

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

**This morning we welcome Dr. Paul Ford to the pulpit.** In addition to being a regular APC attender, Paul is a leadership and team building specialist committed to helping Christian leaders discover and fulfill who they are in Christ. His ministry focuses on training and mentoring leaders in eight cultures. Paul has an M.Div. and D.Min. from Fuller Theological Seminary. He is also an ordained pastor with 10+ years of experience in local church ministry. All that he shares in his seminars and writing comes from field experience.

**APC’s deacons and deaconesses are planning a short informational meeting in between services today** (10:30-10:50 a.m.) in Room 201 upstairs to invite members of the Congregation to consider being part of an APC Mercy Committee that would help address the tangible needs of APC members and regular attenders.

**Become a steward of your gifts in utilizing your time and talents.** When people discover that God has uniquely gifted them to play a specific part in the body of Christ, it is a life-changing experience. To realize that the Holy Spirit has placed supernatural gifts that create power, fruit and joy in your Christian life dynamically affects your day-to-day Christian life! Please join us for an eight-hour course on Sunday afternoons, 3-5 p.m. June 8, 15, 22, and 29.

**Our next Inquirers Class is June 13th-14th.** If you are interested in membership or in gaining a deeper understanding of APC, we invite you to attend this class. You will receive an introduction to Christianity, the PCA, and the specific vision/mission and philosophy of ministry at APC. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. Sign up through the APC emails or the QR code “APC Sign-Ups”.

**What then shall we say about these things? Practicing Being Sent.** As a follow-on to the Women’s Retreat Session “Sent”, join us on Saturday, June 7th from 10am-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall Lobby to practice what it looks like to be people who are sent as we consider how to share our stories of gospel transformation. Even if you did not attend the retreat, consider joining us as this is a generalized activity that we pray will develop a greater desire in each of us to share the love of Christ with those who do not know Him yet. Please RSVP on the women’s ministry webpage and contact Shannon Allen with any questions at shannon.allen@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.

**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.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

<b>Hospitality</b>	<i><b>This Week:</b></i> the Allen family
<b>Nursery</b>	<i><b>This Week (9am):</b></i> Mark and Luke Adams, Woodrow Coombs, Whitney Klinke, Patricia Kodjo, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Maria Myers, Madison Newman, Juliana Richardson, Evan Root, Margaret Veenstra <i><b>This Week (11am):</b></i> Catherine Chae, Kirsten Etheron, Laurie and Asa LeRoy, Jessica Newman, Chris and Lisa Popadich, Bethany Tinev <i><b>Next Week (9am):</b></i> Kari and Elaina Adams, Adam Davis, Sue Edwards, Alex Gesch, Andrea and Mary Ellis Jones, Jackie McCauley, Joe, Paul, McKinzie and Anna Newman, Tom and Emily Ribaric <i><b>Next Week (11am):</b></i> Rick and Sara Eppright, Laura and Alex Erickson, Allison Rivera, Bailey Rolland, Athena Selim
<b>Children’s Church</b>	<i>9am:</i> Owen and Lina Gentry, Nathan and Amanda Leamer <i>11am:</i> Chris and Amy Weld
<b>Tech Team</b>	Liz Crowley, Hensley Gollopp, Christian Olsen, Justin Root
<b>Greeters</b>	<i><b>9am:</b></i> Mary Baird, Lindsay Hutter, Lynette Vanderschaaf, Mike and Sun Williams <i><b>11am:</b></i> Maggie Cho, Richard and Melinda Douglass, Kristi Hellmuth

KEY EQUIPPING

**Key Equipping is meeting tonight.** 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 Equipping opportunities/events.** Please keep an eye out for future adult key equipping opportunities.

**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)

**Hymn Sing: Hymns of the Bible.** Join us on June 8th at 5pm in the Sanctuary for a time of singing and learning about the central role of hymns in the church’s life and worship. This all-church event is family friendly. To allow us to consider singing your favorite hymns, we would love for you to submit up to three in the form found in “APC Sign-Ups”. Please bring a dish to share and drop it off in the Fellowship Hall before joining us in the Sanctuary.

**Volunteers are needed for the Hymn Sing!** We are in need of more volunteers to help with set-up directly following the 1st service on June 8th, receiving food and clean-up. If you would be available, please sign up in “APC Sign-ups” or on the weekly emails.

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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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

Romans 8:31-34

**God’s Everlasting Love**  
<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### song of praise

**O My Soul, Arise**  
Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
the bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands;  
my name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,  
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,  
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

*O my soul, arise! Behold the risen Christ,  
your great High Priest, your spotless Sacrifice.  
O my soul, arise! God owns you as His child.  
Shake off your guilty fears, my soul, arise!*

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;  
they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“don’t let that ransomed sinner die!”

My God is reconciled; His pard’ning voice I hear.  
He owns me as His child; I can no longer fear.  
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,  
and “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.

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### prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### scripture reading | Nathan Fleischaker (9am); Eleanor Nagy (11am)

Ezekiel 36:22-28 (pg. 678)

**I Will Put My Spirit Within You**  
<sup>22</sup> “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the LORD GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. <sup>23</sup> And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the LORD GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. <sup>24</sup> I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. <sup>28</sup> You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your GOD.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### songs of praise

**The Lord Is My Salvation**  
The grace of God has reached for me and pulled me from the raging sea,  
and I am safe on this solid ground: the Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls; His strength will help me scale these walls;  
I’ll see the dawn of the rising sun: the Lord is my salvation.

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the vict’ry won: the Lord is my salvation.*

My hope is hidden in the Lord; He flow’rs each promise of His Word;  
when winter fades I know spring will come: the Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak,  
I know His grace will renew these days: the Lord is my salvation.

And when I reach my final day He will not leave me in the grave,  
but I will rise; He will call me home: the Lord is my salvation.

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit; the Lord is our salvation!

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**We Will Feast in the House of Zion**  
*We will feast in the house of Zion,  
we will sing with our hearts restored.  
“He has done great things,” we will say together;  
we will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our God.  
We are not consumed by the flood—upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid.  
For the promised morning, O how long? O God of Jacob, be my strength!

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed; You are the Faithful One.  
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together; bring shalom.

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### farewell | the Sylvia family (9am)

### congregational prayer | Elder Matt Coombs

### offertory prayer

### presentation of tithes and offerings

**offertory | Adult Choir (9am)**  
**There Is a Higher Throne**  
There is a higher throne than all this world has known,  
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.  
Before the Son we’ll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;  
believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.

*Hear heaven’s voices sing— their thunderous anthem rings,  
through emerald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise:  
“All glory, wisdom, pow’r, strength, thanks, and honor are  
to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore!”*

And there we’ll find our home, our life before the throne;  
we’ll honor Him, in perfect song, where we belong.  
He’ll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die;  
the Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we’ll reign with Him.

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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**  
*Romans 15:15-20 (pg. 893)*  
<sup>15</sup> But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God <sup>16</sup> to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. <sup>17</sup> In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. <sup>18</sup> For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, <sup>19</sup> by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; <sup>20</sup> and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else’s foundation.

### prayer for illumination

### sermon | Dr. Paul Ford

*“Discovering Your Ministry Identity”*

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

**song of response**  
**Take My Life, and Let It Be (#585)**  
Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,  
swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee,  
filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use every pow’r as Thou shalt choose,  
every pow’r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne,  
it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,  
ever, only, all for Thee.

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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 | Elder Matt Coombs