

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

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.

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.

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.

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. The Japan Mission Trip team will provide childcare that evening as a fundraiser for their trip. Your donation helps to defray their costs for the trip. Please indicate if you will need childcare and the names and ages of your children when you register.

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: Flores Rosas Family
This 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
This Week (11am): Juliet Edem, Sue Edwards, Frank Girgenti, Tom Mood, Allison Rivera, Mary Mitchell Todd, Sam White
Next Week (9am): Kari and Elaina Adams, Chase and Mary Lou Chesser, Gus and Woodrow Coombs, Andrew Hobold, Elizabeth Kohlmann, Jenny and Abby McGahey, Juliana Richardson, Rachel Sylvia
Next Week (11am): Sifa Balagizi, Emily Kinch, Gina Mitchell, Chris and Lisa Popadich, Bailey Rolland, Rachel Sylvia

Children's Church Tech Team Greeters

Children's church does not meet on the 5th Sunday of the month.
Chris Blackburn, Hudson Diack, Lee Huntington, Bailey Rolland
9am: Adam and Hannah Davis, Mike and Vicki Gutshall, Yaovi and Patricia Kodjo, Crissy and Emma Stubbs
11am: Maggie Cho, Sara Eppright, Chris Nelms, Crissy and Emma Stubbs, Greg Thomas
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

Ushers

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.

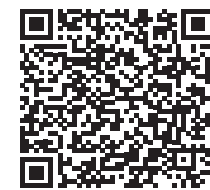
The Unity of the Faith taught by Elders Marc Allen and Aaron Renenger, room 112.

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* *from Genesis 2:8-10 and Psalm 46:4-5*

Leader: And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food.

People: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Our Great God

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown,
Your boundless love unfailing in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around Your glorious throne—
they raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

Lord, we are weak and frail, and helpless in the storm;
surround us with Your angels, and hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm—
rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,
let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth,
let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
sing praises to the living God, who rules them by His Word.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Carmen Rives (9am); Raquel Saltsman (11am)*

John 7:37-46 (pg. 840)

Rivers of Living Water

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Division Among the People

⁴⁰ When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This really is the Prophet.” ⁴¹ Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee?” ⁴² Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” ⁴³ So there was a division among the people over him. ⁴⁴ Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

⁴⁵ The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not bring him?” ⁴⁶ The officers answered, “No one ever spoke like this man!”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ prayer of confession

from The Valley of Vision, “Paradoxes”

**O changeless God,
My mind is a bucket without a bottom, with no spiritual understanding, no desire for the Lord’s Day, ever learning but never reaching the truth, always at the gospel-well but never holding water.**

My conscience is without conviction or contrition, with nothing to repent of.

My will is without power of decision or resolution.

My heart is without affection, and full of leaks.

My memory has no retention, so I forget easily the lessons learned, and Your truths seep away.

Please give me a broken heart that yet carries home the water of grace.

■ song of confession

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life’s storm is past;
safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on Thee;
leave, O leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, here more than all I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness.
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art—let me take of Thee;
spring Thou up within my heart for all eternity.

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■ song of assurance

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel’s veins;
and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away:
washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E’er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its pow’r,
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:
be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

When this poor lispng, stamm’ring tongue lies silent in the grave,
then in a nobler, sweeter song I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save:
I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save, I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save;
then in a nobler, sweeter song I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save.

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■ farewell | *Matt and Kara Suckling (9am)*

■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | *Adam Davis (9am); Tom Tarrants (11am)*

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

I Sought the Lord

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew He moved my soul to seek Him, seeking me;
it was not I that found, O Savior true; no, I was found of Thee.

Thou didst reach forth Thy hand and mine enfold;
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea;
’twas not so much that I on Thee took hold, as Thou, dear Lord, on me.

I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole of love is but my answer, Lord, to Thee!
For Thou wert long beforehand with my soul, always Thou lovedst me.

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Children’s Church does not meet today. In a month with five Sundays, our curriculum allows for children ages 5 through 2nd grade to experience what they are learning about the different aspects of worship by remaining in the service. Instead, these children are invited to come forward to the front steps of the Sanctuary for a children’s message.

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ children’s message

■ sermon scripture reading

Ezekiel 47:1-12 (pg. 688)

Water Flowing from the Temple

¹ Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. ² Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

³ Going on eastward with a measuring line in his hand, the man measured a thousand cubits, and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. ⁴ Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was waist-deep. ⁵ Again he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen. It was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. ⁶ And he said to me, “Son of man, have you seen this?”

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. ⁷ As I went back, I saw on the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other. ⁸ And he said to me, “This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. ⁹ And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. ¹⁰ Fishermen will stand beside the sea. From Engedi to Eneglaim it will be a place for the spreading of nets. Its fish will be of very many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. ¹¹ But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. ¹² And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.”

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“Everything Will Live Where the River Flows”

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

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

O Wondrous Love

O wondrous love that will not let me go, I cling to You with all my strength and soul;
yet if my hold should ever fail, this wondrous love will never let me go.

O wondrous love that’s come to dwell in me; Lord, who am I that I should come to know
Your tender voice assuring me? This wondrous love will never let me go.

*I’m resting in the everlasting arms, in the ever faithful heart, the Shepherd of my life.
You’ll carry me on Your mighty wings of grace, keeping me until the day I look into Your eyes.*

O wondrous love that sings of Calvary, the sweetest sound this sinner’s ever known,
the song of Your redeeming Son whose wondrous love will never let me go.

O wondrous love that rushes over me, I can’t escape this river’s glorious flow;
You overwhelm my days with good; Your wondrous love will never let me go.

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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