary, and then take the bread and cup back to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand and a server will bring the elements to your seat. We will take the elements together as prompted by the pastor.

During the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, you are invited to sing or meditate on the following song:

We Receive

Beautiful Savior, fullness of heaven,
though we have nothing, here we receive.
Jesus, You call us now to remember,
You were the offering for all who believe.

*You laid Your life on the table,
broken like bread, poured out like wine,
we sing what a wonderful Savior;
Jesus our King, all that You give we receive.*

Pardon and blessing, life everlasting,
mercy unmeasured, how can it be?
You are the Giver, faithful forever;
help us to treasure all we’ve received.

For the price You paid, we pour out our praises;
For this feast of grace, we thank You, Jesus.

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GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

The King in All His Beauty

O lift your eyes to heaven, see the Holy One eternal;
behold the Lord of Majesty exalted in His temple.
As symphonies of angels’ praise now strain to sound His glory,
come worship, fall before His grace, the King in all His beauty.

*How worthy, how worthy, how worthy
the King in all His beauty.*

Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splinters;
the sacrifice for ruined man, the substitute for sinners.
As Earth is stained with royal blood, and quakes with love and fury,
He breathes His last and bows His head, the King in all His beauty.

Now see the Savior lifted up, the Lamb who reigns in splendor,
the hope of every tribe and tongue; His kingdom is forever!
Bring praise and honor to His courts, bring wisdom, power, blessing;
for endless ages we’ll adore the King in all His beauty.

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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*