

## 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

**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."

**Current 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](mailto: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](mailto:crenenger@gmail.com).

**Upcoming Women's Thursday morning Bible Study.** Ladies, we invite you to join us for a new 7 week series on the I AM statements of Jesus, beginning Thursday, December 5th. In line with the two questions Pastor Tom has been addressing in the Mark sermon series, "Who is the real Jesus and what does it look like to follow Him?", we will be taking a close look at how Jesus defines Himself, using *Behold and Believe* by Courtney Doctor and Joanna Kimbrel as our study guide. We meet weekly from 9:45-11:30 in the fellowship hall. Nursery is available. For more information, please contact Lynn Streett at [lynn.streett79@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.streett79@gmail.com)

**Spanish Service.** Join us in Room 201 at 11am on November 24th for a worship service in Spanish led by Pastor Joel Acevedo.

**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. If you are interested in helping set-up or clean-up for the potluck, sign up in "APC Sign-Ups."

**Lessons and Carols.** Our Lessons and Carols service will be on Sunday, December 15th, at 5pm. The prelude will start at 4:45pm. Come join us as we see how the Scriptures of Jesus's coming offer us an eternal and glorious hope! There will be a cookie reception following the service. Please bring cookies to share.

**Christmas Eve.** Our Christmas Eve service will be at 4:30pm this year. We invite you to join us for worship as we remember Christ's first coming. This will be a candlelight service - parents, please help your children with candles or let them use the battery-operated candles. No childcare will be available.

**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](mailto:matthew.coombs@alexandriapres.org) if you are interested, would like to see the full position description, or would like more information.

## GIVING AT A GLANCE

July 1 - October 31, 2024

Giving: \$776,100  
Budget: \$783,000  
Difference: \$6,900  
Percentage: 99%

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

**This Week:** Kari Adams, Onasis and Miriam Rivas Moreno

Nursery

**This Week (9am):** Matt, Carrie and Millie Brown, Matti Jamison, Jenny and Abby McGahey, Madison Newman, Serenity and Ethan Novak, Jeremy Root, Steve Sylvia

**This Week (11am):** Christine and Zach Brittle, Rick and Sara Eppright, Frank Girgenti, Tom Mood, Athena Selim, Steve Sylvia

**Next Week (9am):** Mary Lou and Chase Chesser, Adam Davis, Ryan and Amy Douglass, Elizabeth Kohlmann, Jackie McCauley, Nathan and Jessica Newman, Susanna Root, Doug Shipley

**Next Week (11am):** Cindy Cai, Kirsten Etheron, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Chris and Lisa Popadich, Bethany Tinev

Children's Church

**9am:** Mark and Kari Adams, Ryan and Erin Furgerson

**11am:** Phoebe Drybola and Stephanie Olsen

Tech Team

Chris Blackburn, Liz Crowley, Lee Huntington, Amanda Petelik

Greeters

**9am:** Andy and Kira Allison, Matt Coombs, Yaovi and Patricia Kodjo

**11am:** Maggie Cho, Mason Family, Cynthia Oviatt, Greg Thomas

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

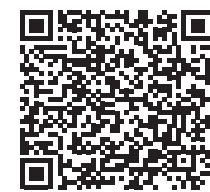
This class will address the crucial question: "How do we parent our children by grace?" We will study key passages from the Old and New Testament on the subject of parenting. Although the Bible does not give us a manual per se on parenting, it offers wise and practical advice based on "God's parenting 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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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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November 10, 2024

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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

*Psalm 48:9-10*

<sup>9</sup> We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,  
in the midst of your temple.

<sup>10</sup> As your name, O God,  
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### song of praise

#### Ruler of the Nations

Ruler of the nations, You alone are God, O Lord.  
Weak and feeble is our praise; give us grace to praise You more.

Ruler of the nations, how Your holiness burns so bright!  
If You counted all our sin, who could stand before Your sight?

*Only in Jesus, only in Jesus, only in Jesus we stand.  
Only in Jesus, only in Jesus, only in Jesus we stand!*

Ruler of the nations, Your dear Son our hearts adore:  
Jesus bore Your righteous wrath— now You remember our sin no more!

Ruler of the nations, be the ruler of my heart.  
Jesus, Prophet, Priest, and King, be my Lord, my all in all!

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### prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### scripture reading | Sharon Holliday (9am); Eleanor Nagy (11am)

*2 Corinthians 5:11-21 (pg. 908)*

#### The Ministry of Reconciliation

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. <sup>12</sup> We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup> For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup> and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

<sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### song of praise

#### Lord Have Mercy

O God, we come before Your throne, and in our weakness we confess:  
We go astray and sin each day; we cast ourselves upon Your grace.  
O Lord, have mercy on us—sinners in need of grace.  
Forgive us our transgressions and lead us in Your righteous ways.  
God, lead us in Your righteous ways.

The blood You shed has paid our debt; Jesus, You’ve washed our sins away.  
We trust Your grace, believe by faith; in You we have all righteousness.  
O Lord, You’ve shown us mercy—sinners are washed as saints.  
You’ve shown Your loving-kindness; sons of disgrace are righteous made.  
Sons of disgrace are righteous made.

We fix our eyes on You, our prize: Jesus, the Author of our faith.  
Till You return or bring us home, You strengthen us to run the race.  
O Lord, forever faithful; all glory to Your name!  
We have no other Savior, our great Redeemer, God and King.  
Jesus—Redeemer, God and King.

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### congregational prayer | Elder Matt Coombs

### offertory prayer | Jeff Fearon (9am); Micah Howard (11am)

### presentation of tithes and offerings | Choir

#### There Is a Fountain

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

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

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

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave,  
then in a nobler, sweeter song I’ll sing Your power to save.

*Words by William Cowper, 1771; Music by Brian L. Hanson; © 2017 Concordia Publishing House.*

*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 2:13-17 (pg. 786)*

#### Jesus Calls Levi

<sup>13</sup> He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. <sup>14</sup> And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

<sup>15</sup> And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. <sup>16</sup> And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>17</sup> And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

### prayer for illumination

### sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

#### “Friend of Sinners”

Sermon Series: *The Gospel According to Mark*

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### sacrament 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:*

### communion song

#### Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm as I?  
Was it for sins that I had done He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!

*My God, why would You shed Your blood, so pure and undefiled,  
to make a sinful one like me Your chosen, precious child?*

Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut his glories in,  
when Christ the mighty Maker died for man the creature’s sin;  
thus might I hide my blushing face while His dear cross appears,  
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears.

*Words by Isaac Watts, 1707; Addt’l words and music by Bob Kauflin; © 1997 Sovereign Grace Praise (Admin. by Integrity Music); CCLI Song # 2164908*

### song of response

#### Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners (#498, vv. 1-3, 5)

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, Lover of my soul;  
friends may fail me, foes assail me; He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

Jesus, what a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him,  
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing; He, my Strength, my vict’ry wins.

Jesus, what a Help in sorrow! While the billows o’er me roll,  
even when my heart is breaking, He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus, I do now receive Him; more than all in Him I find.  
He hath granted me forgiveness; I am His, and He is mine.

*Words by J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; Music HYFRYDOL by Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1830; © Public Domain; CCLI Song # 22142*

### 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 | Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate