

## 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

**Vision 2026 Resources.** Booklets were handed out on March 2nd. If you didn't receive one, stop by the resource table in the lobby to pick one up. Other resources are available at the table in the lobby and downstairs between services. New items are being added weekly.

**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.

**Men's Breakfast.** Men, it's that time of the year for good fellowship, food and encouragement. Our men's spring breakfast is March 22 from 8am-10am. We had a great time together last fall so you don't want to miss the opportunity for connecting and getting to know each other better. Our very own Marc Allen will share with us! Check your calendar and register in 'APC Sign-Ups!'

**Missions Dinner, April 6 from 5-7pm.** The theme for the 2025 dinner is 'On Mission' — Creating a culture of APC disciples on mission for Christ. Find out how you can be 'On Mission' for Christ, where you are right now. During the evening we will hear from a few of our APC-supported missionaries, listen to testimonies of impactful engagement while on mission, and share in conversation with others over dinner. Register in 'APC Sign-Ups'.

**Seeking Donations of Cars.** The Deacons and Deaconesses are assisting several individuals in the APC congregation who would greatly benefit from receiving a donated car for their use. If you have a used vehicle in good working condition with a few years of life left on it that you are willing to donate, please contact apcdeaconsanddeaconesses@alexandriapres.org. Your donation will be tax-deductible and greatly appreciated.

**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. 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 contact deaconess Emily Kinch at emily.kinch@alexandriapres.org.

**APC Women's Retreat at Meadowkirk —May 2-4.** Women of APC, we invite you to join us for a weekend at the lovely Meadowkirk Retreat Center in Middleburg, VA. Whether you are new to APC or have been around for years, our prayer is that you will find this to be a weekend of enjoying sweet time with the Lord both in worship and solitude, being blessed by our speaker, deepening existing friendships, and forming new ones as we fellowship and feast together. Please join us in prayer as we anticipate how the Lord will work during our time together.

Register through the link in the APC email or in 'APC Sign-Ups'. Space is limited, so we encourage you to sign up as soon as possible! Registration closes April 6th.

Guest speaker Dr. Heather Holleman will lead us in reflecting on this year's theme, "Sincerely Yours". Heather is an associate teaching professor of advanced writing at Penn State, speaker, and author. She has written ten books, including the bestseller *Seated with Christ: Living Freely in a Culture of Comparison*, and an award-winning book on evangelism (co-written with her husband, Ashley Holleman) called *Sent: Living a Life That Invites Others to Jesus*. Heather also serves with Faculty Commons in the professor ministry of Cru.

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

### Hospitality

**This Week:** the Coit family

### Nursery

**This Week (9am):** Femi Adeniji, Didier Balagizi, Leslie Bridge, Catherine Chae, Owen and Edwin Gentry, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Amy and Everly Murr, Madison Newman, Shauna and Rob Pittman, Susanna Root

**This Week (11am):** Juliet Edem, Matti Jamison, Gina Mitchell, Carmen Rives, Stacey Stephens, Angel Tinev

**Next Week (9am):** John Connelly, Ryan and Amy Douglass, Laura and Alex Erickson, Andrew Hobold, Abbie and Ellie Olsen, Tommy and Emily Ribaric, Rachel Sylvia

**Next Week (11am):** Rob, Elyse and Laura Coit, Laurie and Asa LeRoy, Rachel Sylvia, Amy Wells-Morgan

### Children's Church

**9am:** Bryant and Lynn Streett, Chris and Amy Weld

**11am:** Ryan and Erin Furgerson

### Tech Team

Ben and Liz Crowley, Ethan Novak, Amanda Petelik

### Greeters

**9am:** Mary Baird, Sara and Hannah Butler, Joe Cho, Ryan Furgerson, Lindsay Hutter, the Kodjo family

**11am:** Maggie Cho, Chris Nelms, 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 (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.

Connect with APC



APC Sign-Ups



Give to APC



Vision2026 Webpage



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 | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate* *Romans 12:1-2*

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount—I’m fixed upon it—mount of God’s unchanging love.

Sorr’wing I shall be in spirit till released from flesh and sin,  
yet from what I do inherit, here Thy praises I’ll begin;  
to this place Thy love has brought me, here by Thy great help I’m come,  
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger wand’ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.  
How His kindness yet pursues me mortal tongue can never tell;  
clothed in flesh, till death shall loose me, I cannot proclaim it well.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be;  
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love!  
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

O that day when, freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
full arrayed in blood-washed linen, how I’ll sing Thy sovereign grace.  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, bring Thy promises to pass,  
for I know Thy pow’r will keep me till I’m home with Thee at last!

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### ■ prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### ■ scripture reading | *Jeff Fearon (9am); Maggie Cho (11am)*

*Romans 12:3-8 (pg. 891)*

#### **Gifts of Grace**

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ songs of praise

#### **O God Beyond All Praising**

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.

The flow’r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,  
its fragile bloom surrender to You, the Lord Most High;  
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—  
though small in mortal stature, to heaven’s garden grown:  
for Christ, the Man from heaven, from death has set us free,  
and we through Him are given the final victory!

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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#### **He Will Hold Me Fast**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life’s fearful path,  
for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast; He will hold me fast,  
for my Savior loves me so; He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight; Christ will hold me fast;  
precious in His holy sight; He will hold me fast.  
He’ll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last.  
Bought by Him at such a cost; He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died; Christ will hold me fast.  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life; He will hold me fast,  
till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last.

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### ■ congregational prayer

### ■ offertory prayer | *Patricia Kodjo (9am); Rob Pittman (11am)*

### ■ presentation of tithes and offerings

### ■ offertory | *Adult Choir (9am)*

#### **Prayer of St. Patrick**

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.

#### **All:**

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart—  
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;  
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

#### **All:**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Christ beside me, Christ to guide me, Christ the Ruler of all!

*Words by St. Patrick, ca. 460, and from 8th cent. Irish poem, trans. by Mary E. Byrne (1905), vers. by Eleanor H. Hull (1912); Music by Mark Burrows, arr. by Victor Johnson, incorporating Irish melody SLANE; © 2011 Lorenz Publishing Company.*

*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 6:1-13 (pg. 789)*

#### **Jesus Rejected at Nazareth**

<sup>1</sup>He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” <sup>5</sup>And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup>And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.

#### **Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles**

<sup>7</sup>And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. <sup>11</sup>And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

### ■ prayer for illumination

### ■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

#### **“Kingdom Building Through Our Time and Talents”**

*Series: The Gospel According to Mark*

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song 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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### ■ 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

### ■ vision2026 - defining the why