

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.

Last Women's Summer Bible Study this Wednesday night, August 7th. 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 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.

Today! Come hear about the vision for teen discipleship at APC. All adults & students are invited to attend the PROTAS Discipleship Interest Meeting today at 10:30am in the youth room.

Women's Summer Social and Sorbet, August 11th. In one final celebration of summer, come join the women of APC for a time of fellowship over refreshing sorbet, Sunday, August 11 from 6:30pm-8pm at the home of Dorothy Taft. Please register by August 7. Location details will be given to registrants closer to the event date. Please reach out to Shannon Allen with any questions at shannonallen9@gmail.com.

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.

Key Equipping Kick-Off is August 25th. APC offers an array of classes on Sunday evenings for further spiritual development. The adults curriculum includes foundational, topical, and Bible tracks. Children and Youth receive teaching, and connect through fellowship and activities.

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).

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality
Nursery

This Week: Fisher CFG and Rodney Veenstra

This Week (9am): Liz Crowley, Woodrow Coombs, Sue Edwards, Hannah Foose, Andrea and Carolyn Jones, Justin Wells-Morgan, Ellie Olsen, Jo Porwoll, Tommy Ribaric, Doug Shipley, Margaret Veenstra

This Week (11am): Rob, Laura, Emily, and Elyse Coit, Frank Girgenti, Tom Mood, Stacey Stephens

Next Week (9am): Jonerik and Nikki Blank, John and Jamie Connelly, Liz Crowley, Laura Erickson, Catherine Marks, Jackie McCauley, Jennifer and Abby McCahey

Next Week (11am): Christine and Zach Brittle, Juliet Edem, Owen Gentry, Becky Knapp, Tom Mood, Staci Root

Children's Church

9am: Phoebe Drybola, Jessica and Nathan Newman, Bryant Streett

11am: Daniel and Andrea Jones

Tech Team

Chris McCahey, Ethan Novak, Brittany Payton, Amanda Petelik

Greeters

9am: Matt Coombs, Mike and Vicki Gutshall, Yaovi and Patricia Kodjo

11am: Maggie Cho, Ann Howley, Jim and Jo Ann Kottkamp, Greg Thomas

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**

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



Women's Summer
Social & Sorbet



Japan Mission Trip
Support



August 4, 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 | Elder Aaron Renenger

Psalm 5:11-12

Leader: ¹¹ But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy,
and spread your protection over them,
that those who love your name may exult in you.

All: ¹² For you bless the righteous, O Lord;
you cover him with favor as with a shield.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

Psalm 34 (Taste and See)

I sought the Lord, and He answered me
and delivered me from every fear.
Those who look on Him are radiant;
they’ll never be ashamed, they’ll never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from my enemies.
The Son of God surrounds His saints;
He will deliver them, He will deliver them.

*Magnify the Lord with me; come exalt His name together!
Glorify the Lord with me; come exalt His name forever!*

O taste and see that the Lord is good!
O blessed is he who hides in Him!
O fear the Lord, O all you saints;
He’ll give you everything, He’ll give you everything.

Let us bless the Lord every day and night.
Never ending praise—may our incense rise.

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading

2 Corinthians 4:6-11, 16-18 (pg. 907)

⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Treasure in Jars of Clay

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹ For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

affirmation of faith | Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries

Heidelberg Catechism Q.1; Westminster Shorter Catechism Q.1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Q. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

songs of praise

Christ Our Treasure

Lord, our feet have wandered all the earth unsatisfied
Drinking from a sea of emptiness has left us dry
So we turn our eyes to

*Christ our Treasure, there is none like You
Precious Jesus, there is none like You*

Living Water, Word of Life, You are forever true
Every blessing, joy abounding here in knowing You
So we fix our eyes on

Grace for the guilty, help for the needy—Jesus, You satisfy our souls
Strength for the weary, hope for the grieving—Jesus, You satisfy our souls
Healer of sickness, fountain of goodness—Jesus, You satisfy our souls
Faithful Provider, gracious Redeemer—Jesus, You satisfy our souls
Mighty in power, awesome in splendor—Jesus, You satisfy our souls
Author, Perfecter, Keeper, Sustainer—Jesus, You satisfy our souls

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He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life’s fearful path,
for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast; He will hold me fast,
for my Savior loves me so; He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight; Christ will hold me fast;
precious in His holy sight; He will hold me fast.
He’ll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost; He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died; Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life; He will hold me fast,
till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last.

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missions update | Elder Didier Balagizi

congregational prayer | Elder Aaron Renenger

offertory prayer | Mella LeRoy (9am); Tim Drybola (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 16 (pg. 423)

You Will Not Abandon My Soul

A Miktam of David.

¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the LORD “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”

³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

prayer for illumination

sermon | Rev. David Stephenson

“Enjoying God”

Sermon Series: Meditating On The Psalms

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us,
strong the hand stretched forth to shield us—all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well.
Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding,
steadfast through the Spirit’s guiding—all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow, all will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, “All is well.”
On our Father’s love relying, Jesus every need supplying,
yes, in living or in dying, all must be well.

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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