

WELCOME TO ALEXANDRIA PRESBYTERIAN

We are glad you're here!
APC is a church of sinners. It's that simple. But we are bound together by the Gospel that saves us and transforms us — UNCHANGING TRUTH, CHANGING LIVES. The transformation is, however, a process. God isn't through with us yet. Everyone in this church is struggling with something. If you are currently struggling with greed, gossip, drugs, alcohol, sexual brokenness, eating disorders, anger, pride, etc — you are not alone. More importantly, God does not intend for you to struggle alone. That's why He made the Church. If you would like to learn how your brothers and sisters at APC might be able to encourage you, pray with you, and struggle alongside you, we encourage you to visit our welcome desk, scan our "Connect with APC" QR code, and/or contact one of our pastors, officers, or staff.

To assist you as part of our church family gathering today, we want you to know that we offer:
Nursery downstairs for newborn to age 4. Children age 5 through 2nd grade are welcome to continue worship in Children's Church following the offertory.

A simulcast of the worship service in the Main Level Adult Education Room (Room 112). As you or your family have the need, please feel free to use this area to continue your worship!

A Nursing Mothers Room downstairs, near the Fellowship Hall in Room 009. The worship service simulcast is also available here.

Large-Print Bulletins. See one of our greeters.

Assistive Listening Devices. For assistance, see one of our audio technicians.

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 available every Sunday during the 9am service. For more details, see one of our ushers.

As you are able, please help us to serve people arriving after you by sitting toward the front of the sanctuary, moving to the middle of your row, and closing empty chairs between you and those next to you.

To help focus our attention on Jesus during worship, please silence all electronic devices.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Fruits Sunday is today! We will share and celebrate our projection of Vision 2026 commitments to date and this will also be an opportunity to bring our first fruits toward those commitments to God. As you are able, we invite you to bring an offering, or as much of any one-time donations, "a first fruits" toward your commitment as an act of worship. See our FAQ for more information.

Vision 2026 commitment cards can still be submitted. We thank God for the outpouring and response from so many and it is not too late to submit a commitment card. Commitment cards are available at the Vision 2026 table and can be placed in the basket, returned to staff members Matt Coombs or Nick Carter, or completed electronically in the APC Sign-Ups.

Newcomer Fellowship Dinner, Saturday, May 10th, 6-8pm. If you've recently started attending APC, we would love the chance to get to know you more! Please join us for food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall (downstairs at APC). You'll have a chance to meet church officers and staff, ask questions and learn more about the ministry God is building here.

Nursery Volunteers! Today is the last day to sign up to volunteer for this quarter. Remaining spots will be assigned tomorrow. Want to know more about how you can serve our children here at APC? Reach out to Erin Furgerson at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

APC is excited to kick-off the summer with a new college-aged ministry, May 18th after the 11am service. Please join us after service for sandwiches, soups, & salads. Meet with other young adults and APC members that will be hosting meals, events, and prayer throughout the summer.

APC is looking for volunteer photographers! Do you have a talent in photography and want to use your skills here? We would like to capture the life of the church and get photos of our special services, dinners, retreats, and events. Interested? Reach out to Phoebe Drybola at phoebe.drybola@alexandriapres.org.

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School 2025! Rising Kindergarten to rising 5th graders: Join us for VBS this summer, June 16th-20th. Rising 6th graders to adults: Volunteers needed! Nursery & Preschool provided for volunteers.
Will you join us this Sunday in room 112 at 10:25am -10:55am for an informational meeting about our upcoming VBS? Do you love games, crafts, drama, snacks, and children? Come learn how you can be involved in our most loved children's ministry event!!
Can't make it this Sunday? Please email Erin: erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org

Baptism. The next baptism is Sunday, June 15th. If you would like to have your child or children baptized, please reach out to Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	<i>This Week:</i> The Flores family
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> Shannon Allen, Laura Erickson, Andrea Jones, Will Marks, Jackie McCauley, Tom Mood, Lisa Popadich, Joey Rolland, Doug Shipley <i>This Week (11am):</i> Juliet Edem, Dan Johnson, Gina Mitchell, Tom Mood, Chris Nelms, KayCee Poole, Stacey Stephens <i>Next Week (9am):</i> Alex Gesch, Aaron, Jackie, and Claire McCauley, Nate Myers, Joe, McKinzie, Anna and Paul Newman, Abbie and Ellie Olsen <i>Next Week (11am):</i> Matti Jamison, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Chris Nelms
Children's Church	<i>(9am):</i> Daniel and Andrea Jones; Will and Catherine Marks <i>(11am):</i> Ryan and Erin Furgerson
Tech Team	Chris Blackburn, Hudson Diack, Emmett Stephens, Steve Sylvia
Greeters	<i>9am:</i> Mary Baird, Ryan Furgerson, Lindsay Hutter, Miriam Moreno Coto, Onasis Rivas <i>11am:</i> Maggie Cho, Joe and Joan Leotta, Peggy Locher

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.

Adult Key Equipping Classes have concluded, but we will continue to have other Key eEquipping opportunities/events. Please key an eye out for future adult key equipping opportunities.

April 27 - CFG Huddle for CFG leaders/hosts
May 4 - No Key Equipping for all ages - Women's retreat
May 11 - No Key Equipping for all ages - Mother's Day
May 18 - Prayer meeting (open to all)
May 25 - No Key Equipping for all ages - Memorial Day weekend
June 1 - Large Group Shepherding for all Shepherds
June 8 - Hymn Sing and Potluck (open to all)
June 29 - Congregational Meeting and Potluck (open to all)

Connect with APC



APC Sign-Ups



Give to APC



Vision 2026 Webpage



Sign-ups for all events can be found in the QR Code above titled, "APC Sign-Ups."

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unchanging truth. changing lives

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
Colossians 3:1-4

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

Living Hope
How great the chasm that lay between us, how high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written: Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven; the King of Kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I’m Yours forever: Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain, there’s salvation in Your name:
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise; Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, Yours is the victory

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading | Carmen Rives (9am); Maggie Cho (11am)

John 21:1-14 (pg. 853)

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

¹ After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ² Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸ The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
I know that my Redeemer lives—what comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever living Head.

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above.

He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives and I shall conquer death;
He lives a mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
O the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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affirmation of faith | The Heidelberg Catechism, #45

Q. How does Christ’s resurrection benefit us?
A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death.
Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life.
Third, Christ’s resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

song of praise

When We See Your Face
Though the dark is overwhelming, and the brightest lights grow dim,
though the Word of God is trampled on by foolish men,
though the wicked never stumble and abound in every place,
we will all be humbled when we see Your face.

And the enemies we’re fighting, those without and those within,
will be underneath our feet to never rise again.
All our sins will be behind us, through the blood of Christ erased,
and we’ll taste Your kindness when we see Your face.

*We will see, we will know like we’ve never known before.
We’ll be found, we’ll be home, we’ll be Yours forevermore.*

All the waiting will be over, every sorrow will be healed,
all the dreams it seemed could never be will all be real;
and You’ll gather us together in Your arms of endless grace
as Your bride forever, when we see Your face.

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congregational prayer | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

offertory prayer | Brian Field (9am); Matt Coombs (11am)

presentation of tithes and offerings

offertory | Adult Choir (9am)
For I Know the Plans I Have for You
“For I know the plans I have for you,
plans for welfare, not for evil, to give you a future and hope,” says the LORD.

“Call upon me, come and pray to Me;
I will hear you when you call upon Me.
You will seek me, you will find me, when you seek with all your heart.”

“I will be found by you,” says the LORD.
“I will gather you from all places; I will be found,” says the LORD.

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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

Philippians 3:1-11 (pg. 922)

Righteousness Through Faith in Christ

¹ Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

² Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³ For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

prayer for illumination

sermon | Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions
“Christ is Gain”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

deacons’ fund offering | Jim Taft (9am); Pete Olsen (11am)

song of response

Turn Your Eyes
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

Turn your eyes to the hillside where justice and mercy embraced;
there the Son of God gave His life for us, and our measureless debt was erased.

*Jesus, to You we lift our eyes—Jesus, our glory and our prize.
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true, O Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.*

Turn your eyes to the morning and see Christ the Lion awake.
What a glorious dawn; fear of death is gone, for we carry His life in our veins.

Turn your eyes to the heavens—our King will return for His own;
every knee will bow, every tongue will shout, “All glory to Jesus alone!”

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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 | Nick Carter, Operations Manager