

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

Junior High and above may sign up now for the Vision Banquet on September 28th. Come hear more about Vision 2026 and how you can be involved. Group childcare provided at APC. Use the "APC Sign-Ups" on the next page to register.

The next baptism is Sunday, October 13th. If you would like to have your child or children baptized, please send an email to Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

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 "APC Sign-Ups" 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, 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 lynn.streett79@gmail.com and indicate if you will need childcare.

Women's Wednesday Evening Study, beginning October 9th through November 13th, 7:30pm-9:00pm. Study: *The Book of Colossians*. Sign up with Christina Renenger at crenenger@gmail.com.

Nursery worker needed on Thursday mornings: We provide childcare for nursery aged children (0-4yrs old) for the Thursday Women's Bible Study. We need another worker (adult or teen) to join our team! Would you consider this paid opportunity? Contact Erin at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org

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. Please scan "APC Sign-Ups" on the next page and let us know!

Third Saturday of the month, 8am—Prayer Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. The Vision 2026 Prayer Committee invites you to join us as a part of our "Praying Church". All ages are welcome to come enjoy some pancakes and eggs from 8-8:30 and then stay to pray kingdom-centered prayers until you need to leave. We will finish by 9:30. We are praying for the future of APC, our city, and our world.

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. Use the "APC Sign-Ups" on the next page to register.

Women's Event: Our Story-telling God. Friday, October 18th - 7:30pm-9pm, Fellowship Hall. Stories capture our attention and make us lean in. Our God is a storyteller. Come catch a glimpse of the story He is telling within the story of your life.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality Nursery

This Week: Allison Bolling and Sharon Holliday
This Week (9am): Maggie Coombs, Brian and Sarah Field, Patricia Kodjo, Nathan Leamer, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Staci Root, Susanna Root, Ben and Kimberly Signer
This Week (11am): Frank Girgenti, Caitlin Jolly, Mike, Tracy, and Kingston Powell, Carmen Rives, Bethany Tinev
Next Week (9am): Jon and Nikki Blank, Jamie and John Connelly, Lina Gentry, Evelyn Heil, Jackie McCauley, McKinzie, Anna, and Joe Newman, Madison Newman, Angel Tinev
Next Week (11am): Christine and Zach Brittle, Dan and Kathryn Johnson, Tom Mood, Chris Nelms, Athena Selim

Children's Church

9am: Mary Lou and Chase Chesser, Nathan and Amanda Leamer
11am: Ryan and Erin Furgerson

Tech Team

Pete Olsen, Bailey and Joey Rolland

Greeters

9am: Ryan Furgerson, Andrew Hobold, Miluvidia Reyes, Ariel Sanchez, Lynette VanderSchaaf

11am: Sara Eppright, Pierre Jolly, Chris Nelms, Ariel Sanchez, Greg Thomas

Ushers

9am: Femi Adenji, Andy Allison, Kira Allison, Patricia Kodjo, Will Marks, Janice Nichols, Bert Rives

11am: Rick Eppright, JW Jung, Jodie Kirk, Seth Kirk, Levi Kirk, Christian Poole, Jack Poole, Rachel Veenstra, Sam White

KEY EQUIPPING

Key Equipping continues tonight for all ages, 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 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.

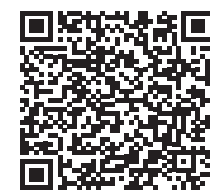
The Unity of the Faith taught by Elders Marc Allen and Aaron Renenger, room 112.

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



APC Sign-Ups



Give to APC



Sign-ups for all events can be found in the QR Code above titled, "APC Sign-Ups."
This is where all present and future registration links will be found.

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

Leviticus 20:26

²⁶ You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Holy, Holy, Holy (#100)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Nick Carter (9am); Ryan Furgerson (11am)*

1 Peter 1:13-21 (pg. 953)

Called To Be Holy

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of praise

Nothing but the Blood (#307, vv. 1-4)

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing, this I see—nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my pardon, this my plea—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace—nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give.

He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,

my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to His.

O, how strange and divine; I can sing, “All is mine!” Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side the Savior He will stay.

I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need His power is displayed.

To this I hold: My Shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley He will lead.

O, the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven—the future sure, the price it has been paid;
for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave!

To this I hold: My sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea.

O, the chains are released; I can sing, “I am free!” Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home;
and day by day I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus; all the glory evermore to Him!

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat, “Yet not I, but through Christ in me!”

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■ congregational prayer | *Elder Brian Field*

■ offertory prayer | *Jackie McCauley (9am); Shauna Pittman (11am)*

■ offertory | *Adult Choir (9am)*

Fill The Earth With Praise

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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

Daniel 6 (pg. 696)

Daniel and the Lions’ Den

¹ It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom 120 satraps, to be throughout the whole kingdom; ² and over them three high officials, of whom Daniel was one, to whom these satraps should give account, so that the king might suffer no loss. ³ Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. ⁴ Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him. ⁵ Then these men said, “We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.”

⁶ Then these high officials and satraps came by agreement to the king and said to him, “O King Darius, live forever! ⁷ All the high officials of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an injunction, that whoever makes petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. ⁸ Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked.” ⁹ Therefore King Darius signed the document and injunction.

¹⁰ When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. ¹¹ Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. ¹² Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, “O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?” The king answered and said, “The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.” ¹³ Then they answered and said before the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.” ¹⁴ Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he labored till the sun went down to rescue him. ¹⁵ Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, “Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.”

¹⁶ Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!” ¹⁷ And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. ¹⁸ Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

¹⁹ Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. ²⁰ As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?” ²¹ Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! ²² My God sent his angel and shut the lions’ mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.” ²³ Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. ²⁴ And the king commanded, and those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. And before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

²⁵ Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: “Peace be multiplied to you. ²⁶ I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel,

for he is the living God,
enduring forever;
his kingdom shall never be destroyed,
and his dominion shall be to the end.

²⁷ He delivers and rescues;
he works signs and wonders
in heaven and on earth,
he who has saved Daniel
from the power of the lions.”

²⁸ So this Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“Serving God in Babylon”

Sermon Series: *Thinking, Praying, and Living A Missional Life*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

By Faith

By faith, we see the hand of God in the light of creation’s grand design,
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, our fathers roamed the earth with the pow’r of His promise in their hearts
of a holy city built by God’s own hand– a place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul’s reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we’ll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith, the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear,
with the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith, the church was called to go in the pow’r of the Spirit to the lost,
to deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth.

By faith, this mountain shall be moved, and the pow’r of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.

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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 | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*