

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.**

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.

Trunk-or-Treat will be hosted October 26th at 3pm! For those that attend APC, show off your creativity or maybe a favorite theme and sign-up to host a trunk or volunteer! This is a great event to invite friends and neighbors to. Sign up below!

Youth Choir Registration for Fall 2024 is now open. Youth Choir welcomes students in grades 2-8, singing with treble/unchanged voices. Rehearsals begin on October 20 and culminate with leading worship on November 24. For more information and to register, scan the "APC Sign-Ups" QR code. Please contact Serenity Novak (serenitynovak@gmail.com) with any questions.

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. Registration using the APC Sign-Ups QR Code.

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: Gladys Acevedo, Miriam Moreno Coto, Suyapa Martinez
This 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
This Week (11am): Sifa Balagizi, Tom Holliday, Emily Kinch, Gina Mitchell, Chris and Lisa Popadich, Bailey Rolland, Rachel Sylvia
Next Week (9am): Femi Adeniji, Amy and Ryan Douglass, Nathan Leamer, Jennie McGahey, Abbie and Ellie Olsen, Christian Poole
Next Week (11am): Phoebe Drybola, Juliet Edem, Matti Jamison, KayCee Poole

Children's Church

9am: Shant and Annie Boyajian, Amanda and Nathan Leamer

11am: Erin and Ryan Furgerson

Tech Team

Lauren Evans, Chris McGahey, Brittany Payton, Amanda Petelik

Greeters

9am: Linday Hutter, Yaovi and Patricia Kodjo, Jim and JoAnn Kottkamp, Emma and Crissy Stubbs

11am: Maggie Cho, Richard and Melinda Douglass, Chris Nelms, Emma and Crissy Stubbs

Ushers

9am: Mark Adams, Sue Edwards, Brian Field, Alex Gesch, Heidi Gesch, Katty Hoyle, Daniel Rojas-Hoyle, Yaovi Kodjo, Jonathon Osborne

11am: Christian and Connor Brittle, Carolyn Mohan, Christian and Jack Poole, Dave Winecoff

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.

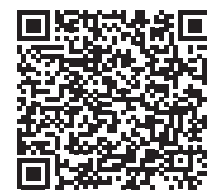
This class will address the crucial question: "How do we parent our children by grace?" We will study key passages from the Old and New Testament on the subject of parenting. Although the Bible does not give us a manual per se on parenting, it offers wise and practical advice based on "God's parenting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

(New) 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.

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** | *Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries from John 1:1-5*

Leader: ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God.

All: ³**All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.**

Leader: ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

All: ⁵**The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Praise His Name (Psalm 148)

Reaches of heaven, starry heights
Lights of the evening, dancing in silent skies
Brilliance of morning, breaking day
O let them praise Him, praise His name

*O praise His name, O praise His name
Let all His wondrous works declare His praise*

Mightiest mountains, peaceful plains
Snowfall and fire, thundering ocean waves
Kings and their kingdoms, age to age
O let them praise Him, praise His name

King enthroned in majesty, all things made by His decree
Hear creation’s melody, “Praise Him! Praise Him!”
Everything with life and breath, everywhere from east to west
Every heart raised from the dead, praise Him, praise Him
Angels echo the refrain, “Jesus, Lamb for sinners slain!”
Name above all other names, praise Him

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading

Isaiah 40:1-5 (pg.561)

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD’s hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries:
“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

He Who Is Mighty

O the mercy our God has shown to those who sit in death’s shadow.
The sun on high pierced the night; born was the Cornerstone.
Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born.

*He who is mighty has done a great thing;
taken on flesh, conquered death’s sting,
shattered the darkness and lifted our shame.
Holy is His name.*

O the freedom our Savior won; the yoke of sin has been broken.
Once a slave, now by grace no more condemnation.
Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born.

Now my soul magnifies the Lord; I rejoice in the God who saves;
I will trust His unfailing love; I will sing His praises all my days.

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■ congregational prayer

■ **offertory prayer** | *Gary McGee (9am); Linda Metheny (11am)*

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

Abide with Me

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter’s power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. Amen.

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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

Mark 1:1-8 (pg.785)

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,
“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,

³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

■ prayer for illumination

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

“Preparing for the King”

Sermon Series: *The Gospel According to Mark*

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

■ prayer of confession

adapted from the Book of Common Worship

God of purifying Might,

In Jesus Christ You have come among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that our hearts often do not trust His good news to be good. We close our eyes to Your present and future glories, expecting little, and hoping for less.

You have eternally known we would live this way, and in love You have called us back to Your way. Please forgive our doubt, and by Your Spirit renew our hope in the Son of God, so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace. Amen.

■ words of assurance

1 John 5:11-13

¹¹ And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

That You May Know

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

■ sacraments 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: **Rock of Ages (#499)**, (lyrics on screen)*

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GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer—Jesus, God’s own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit till Your work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
there I’ll serve my King forever, in that holy place.

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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