

## 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. 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

Sign-up now 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.

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. 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.

Japan Missions Trip Fundraiser—Date Night! Are you interested in a date night without the kids? The Japan mission trip participants will provide childcare from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, September 13. The kids will enjoy a light dinner, activities, and a G-rated movie. Drop off your kids anytime during that time window and pick them up no later than 8:30 p.m. There is no cost for this, but donations to the Japan mission team are appreciated! Limited capacity. Sign-up now.

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. 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 lookout for future fundraising opportunities.

Women's Thursday morning Bible Study, beginning September 5th, 9:45am-11:30am. 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 [womensministries@alexandriapres.org](mailto:womensministries@alexandriapres.org) and indicate if you will need childcare.

Weekday Evening Studies September-October, more information to follow.

Men's Discipleship. There are multiple ways you can get involved and fellowship with other men at APC. Whether in a large group or one-on-one discipleship, we wanna know what interests you.

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](mailto:matthew.coombs@alexandriapres.org) if you are interested, would like to see the full position description, or would like more information.

Japan Missions Date Night



Vision Banquet Sign-Up



Men's Discipleship Interest



Church Picnic Volunteers



## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality  
Nursery

**This Week:** Shannon Allen

**This 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

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

**Next Week (9am):** Femi Adeniji, Alex Gesch, Elizabeth Kohlmann, Jackie and Claire McCauley, Evan and Maureen Ward, Avery Wilson

**Next Week (11am):** Juliet Edem, Frank Girgenti, Sarah Huntington, Stephanie Olsen

Children's Church

**9am:** Erin Furgerson, Shant and Annie Boyajian

**11am:** Ryan and Erin Furgerson

Tech Team

Hudson Diack, Ethan Novack, Christian Olsen, Pete Olsen, Bailey Rolland

Greeters

**9am:** Mary Baird, Matt Coombs, Ann Howley, Emma and Crissy Stubbs

**11am:** Butler Family, Maggie Cho, Emma and Crissy Stubbs

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 Kirk, Seth Kirk

## KEY EQUIPPING

Key Equipping Kick-Off Tonight, 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). Children 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. Classes offered:

**Parenting By Grace** taught by Pastor Tom Holliday, room 201.

This class will begin on Sunday, September 8.

**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 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



Newcomer Dinner



Give to APC



Inquirers Class



Japan Mission Trip Support



Spiritual Leadership Training Sign-Up



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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*  
*Revelation 1:5-6*

**<sup>5</sup>To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood<sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ songs of praise

#### O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.  
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
’tis music in the sinner’s ears, ’tis life and health and peace.  
He breaks the pow’r of reigning sin, He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list’ning to His voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.  
Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

See all your sins on Jesus laid; the Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an offering made for every soul of man.  
To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv’n;  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav’n.

*Words by Charles Wesley, 1739; Music by Carl G. Glaser, 1828; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839; © Public Domain; CCLI Song # 1369*

#### Glorious Christ

The radiance of the Father before the dawn of time,  
You spoke and all creation came to be.  
The molecules and planets reveal Your great design,  
and every one was made so we could see—so we could see

*You are the glorious Christ, the greatest of all delights;  
Your power is unequalled, Your love beyond all heights.  
No greater sacrifice than when You laid down Your life;  
we join the song of angels who praise You day and night—glorious Christ!*

You left the air of heaven to breathe the dust of earth  
and dwell among the outcast and the poor;  
You came to be forsaken, and died to take our curse  
so You could be our joy forevermore—forevermore.

You’re seated now in heaven, enthroned at God’s right hand;  
You’ve shattered death and freed us from our fears,  
and though we cannot see You, You’re coming back again,  
and all will be made right when You appear,  
and all will be made right when You appear.

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### ■ prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### ■ scripture reading

*Luke 5:1-11 (pg. 808)*

#### Jesus Calls the First Disciples

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, <sup>2</sup> and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. <sup>4</sup> And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup> And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup> And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. <sup>7</sup> They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” <sup>11</sup> And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and follow him.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### Come Unto Jesus

Come unto Jesus, all you who are weary;  
come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.  
Here bring your wounded hearts, broken and needy;  
come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.

Joy of the comfortless, Light for the straying,  
Hope of the penitent, Peace in our strife;  
here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,  
“My yoke is easy, my burden is light.”

*Come unto Jesus, come unto Jesus.  
Lay down your burdens; He is enough.  
Come unto Jesus—rest in His love.*

Come taste the Bread of Life, broken for sinners,  
drink from the cup of His promise made sure,  
feast at His table as sons and as daughters;  
grace overflowing is yours evermore.

Come now and follow Him, this life forsaking;  
all that was gain count as nothing but loss;  
trade all this world for His kingdom unfading.  
Come unto Jesus—take up your cross.  
Come unto Jesus—take up your cross:  
Life everlasting He offers to us!

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■ **testimony** | *Young Life Capernaum, Abbie Olsen*

### ■ congregational prayer

■ **offertory prayer** | *Steve Mason (9am); Mike Saltsman (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

*Psalms 63 (pg. 449)*

#### My Soul Thirsts for You

A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN HE WAS IN THE WILDERNESS OF JUDAH.

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.  
<sup>2</sup> So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.  
<sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.  
<sup>4</sup> So I will bless you as long as I live;  
in your name I will lift up my hands.

<sup>5</sup> My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,  
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,  
<sup>6</sup> when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;  
<sup>7</sup> for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.  
<sup>8</sup> My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.

<sup>9</sup> But those who seek to destroy my life  
shall go down into the depths of the earth;  
<sup>10</sup> they shall be given over to the power of the sword;  
they shall be a portion for jackals.  
<sup>11</sup> But the king shall rejoice in God;  
all who swear by him shall exult,  
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

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

#### “Thirsting For God”

*Sermon Series: Meditating On The Psalms*

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of response

#### Still, My Soul, Be Still

Still, my soul, be still, and do not fear, though winds of change may rage tomorrow.  
God is at your side; no longer dread the fires of unexpected sorrow.

*God, You are my God, and I will trust in You and not be shaken.  
Lord of peace, renew a steadfast spirit within me to rest in You alone.*

Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved by lesser lights and fleeting shadows.  
Hold onto His ways, with shield of faith against temptation’s flaming arrows.

Still, my soul, be still; do not forsake the truth you learned in the beginning.  
Wait upon the Lord, and hope will rise as stars appear when day is dimming.

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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

■ **announcements** | *Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries*