

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

Koinonia Lunch Today! 20s and 30s, please join us for lunch after the 2nd service. Check the GroupMe for more details.

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! Find more information in the APC emails.

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.

GIVING AT A GLANCE

July 1, 2024 - January 31, 2025

Giving: \$1,786,456
Budget: \$1,618,000
Difference: \$168,456
Percentage: 110%

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week: the Coit family, Rodney Veenstra

Nursery

This 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

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

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

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

Children's Church

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

11am: Ryan and Erin Furgerson

Tech Team

Manuel Bravo, Brittany Payton, Joey Rolland

Greeters

9am: the Allen family, Sara and Hannah Butler, Lindsay Hutter, Lynn Streett

11am: Richard and Melinda Douglass, Kristi Hellmuth, Pierre Jolly, Joe and Joan Leotta

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** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*
Psalms 75:1-3

¹ We give thanks to you, O God;
we give thanks, for your name is near.
We recount your wondrous deeds.

² “At the set time that I appoint
I will judge with equity.

³ When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants,
it is I who keep steady its pillars.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

How Firm a Foundation (#94, vv. 1-4, 6)

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word.
What more can He say than to you He has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed,
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

*Authors unknown; Words attr. to George Keith, published in John Rippon’s A Selection of Hymns, 1787;
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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **scripture reading** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

Psalms 126 (pg. 485)

Restore Our Fortunes, O LORD

¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

² Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

³ The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad.

⁴ Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like streams in the Negeb!

⁵ Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!

⁶ He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of praise

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Dear refuge of my weary soul— on Thee, when sorrows rise,
on Thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.
To Thee, I tell each rising grief, for Thou alone canst heal;
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief for every pain I feel.

But oh! when gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine;
the springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline.
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust,
and still my soul would cleave to Thee, though prostrate in the dust.

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace be deaf when I complain?
No, still the ear of sovereign grace attends the mourner’s prayer;
Oh, may I ever find access to breathe my sorrows there.

Thy mercy seat is open still— here let my soul retreat,
with humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet.
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with humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet.

*Words by Anne Steele, 1760; Music by Matt Merker; © 2014 Matthew Merker Music, Sovereign Grace
Praise (Admin. by Integrity Music); CCLI Song # 7016164*

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.

Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ, our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer’s blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing? “Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!”

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,

and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

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Matthew Merker Music, Messenger Hymns (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.); CCLI Song # 7147502*

■ congregational prayer

■ **offertory prayer** | *Dorothy Taft (9am); Micah Howard (11am)*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ **offertory** | *Adult Choir*

O Word of God

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky,
we praise You for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from You, our Savior, received the gift divine, and still that light is lifted o’er all the earth to shine.
It is the sacred vessel where gems of truth are stored;
it is the heav’n-drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.

The Scripture is a banner before God’s host unfurled; it is a shining beacon above the dark’ning world.
It is the chart and compass that o’er life’s surging tide,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands, to You, O Christ, will guide.

O make Your Church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold, to bear before the nations Your true light as of old.
O teach Your wand’ring pilgrims by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see You face to face.

*Words by William W. How, 1867; Music MUNICH from Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch (1693), arr. by
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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 4:1-20 (pg. 787)

The Parable of the Sower

¹ Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. ² And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: ³ “Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. ⁵ Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. ⁶ And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. ⁸ And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.” ⁹ And he said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

The Purpose of the Parables

¹⁰ And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables.

¹¹ And he said to them, “To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, ¹² so that

“they may indeed see but not perceive,
and may indeed hear but not understand,
lest they should turn and be forgiven.””

¹³ And he said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? ¹⁴ The sower sows the word. ¹⁵ And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. ¹⁶ And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. ¹⁷ And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. ¹⁸ And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, ¹⁹ but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²⁰ But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”

■ prayer for illumination

■ **sermon** | *Joel Acevedo, Pastor of International Outreach and Mercy*

“A Small Seed that Transforms, the Kingdom in Action”

Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

O Great God

O great God of highest heav’n, occupy my lowly heart,
own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow’r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war;
You have loved and purchased me; make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven’s joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me,
through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that’s dependent on Your grace;
keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed;
O great God of highest heav’n, glorify Your name through me.

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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** | *Bailey Rolland, Church Administrator*