

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

Reformation Sunday. This Sunday we celebrate the reclamation of the truth of God's Word through the labors of numerous Protestant church reformers, such as John Huss, Martin Luther, John Calvin and John Knox.

The congregational meeting to elect new officers is today at 10:30am in the Sanctuary! Everyone is invited to attend, but only members may vote. Nursery workers - ballots will be brought to you.

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, 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

Prayer Breakfast. In November, our monthly prayer breakfast will take place on the 2nd Saturday of the month, rather than the 3rd. 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 sausage 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 Vision 2026, the future of APC, our city, and our world.

Men's Breakfast. Open to High School students and up, November 16th at 8am, in the Fellowship Hall! Join us for a time of fellowship and breakfast as we hear from Major General Luke C. G. Cropsey as he speaks on the theme of "Vocation." This will be in line with the theme for the year "Thinking, Praying, and Living a Missional Life." Register through the "APC Sign-Ups."

Our Thanksgiving Service is November 24th at 5pm. Our Thanksgiving service is a time for us to hear from each other as we publicly give thanks to God for what He has done in our lives over the past year. All ages are invited to share with the congregation as we worship together. Afterwards, please join us downstairs in the fellowship hall for a potluck and pies.

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	This Week: Kari Adams, Allison Bolling
Nursery	This Week (9am): Mark and Luke Adams, Catherine Chae, Sarah Huntington, Caitlin Jolly, Nathan Newman, Ben and Kimberly Signer, Doug Shipley, Emmett and Phoebe Stephens, Susanna Root This Week (11am): Marc, Shannon, and Sarah Allen, Cindy Cai, Erin Furgerson, Jodie and Anna Kirk, Chris Nelms, Mary Mitchell Todd Next Week (9am): Jon and Nikki Blank, Jamie Connelly, Gus and Woodrow Coombs, Kirsten Etherton, Matti Jamison, Elizabeth Kohlmann, Angel Tinev, Justin Wells-Morgan Next Week (11am): Cindy Cai, Laurie LeRoy, Tom Mood, Chris Nelms, Allison Rivera, Stacey Stephens, Margaret Veenstra
Children's Church	9am: Will and Catherine Marks, Nathan and Jessica Newman 11am: Josh and Stacey Diack
Tech Team	Ben Crowley, Abby McGahey, Joey Rolland, Emmett Stephens
Greeters	9am: Matt Coombs, Yaovi and Patricia Kodjo 11am: Richard and Melinda Douglass, Kristi Hellmuth, Pierre Jolly, Greg Thomas
Ushers	9am: Mark Adams, Sue Edwards, Brian Field, Alex Gesch, Heidi Gesch, Katty Hoyle, Daniel Rojas-Hoyle, Yaovi Kodjo, Jon Osborne 11am: Christian and Connor Brittle, Carolyn Mohan, Christian and Jack Poole, Dave Winecoff

KEY EQUIPPING

Key Equipping, Sunday nights at 5pm. 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.

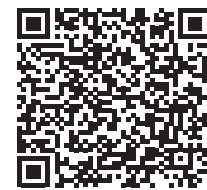
This class will address the crucial question: "How do we parent our children by grace?" We will study key passages from the Old and New Testament on the subject of parenting. Although the Bible does not give us a manual per se on parenting, it offers wise and practical advice based on "God's parenting 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.

Apologetics -- The Defense of the Faith taught by Pastor Josh Diack and Elder Aaron Renenger, room 112. Apologetics has been defined as the vindication of the Christian philosophy of life against the various non-Christian philosophies of life. Join us for this six-week course, as we discuss some of the major apologetic questions of the present, such as the perceived conflict between science and faith, the problems of suffering and injustice, and why it is fitting for Christianity to claim to be the only way to salvation.

Philemon taught by Elder Matt Brown, room 114.

The book of Philemon is an appeal from the heart of Paul to the heart of Philemon to love another who was previously considered unworthy. Do you struggle with loving another who has wronged you? Come and discover how the Lord can transform hearts to love unconditionally.

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APC Sign-Ups



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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 | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate* *Psalm 113*

Leader: ¹ Praise the Lord!

All: Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

Leader: ² Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

All: ³ From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

⁴ The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

Leader: ⁵ Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,
⁶ who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

All: ⁷ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, ⁸ to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

Leader: ⁹ He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

All: Praise the Lord!

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

O Worship the King (#2, vv. 1-2, 4-6)

O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing His pow’r and His love; our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain; and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in You do we trust, nor find You to fail; Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn You above, the humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading | *Elder Bryant Strett (9am); Elder Mark Adams (11am)*

Romans 3:21-28 (pg. 885)

The Righteousness of God Through Faith

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

Reformation Song

Your Word alone is solid ground, the mighty rock on which we build; in every line the truth is found, and every page with glory filled.

Through faith alone we come to You; we have no merit we can claim. Sure that Your promises are true, we place our hope in Jesus’ name.

Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone;
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone!

In Christ alone we’re justified; His righteousness is all our plea; Your law’s demands are satisfied; His perfect work has set us free.

By grace alone we have been saved; all that we are has come from You. Hearts that were once by sin enslaved now by Your pow’r have been made new!

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reception of new members

congregational prayer

offertory prayer

presentation of tithes and offerings | *Adult Choir*

O Thou, in Whose Presence

O Thou, in whose presence my soul takes delight, on whom in affliction I call; my comfort by day, and my song in the night, my hope, my salvation, my all.

Where dost Thou, dear Shepherd, resort with Thy sheep, to feed them in pastures of love? Say, why in the valley of death should I weep, or alone in this wilderness rove?

He looks, and ten thousands of angels rejoice, and myriads wait for His word; He speaks and eternity, filled with His voice, re-echoes the praise of the Lord.

Dear Shepherd, I hear, and will follow Thy call; I know the sweet sound of Thy voice; restore and defend me, for Thou art my all, and in Thee I will ever rejoice.

Words by Joseph Swain, 1791; Music DAVIS by Freeman Lewis, 1813, arr. by Peter Anglea; © SoundForth (Lorenz Publishing Company)

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.

Parents: to pick up your children, go down the main stairwell and turn right into the nursery. Follow the signs to Children’s Church.

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

sermon scripture reading

Mark 1:35-45 (pg. 786)

Jesus Preaches in Galilee

³⁵ And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷ and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” ³⁸ And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Jesus Cleanses a Leper

⁴⁰ And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, “If you will, you can make me clean.” ⁴¹ Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, “I will; be clean.” ⁴² And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³ And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, ⁴⁴ and said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them.” ⁴⁵ But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

prayer for illumination

sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“The Rhythm of a Gospel Life”

Sermon Series: *The Gospel According to Mark*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

songs of response

Pass Me Not

Pass me not, O gentle Savior; hear my humble cry; While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief, kneeling there in deep contrition; help my unbelief.

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry:
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Trusting only in Thy merit would I seek Thy face; heal my wounded, broken spirit; save me by Thy grace.

Thou the Spring of all my comfort—more than life to me. Whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heav’n but Thee?

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I Stand Amazed [How Marvelous]

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene, and wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

For me it was in the garden He prayed, “Not My will, but Thine”; He had no tears for His own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine.

How marvelous, how wonderful—and my song shall ever be—
how marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior’s love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own; He bore my burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see, ‘twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.

Words and music (MY SAVIOR’S LOVE) by Charles H. Gabriel, 1905; © Public Domain; CCLI Song # 25297

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.

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