

WELCOME

Welcome, we are glad you're here! Please silence all electronic devices.

As you are able, please sit toward the front and move to the middle of the row. Please try to leave no empty seats between families sitting on the same row.

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

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. All ages are welcome! Nursery is only provided on Sunday, January 5th.

Newcomer Dinner, January 18th. If you've recently started attending APC, we would love the chance to get to know you more! Please join us for food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall (downstairs at APC). You'll have a chance to meet church officers and staff, ask questions and learn more about the ministry God is building here. Check out the "APC Sign-Ups" QR code to register.

The next Inquirers Class is Friday evening, January 31st, and Saturday, February 1st. If you are interested in membership or in gaining a deeper understanding of APC, we invite you to attend this class. You will receive an introduction to Christianity, the PCA, and the specific vision/mission and philosophy of ministry at APC. Membership is open to all who profess faith in Christ and believe the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. Please indicate in the sign-up if you have childcare needs and any dietary/allergy restrictions.

Communicants Class for Children and Teens: The class will be held on Thursdays from 5:00-6:00pm at APC and run for eight weeks starting January 16th. Parents, please talk with your child/teen and consider whether or not you think they are ready to join the church as a communicant member. To find out more information, preview the workbook, or sign up; please contact adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org.

Women's Thursday morning Bible Study. Ladies, we invite you to join us for a 7 week series on the I AM statements of Jesus, which began Thursday, December 5th. We are 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.

The next baptism is Sunday, February 16th. If would like to have your child or children baptized, please send an email to Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

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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."

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week: Dorothy Taft

Nursery

This Week (9am): Sifa and Didier Balagizi, Stacey Diack, Ryan and Erin Furgerson, Sharon Holliday, Chris Nelms

This Week (11am): Juliet Edem, Emily Kinch, Gina Mitchell, Tom Mood, Eleanor Nagy

Next Week (9am): Catherine Chae, John Connelly, Sue Edwards, Patricia Kodjo, Justin Wells-Morgan, Janice Nichols, Chelsea Swink, Rachel Sylvia, Tommy Ribaric

Next Week (11am): Gladys Acevedo, Catherine Chae, Flora Chipana, Becky Knapp, Gina Mitchell, Rachel Sylvia

Children's Church

No Children's Church due to the 5th Sunday of the month.

Tech Team

Ben Crowley, Hudson Diack, Ethan Novak, Brittany Payton

Greeters

9am: Ryan Furgerson, Lindsay Hutter, Mike and Vicky Gutshall, Lynette Vanderschaaf

11am: Kristi Hellmuth, Pierre Jolly, Jodie Kirk, Chris Nelms, Lynette Vanderschaaf

KEY EQUIPPING

Key Equipping resumes Sunday, January 12th, 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:

Walking in the Spirit (Wits) taught by Pastor Tom and Sharon Holliday, Room 201. (Registration is closed).

This is a 10 week in-depth study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

Becoming More Like Jesus taught by Tom Tarrants, room 112. (Open to all)

When we are born again, we become disciples of Jesus and enter a lifelong process of transformation into his image. Through the gospels, Jesus both teaches and demonstrates the essential keys to this life-changing spiritual journey. In this co-ed class we will learn from Jesus some of the vital keys to faithfully following him, becoming more like him, and bearing fruit for God's glory. Discussion is encouraged and reading of 10-15 pages before each class is required.

Book of the Bible taught by Elder Aaron Renenger, room 114. (Open to all)
More information to follow.

YEAR END GIVING

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 today. 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. 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.

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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*

Psalm 103:15-19

Leader: ¹⁵As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
¹⁶for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

All: ¹⁷**But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children’s children, ¹⁸to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. ¹⁹The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us,
strong the hand stretched forth to shield us—all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well.
Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding,
steadfast through the Spirit’s guiding—all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow, all will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, “All is well.”
On our Father’s love relying, Jesus every need supplying,
yes, in living or in dying, all must be well.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Elder Brian Field (9am); Tom Tarrants (11am)*

1 Peter 1:13-21 (pg. 953)

Called to Be Holy

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of praise

How Low Was Our Redeemer Brought

How low was our Redeemer brought: The King who held the stars
lay helpless in a maiden’s arms and pressed against her heart.
While sheep and cattle raised their voice, the babe could speak no words;
the ever-flowing Spring of joy had come to share our thirst.

Gloria, gloria in the highest!
Gloria, gloria in the highest!

How low was our Redeemer brought: The Lord the worlds obeyed
would stumble as He learned to walk upon the ground He’d made.
The One the angels bowed before would kneel to wash our feet
and be at home among the poor, though He owned everything.

How low was our Redeemer brought to raise us from our shame;
and now the highest praise of all belongs to Jesus’ name.
The Healer wounded on a tree to bear our grief and sin;
the King gave up His crown so we could ever reign with Him.

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Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small;
child of weakness, watch and pray; find in me thine all in all.”

*Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find—Thy pow’r, and Thine alone,
can change the leper’s spots, and melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim;
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat.

O praise the One who paid my debt
and raised this life up from the dead!

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | *Sue Edwards (9am); Scott Kirk (11am)*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

Children’s Church does not meet today. In a month with five Sundays, our curriculum allows for children ages 5 through 2nd grade to experience what they are learning about the different aspects of worship by remaining in the service. Instead, these children are invited to come forward to the front steps of the Sanctuary for a children’s message.

■ children’s message

■ sermon scripture reading

John 14:12-14 (pg. 847)

¹² “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“Greater Works”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ prayer of commitment

adapted from The Valley of Vision, “New Year”

O Lord, my length of days does not profit me unless the days are passed in Your presence, in Your service, and for Your glory. Please give me a grace that follows and sustains me every hour. Teach me to rely on Your Spirit to supply my every thought, speak in my every word, direct my every step, prosper my every work, and build up every mote of my faith.

I launch my boat on the unknown waters of this year, with You, Father, as my harbour; with You, Son, at my helm; with You, Holy Spirit, filling my sails. Fill my heart with awe at Your presence with me, and free my soul to take joy in every triumph of Your grace through Jesus Christ. Amen.

■ song of response

All of Our Tomorrows

This spinning world, by Your own hand, hurls ever on around the sun;
the seasons march at Your command; the old departs, the new year comes.
And though celestial is Your gaze, You search and care for all our ways.
We offer up to You this day and all of our tomorrows.

May zealous youth and cautious age determine not the steps we choose;
Great Shepherd, guide us through each day—O, how we want to follow You.
Come, Living Way, our way make clear; let perfect love drive out our fear;
be Thou our vision—now and here, and all of our tomorrows.

When winter makes us reminisce of warmer days so distant now,
of cherished saints the sun once kissed whose beauty passed behind the clouds,
let all our fond and longing tears remind us we are pilgrims here.
We trust You, Sovereign of our years, with all of our tomorrows.

Hands to the plow, we’re pressing on and running hard to win the prize,
empowered by the love of God with grace before and grace behind.
For lo, what hope before us stands: You finish all that You began;
eternal joy is in Your hands, and all of our tomorrows.

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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