

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

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.

Join the Youth Choir this Spring! Youth Choir welcomes students in grades 1-8, singing with treble/unchanged voices. Rehearsals begin on March 2 and culminate with helping to lead worship on April 6. For more information and to register, click the link in 'Apc Sign-Ups.' Please contact Serenity Novak, serenitanovak@gmail.com, with any questions.

Women's Thursday morning Bible Study, February 20th and 27, 9:45am-11:30am.

GENEROSITY: WHAT WE'VE BEEN GIVEN; WHAT WE'VE BEEN MADE FOR

We are called to live generous lives as an act of worship of our generous God. This 2 week study will expand our understanding on what it looks like to live generously in community in response to God's radical grace. We will use Tim Keller's book and sermon series on generosity as a resource.

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study. Join us as we meditate on the life and death of Jesus during Lent—the six weeks leading to Easter. We'll journey through the book of Mark on Tuesday nights from 7:30-9:00pm at the church and draw from Tim Keller's book, Jesus the King, as a guide. The study will start on Tuesday, March 4 (the day before Ash Wednesday), conclude Tuesday, April 8, and will be co-led by Amy Weld, Christina Renenger, and Staci Root. For more information or to let us know you'll attend, contact Amy Weld at AmyhWeld@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.

Deacons' Fund will be collected next Sunday, February 23rd.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality
Nursery

This Week: Gladys Acevedo, Miriam Moreno-Coto, Rodney Veenstra

This Week (9am): Sifa Balagizi, Nikki Blank, Jamie Connelly, Rob Fisher, Alex Gesch, Evelyn Heil, Aaron and Jackie McCauley, Kathy McGee, Tom and Emily Ribaric

This Week (11am): Christine and Zach Brittle, Phoebe Drybola, Caitlin Jolly, Lynn Streett, Bethany Tinev

Next Week (9am): Stacey Diack, Ryan and Amy Douglass, Serenity and Ethan Novak, Sarah Huntington, Jo Porwoll, Susanna Root, Chelsea Swink, Evan and Maureen Ward

Next Week (11am): Juliet Edem, Sue Edwards, Sara and Rick Eppright, Rebecca Maylum, Allison Rivera, Staci Root

Children's Church

9am: Erin Furgerson, Leslie Bridge & Chelsea Swink

11am: Ryan & Erin Furgerson

Tech Team

Liz Crowley, Pete and Christian Olsen, Bailey Rolland

Greeters

9am: Matt Coombs, Yaovi and Patricia Kodjo, Romedy and Amy Murr

11am: Sara Eppright, Pierre Jolly

KEY EQUIPPING

No Key Equipping this evening! Key Equipping will resume Sunday, February 23rd.

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.

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



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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** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*
Hebrews 12:28-29

²⁸ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of praise

Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven? Who else could make every king bow down? Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises? What other splendor outshines the sun? What other majesty rules with justice? Only a holy God.

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only;
cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God;
come and worship the holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire? What other power can raise the dead? What other name remains undefeated? Only a holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing? Who else would offer His only Son? Who else invites me to call Him Father? Only a holy God— only a holy God!

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O God Beyond All Praising (#660)

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift You send, at blessings without number and mercies without end; we lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word, we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve You as our King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still, to marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Sharon Holliday (9am); Tom Tarrants (11am)

1 Peter 2:4-12 (pg. 953)

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”
⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,” ⁸ and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”
They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ prayer of confession

Heavenly Father, I know that Your grace chooses me, welcomes me into Your people, numbers me among Your priests, and accounts me righteous through the righteousness of Jesus. How great, then, is my sin when I live in the light of Your kingdom without my light shining! Though You call me to bear Your holy image, I have allowed the passions of my flesh to darken my soul, corrupt my conscience, and cloud my judgment. Furthermore, I have belittled, envied, and spoken harshly to others, failing to apply the truth revealed to my heart.

In Your great love, please forgive me and cleanse me of my sin. Renew me, Holy Spirit, to live a new life, walking as Christ walked in holiness and dependence. Fill me with love for my neighbor as myself, grounded in contentment and expressed in words that build up. And cause me to treasure my priestly access to You, living sacrificially and bringing much glory to Your name. Amen.

■ song of assurance

Beneath the Cross

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I find a place to stand and wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am; for hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me, “Come.” Beneath the cross of Jesus, my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, His family is my own; once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one through grace alone. How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved? Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown, we follow in His footsteps, where promised hope is found. How great the joy before us, to be His perfect bride! Beneath the cross of Jesus, we will gladly live our lives.

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■ sacrament of baptism (9am)

This morning we are pleased to baptize the following covenant child:
Smith Roberts Whittaker, son of James and Meghan Whittaker

■ covenantal blessing (9am)

from the liturgy of the French Reformed Church

For you, little one, the Spirit of God moved over the waters at creation, and the Lord God made covenants with his people.

For you the Word of God became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

For you Jesus Christ suffered death, crying out at the end, “It is finished!”

And for you Christ triumphed over death, rose in newness of life, and ascended to rule over all.

All of this was done for you, though you do not know any of this yet. But we will continue to tell you this good news until it becomes your own by faith. And so the promise of the gospel is fulfilled: “We love because God first loved us.”

■ congregational prayer | Elder Mark Adams (9am); Elder Didier Balagizi (11am)

■ offertory prayer | Steve Mason (9am); Gary McGee (11am)

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us, truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises, and by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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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 4:21-34 (pg. 788)

A Lamp Under a Basket

²¹ And he said to them, “Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? ²² For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. ²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.” ²⁴ And he said to them, “Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. ²⁵ For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”

The Parable of the Seed Growing

²⁶ And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground.

²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how.

²⁸ The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.

²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³⁰ And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴ He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

“The Surprising Nature of God’s Kingdom”

Sermon Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ prayer of consecration

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

■ song of response

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
To Him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

To our King be highest praise, rising through eternal days.
Just and faithful He shall reign; Jesus shall reign.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.
Blessings abound where’er He reigns; the pris’ner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud 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