

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

Nominations for the Office of Elder and Deacon. You must 1) be a member to nominate, 2) ascertain the willingness of the individual to serve prior to submitting a nomination, and 3) nominate a man who has taken the required training class. This is your opportunity to be involved in the election of your officers - get to know these men, have conversations with them, ask them questions. Nominations can be submitted using the APC Sign-Ups QR Code or by filling out a form located on the table as you enter the building. *Nominations may be submitted until October 20.*

Men who have either taken or are currently taking the Spiritual Leadership Training Class and eligible for nomination are: Alex Bolling, Christian Brittle, Matt Coombs, John Kinch, Brian Oviatt, Jim Taft, Mike Williams. For re-election to the office of elder: Didier Balagizi, Bryant Streett.

The Congregational Meeting to elect officers will be Sunday, October 27, in between worship services.

Last Call! Junior High and above may sign up now for the Vision Banquet on September 28th. We do have a few more spots available. 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.

Substitute Nursery workers needed on Thursday mornings: We provide childcare for nursery aged children (0-4yrs old) for the Thursday Women's Bible Study. We need substitute nursery workers, for when regular workers are unable to come. Would you consider this paid opportunity? Contact Erin at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org

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. This event costs \$5—scholarships are available. Registration coming soon.

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 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: Andy, Rebecca, and Bethany Schad

This 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

This Week (11am): Christine and Zach Brittle, Dan and Kathryn Johnson, Tom Mood, Chris Nelms, Athena Selim

Next Week (9am): Sifa Balagizi, Leslie Bridge, Matt Coombs, Rob Fisher, Alex Gesch, Sharon Holliday, Elizabeth Kohlmann, Stephanie Olsen, Juliana Richardson, Amy, Chris, Charlie, and Sam Weld

Next Week (11am): Juliet Edem, Sue Edwards, Frank Girgenti, Tom Mood, Allison Rivera, Mary Mitchell Todd, Sam White

Children's Church

9am: Mary Lou and Chase Chesser, Nathan and Amanda Leamer

11am: Ryan and Erin Furgerson

Tech Team

Ethan Novak, Chris and Abby McGahey, Emmett Stephens

Greeters

9am: Matt Coombs, Adam and Hannah Davis, Chris Nelms

11am: Allen Family, Pierre Jolly

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.

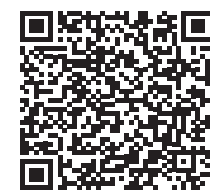
The Unity of the Faith taught by Elders Marc Allen and Aaron Renenger, room 112.

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 | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

Hebrews 4:16

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 praise

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
To Him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

*To our King be highest praise, rising through eternal days.
Just and faithful He shall reign; Jesus shall reign.*

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.
Blessings abound where’er He reigns; the pris’ner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Daniel Jones (9am); Matt Coombs (11am)*

Genesis 18:20-33 (pg. 12)

²⁰ Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave,²¹ I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

Abraham Intercedes for Sodom

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶ And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

²⁷ Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹ Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰ Then he said, “Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹ He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³² Then he said, “Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” ³³ And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of praise

Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a holy God.

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only;
cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God;
come and worship the holy God.*

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a holy God— only a holy God!

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O Great God

O great God of highest heav’n, occupy my lowly heart,
own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow’r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war;
You have loved and purchased me; make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven’s joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me,
through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that’s dependent on Your grace;
keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed;
O great God of highest heav’n, glorify Your name through me.

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■ congregational prayer | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

■ offertory prayer | *Sue Edwards (9am); Sifa Balagizi (11am)*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings | *Adult Choir (9am)*

For I Know the Plans I Have for You

“For I know the plans I have for you,
plans for welfare, not for evil, to give you a future and hope,” says the LORD.

“Call upon me, come and pray to Me;
I will hear you when you call upon Me.
You will seek me, you will find me, when you seek with all your heart.”

“I will be found by you,” says the LORD.
“I will gather you from all places; I will be found,” says the LORD.

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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

Matthew 9:35-38 (pg. 764)

The Harvest Is Plentiful, the Laborers Few

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

■ prayer for illumination

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

“Secret Mission”

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

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place (#469)

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,
while everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,
each of us cry, with thankful tongues, “Lord, why was I a guest?

“Why was I made to hear Thy voice, and enter while there’s room,
when thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?”

‘Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;
else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;
send Thy victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

We long to see Thy churches full, that all the chosen race
may, with one voice and heart and soul, sing Thy redeeming grace.

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■ deacons’ fund offering | *Deacon Pete Olsen*

■ 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*