

## 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

Giving statements for 2024 were emailed to everyone last week. If you were expecting one and do not receive it or if you believe it contains errors, please contact Rob Coit at rob.coit@alexandriapres.org.

All Church Dinner 2025. We invite you to join us for our Luau themed All Church Dinner on March 1st at 6pm. There are 200 spots available and it costs \$18/person to attend (capped at \$60/family). Childcare will be available for children 6 and under. Sign up in 'APC Sign-Ups'. Volunteer sign-ups will be in the Wednesday email.

Ladies of APC, join us for Women's Ministry Table Talk Dinners, February 22nd! Intimate dinners scattered throughout the area, hosted by a number of APC ladies on the evening of February 22nd from 6pm-8pm. Various women of APC open their homes and provide the main course, while guests bring appetizers, sides, desserts, and more. Hostesses will be assigned to you at random and will contact you with specific details for the evening. This is a wonderful, relaxed evening getting to know women you may not typically run into on a Sunday morning and has proven to be one of our most popular events in the past. We hope you will join us! Keep a look out for a sign-up coming February 5th.

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.

Seeking Men and Women Willing to be Part of APC's Transportation Ministry. As you may know, APC maintains a transportation ministry to help folks without a car or unable to drive get to church, doctor's appointments, and other priority needs. We currently have a number of APC volunteers who have graciously given of their time to be part of this ministry, but we need more. We especially need people who are available to drive during the week, when doctor's and other appointments come up. The more volunteers we have, the more we can spread the workload among several of us. Volunteers may be asked to complete the APC Congregational Care & Safety trainings for serving with children or with vulnerable adults. If you'd be interested in this ministry, please fill out the following form or contact deaconess Emily Kinch at emily.kinch@alexandriapres.org.

Koinonia: 20's and 30's! Please check the APC emails for a list of all events for this semester. We hope you can join us! For questions, contact Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

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

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

*This Week:* the Flores family

Nursery

*This Week (9am):* Matt, Millie and Carrie Brown, Adam Davis, Sharon Holliday, Matt Jamison, Jenny and Abby McGahey, McKinzie, Joe, Anna, and Paul Newman, Stephen Sylvia

*This Week (11am):* Jodie and Anna Kirk, Chris Nelms, Laurie and Asa LeRoy, Carmen Rives, Chelsea, Emma, and Hudson Swink, Stephen Sylvia

*Next Week (9am):* Jon Blank, Stacey Diack, Patricia Kodjo, Jackie and Claire McCauley, Madison Newman, Joe, Paul, Anna and McKinzie Newman, Rebecca and Bethany Schad, Doug Shipley, Justin Wells-Morgan

*Next Week (11am):* Stacey Diack, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Reb Maylum, Bailey Rolland, Ben, Kimberly, Sam, Max and Eli Signer

Children's Church

*9am:* Mark and Kari Adams, Tom and Amanda Petelik

*11am:* Brian and Sarah Field

Tech Team

Lauren Evans, Lee Huntington, Bailey Rolland

Greeters

*9am:* Lindsay Hutter, Yaovi and Patricia Kodjo, Jim and Jo Ann Kottkamp,

*11am:* Maggie Cho, Sara Eppright, Cynthia Oviatt, Katy Rogers, Lynette Vanderschaaf

## KEY EQUIPPING

Key Equipping is meeting tonight 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 (WiS) taught by Pastor Tom and Sharon Holliday, Room 201. (Registration 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.

Isaiah taught by Elders Aaron Renenger and Bryant Streett, room 114.

(Open to all)

Isaiah has sometimes been called The Fifth Gospel, anticipating as it does the coming of Jesus and the consummation of Christ's kingdom. Isaiah is about the Holy One of Israel's relationship to his people throughout the arc of history. In its pages, we glimpse the unfathomable holiness of God, the deep rebelliousness of humanity, God's covenant love for his people, the promise of the coming Messiah, and God's plan for redemption of the world. It is a book filled with terrible judgment and unsurpassable hope and promise. Join us for this 11-week course as we come to know both God and ourselves better through the lens of Isaiah.

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."

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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 28:6-9*

Leader:     <sup>8</sup>The LORD is the strength of his people;  
                  he is the saving refuge of his anointed.  
<sup>9</sup>Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!  
                  Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

**All:**           <sup>6</sup>**Blessed be the LORD!**  
                  **For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**  
<sup>7</sup>**The LORD is my strength and my shield;**  
                  **in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;**  
                  **my heart exults,**  
                  **and with my song I give thanks to him.**

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (#53, vv. 1-3, 5)**  
Please find lyrics in the hymnal and on screen.

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### ■ prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### ■ scripture reading | *Shannon Allen (9am); Matt Coombs (11am)*

*Ephesians 2:1-10 (pg. 917)*

#### By Grace Through Faith

<sup>1</sup> And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—<sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### Not in Me

No list of sins I have not done, no list of virtues I pursue,  
no list of those I am not like can earn myself a place with You.  
O God, be merciful to me—I am a sinner through and through!  
My only hope of righteousness is not in me, but only You.

No humble dress, no fervent prayer, no lifted hands, no tearful song,  
no recitation of the truth can justify a single wrong.  
My righteousness is Jesus’ life; my debt was paid by Jesus’ death;  
my weary load was borne by Him, and He alone can give me rest.

No separation from the world, no work I do, no gift I give  
can cleanse my conscience, cleanse my hands; I cannot cause my soul to live.  
But Jesus died and rose again—the pow’r of death is overthrown!  
My God is merciful to me, and merciful in Christ alone.  
My righteousness is Jesus’ life; my debt was paid by Jesus’ death;  
my weary load was borne by Him, and He alone can give me rest.

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### ■ farewell | *Brian and Becky Knapp (9am)*

### ■ congregational prayer

### ■ offertory prayer | *Will Marks (9am); Linda Metheny (11am)*

### ■ presentation of tithes and offerings

### ■ offertory | *Adult Choir (9am)*

#### Offertory

*Words from Micah 6:6-8; Music by John Ness Beck; © 1987 Beckenhorst Press, Inc.*

*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 3:20-35 (pg. 787)*

<sup>20</sup> Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat.  
<sup>21</sup> And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

#### Blasphemy Against the Holy Spirit

<sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” <sup>23</sup> And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. <sup>27</sup> But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

<sup>28</sup> “Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—<sup>30</sup> for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

#### Jesus’ Mother and Brothers

<sup>31</sup> And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup> And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” <sup>33</sup> And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup> And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

### ■ prayer for illumination

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

#### “The Unforgivable Sin”

*Series: The Gospel According to Mark*

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ prayer of confession

*based on Hebrews 3:12-14 and 4:11-13*

**Father of Might, we confess that we Your children are weak. We are susceptible to evil and unbelieving hearts, causing us to fall away from Your abundant life. We can be hardened by deceitfulness, preventing us from entering Your rest. Though we perceive and fear the dangers of our disobedience, still we are helpless to change our ways. Yet even as You issue warnings, You offer Yourself to rescue and transform us. By coming to share in the perfect merit of Christ and the renewal of His Spirit, we can be spared from all eternal guilt! So as long as it is called “today,” please soften our hearts, that we may do Your will, and hold firm to the end our confidence in our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### ■ words of assurance

*Hebrews 4:14-16*

#### Jesus the Great High Priest

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

### ■ 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

#### Sing to Jesus

*Come and see, look on this mystery: the Lord of the universe nailed to a tree;  
Christ our God, spilling His holy blood, bowing in anguish His sacred head.*

*Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame, Lord of our sinful hearts;  
He is our great Redeemer.*

*Sing to Jesus; honor His name, sing of His faithfulness,  
pouring His life out unto death.*

*Come, you weary, and He will give you rest; come, you who mourn, lay on His breast.  
Christ who died, risen in paradise– giver of mercy, giver of life.*

*Sing to Jesus; His is the throne, now and forever;  
He is the King of heaven.*

*Sing to Jesus; we are His own, now and forever;  
sing for the love our God has shown.*

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## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of response

#### Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?  
O You rescue the souls of men

*You are the One that we praise; You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for  
O our hearts always hunger for*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost our way  
O we’ve hopelessly lost our way

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne  
O we’re falling before Your throne

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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