

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Supplication. Each January at APC, we invite the congregation to offer written prayers of thanksgiving and supplication. A time will be set aside during the worship service on January 26th to bring your written prayer requests forward and place them in a basket, consecrating them before the Lord. Prayer forms are available in the lobby and can be submitted online, or printed and mailed to the church office: 1300 West Braddock Road, Alexandria VA 22302, attention Tom Holliday.

The pastors and elders will read your submissions and will spend time in prayer for you. As you consider your prayer of thanksgiving, we encourage you to thank God for a special prayer that has been answered this past year, which encouraged your faith. As we offer prayers of supplication for the upcoming year, we encourage you to ask God to do something in your life that feels like a stretch—something that requires faith. As we often say at APC, "We want to ask God to do something so great, that if He is not in it, we are sure to fail."

Spanish Worship Service Sunday, January 26th at 11 am in Room 201. Join us for a time of singing, prayer, and a sermon—all in Spanish. This monthly worship service is led by Joel Acevedo, APC's Pastor of International Outreach and Mercy. Help us spread the word by inviting friends and neighbors, and join us in prayer as we seek to glorify Christ through this time of worship.

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.

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 23rd. 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.

Our next Inquirers Class is January 31st to 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. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. Sign up through the APC emails or the QR code "APC Sign-Ups".

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 Allen family

Nursery

This Week (9am): Drew Black, Maggie, Gus, and Woodrow Coombs, Adam Davis, Alex Gesch, Evelyn Heil, Will Marks, Jackie McCauley, Tommy and Emily Ribaric

This Week (11am): Flora Chipana, Phoebe Drybola, Juliet Edem, Frank Girgenti, Reb Maylum, Gina Mitchell, Bailey Rolland

Next Week (9am): Kari and Elaina Adams, Shannon Allen, Chase and Mary Lou Chesser, Lina Gentry, Jessica Newman, McKinzie, Joe, Paul, and Anna Newman, Andy, Rebecca, and Bethany Schad

Next Week (11am): Marc, Shannon and Sarah Allen, Phoebe Drybola, Juliet Edem, Brian, Sarah, Vivie, and Tommy Field,

Children's Church

9am: Nathan and Amanda Leamer, Will and Catherine Marks

11am: Stephanie and Abbie Olsen

Tech Team

Chris Blackburn, Chris and Abby McGahey, Emmett Stephens

Greeters

9am: Matt Coombs, Lindsay Hutter, Romy and Amy Murr, Lynn Streett, Emma and Crissy Stubbs

11am: Kristi Hellmuth, Chris Nelms, Cynthia Oviatt, Emma and Crissy Stubbs

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.

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APC Sign-Ups



Give
to APC



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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** | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions*
Psalm 70:4-5

⁴ May all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you!

May those who love your salvation
say evermore, “God is great!”

⁵ But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!

You are my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not delay!

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart, You’re the one that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, O, I need You, every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness, O God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more, where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free, holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I’ll fall on You. Jesus, You’re my hope and stay

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **scripture reading** | *John Stubbs (9am); Pete Olsen (11am)*

Philippians 3:12-4:1 (pg. 922)

Straining Toward the Goal

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ prayer of confession

Based on The Valley of Vision ‘The Divine Will’

O, Lord, I rely completely on you. I see, believe, live, when your will, not mine, is done; I can plead nothing in myself in regard of any worthiness and grace, but only your good pleasure.

When I try to bring your will to mine it is to command Christ, to be above Him, and wiser than he; this is my sin and pride. Show me what sins hide you from me and eclipse your love.

It is the meek and humble who are shown your covenant, know your will, are pardoned and healed, who by faith depend and rest upon grace, who are sanctified and evidence your love.

Help me to pray in faith and so find your will by leaning hard on your rich free mercy, by believing that you will give what you have promised. Strengthen me to pray with the conviction that whatever I receive is your gift, so that I may pray until prayer be granted.

So shall I seek your will, pray for it to be done, and by your grace live in obedience. Amen.

■ songs of praise

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone,
but in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame,
but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul;
I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die; fame, youth, and beauty hurry by;
but life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom’s fleeting light,
but I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness;
my value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

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Man of Sorrows! What a Name (#246)

Man of sorrows! What a name for the Son of God who came
ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood,
sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was He.
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die; “It is finished!” was His cry.
Now in heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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■ congregational prayer

■ **commissioning of a deaconess** | *Patricia Kodjo (9am)*

■ offertory prayer

■ 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

Luke 19:1-10 (pg. 825)

Jesus and Zacchaeus

¹ He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷ And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” ⁸ And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” ⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

■ prayer for illumination

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

“The Power of Jesus to Seek and Save Souls”

Series: Thinking, Praying and Living a Missional Life

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Glorious Christ

The radiance of the Father before the dawn of time,
You spoke and all creation came to be.
The molecules and planets reveal Your great design,
and every one was made so we could see—so we could see

You are the glorious Christ, the greatest of all delights;
Your power is unequalled, Your love beyond all heights.
No greater sacrifice than when You laid down Your life;
we join the song of angels who praise You day and night—glorious Christ!

You left the air of heaven to breathe the dust of earth
and dwell among the outcast and the poor;
You came to be forsaken, and died to take our curse
so You could be our joy forevermore—forevermore.

You’re seated now in heaven, enthroned at God’s right hand;
You’ve shattered death and freed us from our fears,
and though we cannot see You, You’re coming back again,
and all will be made right when You appear,
and all will be made right when You appear.

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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*