

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.

Tonight! Join us 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 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 want to 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 if you are interested, would like to see the full position description, or would like more information.

<p>Japan Missions Date Night</p> 	<p>Vision Banquet Sign-Up</p> 	<p>Men's Discipleship Interest</p> 	<p>Church Picnic Volunteers</p> 
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SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

<p>Hospitality</p> <p>Nursery</p>	<p><i>This Week:</i> Shannon Allen</p> <p><i>This Week (9am):</i> Femi Adeniji, Alex Gesch, Elizabeth Kohlmann, Jackie and Claire McCauley, Evan and Maureen Ward, Avery Wilson</p> <p><i>This Week (11am):</i> Juliet Edem, Frank Girgenti, Sarah Huntington, Stephanie Olsen</p> <p><i>Next Week (9am):</i> Ryan and Amy Douglass, Laura Erickson, Sarah Huntington, Matti Jamison, Serenity and Ethan Novak, Abbie and Ellie Olsen, Stephen Sylvia</p> <p><i>Next Week (11am):</i> Stacey Diack, Phoebe Drybola, Jodie and Anna Kirk, Eleanor Nagy, Chris Nelms, Lisa Popadich</p>
<p>Children's Church</p>	<p><i>9am:</i> Mark and Kari Adams, Chris and Amy Weld</p> <p><i>11am:</i> Ryan and Erin Furgerson</p>
<p>Tech Team</p> <p>Greeters</p>	<p>Lee Huntington, Christian Olsen, Sam White</p> <p><i>9am:</i> Ryan Furgerson, Jim and Jo Ann Kottkamp</p> <p><i>11am:</i> Tim and Phoebe Drybola, Kristi Hellmuth, Pierre Jolly, Cynthia Oviatt</p>
<p>Ushers</p>	<p><i>9am:</i> Femi Adenji, Andy Allison, Kira Allison, Patricia Kodjo, Will Marks, Janice Nichols, Bert Rives</p> <p><i>11am:</i> Rick Eppright, JW Jung, Jodie Kirk, Seth Kirk, Levi Kirk, Christian Poole, Jack Poole, Rachel Veenstra, Sam White</p>

KEY EQUIPPING In lieu of Key Equipping tonight, we will have our church picnic

Key Equipping resumes for all ages September 8, 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.







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. 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.

<p>Connect With APC</p> 	<p>Give to APC</p> 	<p>Japan Mission Trip Support</p> 
<p>Newcomer Dinner</p> 	<p>Inquirers Class</p> 	<p>Spiritual Leadership Training Sign-Up</p> 

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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** | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate*
Psalm 63:1-4

Leader: ¹ 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.
All: ² **So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**
Leader: ³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
All: ⁴ **So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing:

O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam; thou, silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless and worship Him in humbleness:
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed, washed by His blood, come and rejoice in His great love:
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin; cast all your burdens now on Him:
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow’r to reign; heaven and earth will join to say:
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and King:
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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■ prayer of adoration

■ prayer of confession

Merciful Father, You created us with minds to know You, hearts to love You, and wills to serve You. But we often lose sight of Your glory and Your beauty— our knowledge falters, our love wavers, and our obedience resists. Our fallen world entices us, and we clench our hands around our own works and desires. Meanwhile, Your very riches do not entice us, so we often refuse You, or accept You with distraction or halfheartedness. We are desperately broken. In Your steadfast love, please forgive our great sin against You. By Your Spirit, pry open our hands and hearts, that we might receive the unsearchable riches of Your grace in Jesus Christ. In His Name we pray. Amen.

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading

Titus 3:3-7 (pg.938)

³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.
⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of assurance

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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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer

■ 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

Isaiah 25 (pg.548)

God Will Swallow Up Death Forever

¹ O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the foreigners’ palace is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
⁴ For you have been a stronghold to the poor,
a stronghold to the needy in his distress,
a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat;
for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall,
⁵ like heat in a dry place.
You subdue the noise of the foreigners;
as heat by the shade of a cloud,
so the song of the ruthless is put down.
⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the LORD GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
⁹ It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”
¹⁰ For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain,
and Moab shall be trampled down in his place,
as straw is trampled down in a dunghill.
¹¹ And he will spread out his hands in the midst of it
as a swimmer spreads his hands out to swim,
but the Lord will lay low his pompous pride together with the skill of his hands.
¹² And the high fortifications of his walls he will bring down,
lay low, and cast to the ground, to the dust.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“Feasting Now, Feasting Then”

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

■ acclamation of faith

Revelation 19:6-9

Leader: ⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

All: **“Hallelujah!
For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.
⁷ Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;
⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure”—**

Leader: ⁹ And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

■ 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:
When We See Your Face (lyrics on screen)*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Is He Worthy

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do.) Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do.)
But do you know that all the dark won’t stop the light from getting through? (We do.)
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do.)

Is all creation groaning? (It is.) Is a new creation coming? (It is.)
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is.)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is.)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave—
He is David’s Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? (He does.) Does the Spirit move among us? (He does.)
And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? (He does.)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does.)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave—
He is David’s Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom, and priests to God to reign with the Son.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy of this?

He is, He is! Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
He is, He is! He is worthy, He is worthy, He is!

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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 | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate*