

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

Church Office Closure. The church office will be closed on November 28-29 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Join us for our Thanksgiving Service and Potluck Tonight 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."

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.

Walking in the Spirit (WitS) begins January 12 from 5-7pm. APC is offering a discipleship ministry called Walking in the Spirit (WitS), which will be led by Pastor Tom and Sharon Holliday. This is a 10 week in-depth study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit, which begins Sunday, January 12 and runs through March 23, with a break on February 16. Each class will consist of an hour of teaching followed by an hour of small group interaction, as well as reflection and homework during the week. Since each week builds upon the previous week, we ask that you commit to being present in at least 8 of the 10 weeks. Participants are also invited to a banquet to celebrate and share testimonies of what God has done in our midst on March 30. More details will be forthcoming on the banquet. **This year, WitS is limited to the first 75 people to sign up. Sign up in "APC Sign-Ups" before Christmas.**

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.

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

Do you have a heart for college-aged students? Join us on Sunday, December 15, at 11am in the youth room as we discuss a vision to disciple college-aged students this summer! For more information contact Adam LeRoy at adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org.

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. 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.

Call to Prayer— January 2024. As we embark on a New Year, the elders invite you to join them in APC-wide prayer opportunities: Sunday, January 5 at 5pm; Wednesday, January 8 at 7:30pm; and Saturday, January 11 at 9am.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week: The Bollings

Nursery

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

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

Next Week (9am): Femi Adeniji, John Connelly, Ryan and Amy Douglass, Kirsten Etherton, Evelyn Heil, Patricia Kodjo, Joe, Paul, McKinzie and Anna Newman, Evan and Maureen Ward

Next Week (11am): Marc, Shannon and Sarah Allen, Sue Edwards, Caitlin Jolly, Carmen Rives, Bailey Rolland

Children's Church

9am: Brian and Sarah Field, Tom and Amanda Petelik

11am: Stephanie Olsen

Tech Team

Hudson Diack, Chris McGahey, Bailey and Joey Rolland

Greeters

9am: Sara Butler, Matt Coombs, Lynn Streett, Mike and Sun Williams

11am: Maggie Cho, Jodie and Anna Kirk, Kodjo Family

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

GivingTuesday and Year-End gifts to APC. As GivingTuesday approaches on December 3, many people are considering specific ways to give. We appreciate your prayerful consideration of APC and including us as part of your giving on this day!

Year-End Gifts. As you plan a year-end gift to APC, keep in mind that the church office will be closed December 25-January 1, and the last worship service of the year is December 29. Gifts received in the mail the first week of January—if dated and postmarked in 2024—will be included in your 2024 year-end giving statement. You may also make your year-end gifts through APC's online giving portal thru December 31, 2024. In addition, if you would like to donate securities or stocks to APC's general fund, please contact Kathy Sens at kathy.sens@alexandriapres.org and she can give you the information needed to make a transfer. If you would like to donate a special year end gift, simply indicate this on your check and mail it to the APC office or put it in the offering box. You may also make your donation online. Thank you for considering APC in your year-end planning.

If you are age 70 ½ or older and have an IRA, federal law permits you to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your retirement account up to \$105,000 per year to a charity such as APC. A QCD does not constitute income to you and does not count as a charitable tax deduction. However, a QCD does constitute a distribution for purposes of making a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Particularly for taxpayers who must take RMDs beginning at age 73, making a QCD can have tax benefits. Please consult with your tax advisor or retirement account institution to see if this makes sense for you.

For Lincolnian seniors and Missions giving opportunities, please see the bulletin insert.

WE ARE HIRING

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, want more information or would like to see the full position description.

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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** | *Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries*
Colossians 3:16-17

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **choral introit** | *Youth Choir*
Festival Alleluia

Sing unto God, all the heavens and earth, alleluia!
Clap your hands, rejoice and sing a joyful song—
sing it loudly, sing it merrily, sing it softly, sing with a beautiful melody.

Sing unto God, all the heavens and earth, alleluia!
Celebrate, and with a cheerful voice sing alleluia, sing it from your heart.
Make your life a song to God.

Listen to the rhythm, to the rhythm of creation, listen to the beat of life.
Wake up to the wonder of a world in celebration, wake up to a world of light,
and sing, children, sing alleluia, praise to the Lord above.
Sing, children, sing alleluia, God is love.

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■ song of praise

How Great Thou Art (#44, vv. 1, 3-4)

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
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And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **scripture reading** | *Femi Adeniji (9am); Ruth Fisher (11am)*

Psalms 107:1-9 (pg.474)

Let the Redeemed of the LORD Say So

¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble

³ and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to a city to dwell in;

⁵ hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

⁶ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

⁷ He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.

⁸ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

⁹ For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness, and clothed me in His light,
and wrote His law of righteousness with pow’r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
whose every promise is enough for every step I take,
sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above,
whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth is given by the King;
so I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.

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■ **missions partner update** | *Henry and Erika Watts, EMI*

■ congregational prayer

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

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ song of preparation

Your Words Are Wonderful (Psalm 119)

Your words are wonderful, unfolding like the dawn,
a wellspring and the rock we rest upon.
We trust Your promises that keep our hope alive;
they steady us throughout life’s weary climb.

Where else can we go? Where else can we go?
You have the words of life, the words of life.

Come write Your holy truth upon our longing hearts,
and strengthen us to shine against the dark.
Lord, guard us from the lies the Enemy will speak—
no guilt remains for those You have redeemed.

Where else can we go? Where else can we go?
You have the words of life, the words of life.

Make Your glory known, make Your glory known
through all Your words of life, Your words of life.

Give us ears to hear and eyes to see;
help us in our doubt and unbelief.

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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 2:23-3:6 (pg. 786)

Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

²³ One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ And the Pharisees were saying to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” ²⁵ And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: ²⁶ how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?” ²⁷ And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

A Man with a Withered Hand

^{3:1} Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ² And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man with the withered hand, “Come here.” ⁴ And he said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. ⁵ And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

■ prayer for illumination

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

“Lord of the Sabbath”

Sermon Series: *The Gospel According to Mark*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul,
for by Thy transforming power Thou hast made me whole.

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.

O how great Thy lovingkindness—vaster, broader than the sea:
O how marvelous Thy goodness, lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine,
know Thy certainty of promise, and have made it mine.

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art,
and Thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart—
satisfies its deepest longings; meets, supplies its every need;
compasseth me round with blessings—Thine is love indeed!

Ever lift Thy face upon me, as I work and wait for Thee;
resting ’neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth’s dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father’s glory, sunshine of my Father’s face—
keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace.

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■ deacons’ fund offering

■ 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** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*