

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

This morning, we welcome Rev. Dan Iverson to our pulpit. Dan grew up in a ministry family. He met Carol in college where both were disciples. Carol went on to graduate school and Dan became a Marine infantry officer, serving initially in Japan. They married in 1976, and spent seven years in the Marines. God led them to Reformed Seminary where He impressed on them a central Bible theme they had missed: God's heart for all nations. A team of four seminary couples formed. Three Japanese pastors invited the team to come work together in East Tokyo planting churches to start a presbytery. The four couples made 12-year commitments to Japan. The Iversons arrived first in 1986 with five children. The Japanese are the world's second largest unreached people group, but Jesus is building His Church as promised! (Matt. 16:18) God blessed the ministry, churches were planted, and the Tokyo/Chiba Presbytery was born. Currently U.S.-based, Dan has handed off duties as pastor, team leader, and country director, and now focuses on mentoring, coaching church planters, teaching/preaching, and recruiting. Carol handed off duties as principal in our team's school, and now focuses on mentoring women, Parakaleo training for women, Japan member care, and teaching.

Call to Prayer— January 2025. 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.

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 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.

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.

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

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

Next Week (9am): Laura and Alex Erickson, Kirsten Etherton, Andrew Hobold, Nathan and Jessica Newman, Tom and Amanda Petelik, Susanna Root, Margaret Veenstra

Next Week (11am): Caitlin Jolly, Gina Mitchell, Chris Nelms, KayCee Poole, Carmen Rives, Staci Root, Mary Mitchell Todd

Children's Church

9am: Mary Lou and Chase Chesser, Will and Catherine Marks

11am: Owen and Lina Gentry

Tech Team

Liz Crowley, Hensley Golopp, Mike Mazek, Amanda Petelik

Greeters

9am: Adam and Hannah Davis, Lindsay Hutter, Jim and Jo Ann Kottkamp

11am: Pierre Jolly, Joe and Joan Leotta, Chris Nelms, Cynthia Oviatt

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 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.

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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January 5, 2025

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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 | Elder Matt Coombs

Psalm 57:7-11

Leader: ⁷ My heart is steadfast, O God,
my heart is steadfast!

All: I will sing and make melody!

Leader: ⁸ Awake, my glory!

Awake, O harp and lyre!

All: I will awake the dawn!

Leader: ⁹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.

**All: ¹⁰ For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Leader: ¹¹ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

All: Let your glory be over all the earth!

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks,

You paint the evening sky with wonders.

The earth, it is Your throne; from desert to the sea, all nature testifies Your splendor.

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Sing His greatness, all creation!

Praise the LORD! Raise your voice, you heights and all you depths from furthest east to west:

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

You reached into the dust; in love Your Spirit breathed; You formed us in Your very likeness
to know Your wondrous works, to tell Your mighty deeds, to join the everlasting chorus.

Let symphonies resound, let drums and choirs ring out,
all heaven hear the sound of worship.

Let every nation bring its honors to the King— a roar of harmonies eternal!

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Sing His greatness, all creation!

Praise the LORD! Raise your voice, you heights and all you depths from furthest east to west,

you distant burning stars, all creatures near and far, from sky to sea to shore, sing out forevermore:

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Amy Weld (9am); Sara Eppright (11am)

Acts 9:1-22 (pg. 863)

¹ But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵ And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”

¹³ But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened.

Saul Proclaims Jesus in Synagogues

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰ And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” ²¹ And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” ²² But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God.
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

*O the wonderful cross, maravillosa cruz,
bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.*

*O the wonderful cross, O dinku meskel,
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.*

See from his head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did ever such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!

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■ missions partner update | Dan Iverson, MTW Japan

■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | Elder Shant Boyajian (9am); Maggie Cho (11am)

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ song of preparation

Help Us See Christ

Holy Spirit, Breath of God, Witness to all that Christ has done

Great Revealer, radiant Light, one with the Father and the Son

Open our eyes, help us see Christ; may we behold His majesty

Open our eyes, Spirit we cry; show us the glory of our King!

Help us see Christ

Holy Spirit, Voice of truth, speaking the Word of God to us
Sent from heaven to our hearts, that we might know the Father’s love

Holy Spirit, Guarantee of the redemption Christ has won
Promised Helper, be our strength, until this race on earth is run

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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

2 Corinthians 5:14-21 (pg. 908)

¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Rev. Dan Iverson

“In Christ: Loved, Made New and Put on Mission”

Sermon Series: *Thinking, Praying, and Living A Missional Life*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of response

Let Your Kingdom Come

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts

May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are

We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown

The cross has saved us, so we pray, “Your kingdom come!”

Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done

So that everyone might know Your name

Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth

Till Your sovereign work on earth is done

Let Your kingdom come!

Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak
Lord, use us as You want, whatever the test
By grace we’ll preach Your gospel till our dying breath

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Doxology (#731, additional languages on screen)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;

praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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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