

## 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

**APC Deaconess Suggestions.** In April 2023, Session decided to begin a new Deaconess ministry at APC, appointing Godly women of the congregation to assist the Deacons in their ministry of mercy and administration. At this time, Session welcomes suggestions of female members who discern a call to such service. (It is a prerequisite that any woman suggested have previously completed APC's Spiritual Leadership class.) Suggestions will be received through December 15. Please confirm with the woman that she welcomes the suggestion, before submitting it to Session. Those women that Session appoints as Deaconess will be commissioned at the January 19 worship services. To suggest a deaconess, along with further information on the Deaconess ministry and APC's decision to begin this ministry, scan the "APC Sign-Ups" QR code or see the weekly APC email this Wednesday.

**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.

**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.

**Join us for our Thanksgiving Service and Potluck on 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. As you prepare to share, please keep your testimonies short so that many can share. **Afterwards, please join us downstairs in the fellowship hall for a potluck and pies. Please bring a dish to share.** 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.

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

**Hospitality**

**This Week:** The Brittles

**Nursery**

**This 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

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

**Next Week (9am):** Laura and Elyse Coit, Rob Fisher, Alex Gesch, Stephanie Olsen, Abbie and Ellie Olsen, Rob and Shauna Pittman, Jo Porwoll

**Next Week (11am):** Femi Adeniji, Frank Girgenti, Becky Knapp, Gina Mitchell, Abbie Olsen, Athena Selim, Ben and Kimberly Signer

**Children's Church**

**9am:** Tom and Amanda Petelik, Owen and Lina Gentry

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

**Tech Team**

Abby McGahey, Christian Olsen, Emmett Stephens, Steve Sylvia

**Greeters**

**9am:** Lindsay Hutter, Mike and Vicki Gutshall, Becky and Brian Knapp, Emma and Crissy Stubbs

**11am:** Sara Eppright, Pierre Jolly, Emma and Crissy Stubbs, 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.

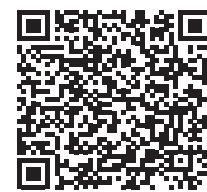
This class will address the crucial question: "How do we parent our children by grace?" We will study key passages from the Old and New Testament on the subject of parenting. Although the Bible does not give us a manual per se on parenting, it offers wise and practical advice based on "God's parenting 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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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*  
*Hosea 2:19-20*

<sup>19</sup> And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. <sup>20</sup> I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ affirmation of faith

*Apostles’ Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### ■ song 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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### ■ prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **scripture reading** | *Joan Leotta (9am); Caitlin Jolly (11am)*

*Jeremiah 31:31-34 (pg. 618)*

**The New Covenant**

<sup>31</sup> “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup> not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup> For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ songs of praise

**Thy Mercy, My God**

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
the joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue.  
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last  
hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
but through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,  
and He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground  
and weep to the praise of the mercy I’ve found.

Thy mercy in Jesus exempts me from hell;  
its glories I’ll sing, and its wonders I’ll tell:  
‘Twas Jesus my all, as He hung on the tree  
and opened the channel of mercy for me.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,  
and the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
all praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine  
seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

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**Turn Your Eyes**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

Turn your eyes to the hillside where justice and mercy embraced;  
there the Son of God gave His life for us, and our measureless debt was erased.

*Jesus, to You we lift our eyes—Jesus, our glory and our prize.  
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true, O Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.*

Turn your eyes to the morning and see Christ the Lion awake.  
What a glorious dawn; fear of death is gone, for we carry His life in our veins.

Turn your eyes to the heavens—our King will return for His own;  
every knee will bow, every tongue will shout, “All glory to Jesus alone!”

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### ■ congregational prayer

■ **offertory prayer** | *Rob Coit (9am); Aaron Lynch (11am)*

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

**Prayer to Jesus**

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin;  
from selfish passions set me free, and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, by anxious thoughts oppressed,  
let me Thy loving servant be, and taste Thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;  
through darkness and perplexity point out the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when this life is past,  
I may th’eternal brightness see, and share Thy joy at last. 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.*

*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 2:18-22 (pg. 786)*

**A Question About Fasting**

<sup>18</sup> Now John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, “Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?” <sup>19</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. <sup>20</sup> The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. <sup>21</sup> No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. <sup>22</sup> And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins.”

### ■ prayer for illumination

■ **sermon** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

**“A Time to Feast”**

Sermon Series: *The Gospel According to Mark*

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of response

**When We See Your Face**

Though the dark is overwhelming, and the brightest lights grow dim,  
though the Word of God is trampled on by foolish men,  
though the wicked never stumble and abound in every place,  
we will all be humbled when we see Your face.

And the enemies we’re fighting, those without and those within,  
will be underneath our feet to never rise again.  
All our sins will be behind us, through the blood of Christ erased,  
and we’ll taste Your kindness when we see Your face.

*We will see, we will know like we’ve never known before.  
We’ll be found, we’ll be home, we’ll be Yours forevermore.*

All the waiting will be over, every sorrow will be healed,  
all the dreams it seemed could never be will all be real;  
and You’ll gather us together in Your arms of endless grace  
as Your bride forever, when we see Your face.

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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

■ **announcements** | *Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries*