

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

As we each continue to discover God’s call on our time, talents and treasure as individuals and as a family in the ministry of APC, we offer you a special opportunity in the month of June. On four Sunday afternoons June 8-29, 3-5 p.m., Dr. Paul Ford will lead us in a deeper dive into Stewarding Your Time and Talents through Your Spiritual Gifts. God calls each of us to steward the spiritual gift(s) we have received to serve others (1 Peter 4:10), and right now He is calling some of you to go deeper in playing your part. This is your chance!

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”.

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. Sign-up through APC emails or the QR code “APC Sign-ups.”

Spanish Worship Service Sunday, May 18th at 11am in Room 201. Join us for a time of singing, prayer, and a sermon— all in Spanish. This monthly worship service is led by Joel Acevedo, APC’s Pastor of International Outreach and Mercy. Help us spread the word by inviting friends and neighbors, and join us in prayer as we seek to glorify Christ through this time of worship.

Koinonia Potluck, May 25th in Room 201. 20s and 30s of APC, we invite you to join us after the 2nd service on May 25th to enjoy good food and fellowship. Please keep an eye on the email list and GroupMe for more details.

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.

Register 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. **Volunteers and participants can register through the QR code “APC Sign-Ups”.**

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


Hospitality	<i>This Week:</i> PROTAS
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> John Connelly, Adam Davis, Kirsten Etherton, Matti Jamison, Christian Poole, Jeremy and Evan Root, Amy Wells-Morgan, Margaret Veenstra <i>This Week (11am):</i> Femi Adeniji, Frank Girgenti, Emily Kinch, Jo Porwoll, Bailey Rolland, Chelsea Swink <i>Next Week (9am):</i> Femi Adeniji, Flora Chipana, Jamie Connelly, Amy and Ryan Douglass, Lina Gentry, Patricia Kodjo, Juliana Richardson, Susanna Root, Tyler Rose, Dani Sauer <i>Next Week (11am):</i> Cindy Cai, Rob Coit, Dan Johnson, Laurie LeRoy, Staci Root, Athena Selim, Angel Tinev <i>(9am):</i> Shant and Annie Boyajian; Bryant and Lynn Streett <i>(11am):</i> Stephanie Olsen
Children’s Church	Pete Olsen, Joey Rolland, Justin Root, Emmett Stephens
Tech Team	<i>9am:</i> Joe Cho, Lindsay Hutter, the Kodjo family, Lynn Streett
Greeters	<i>11am:</i> Pierre Jolly, Chris Nelms, Cynthia Oviatt, Milu Reyes

KEY EQUIPPING


Key Equipping is not 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 key an eye out for future adult key equipping opportunities.
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.

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Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

- prelude
- call to worship | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor
Psalm 113:1-6
Leader: ¹ Praise the LORD!
All: **Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!**
Leader: ² Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!
All: **³ From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!**
Leader: ⁴ The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!
All: **⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, ⁶ who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

- song of praise
Come Praise and Glorify
Come praise and glorify our God, the Father of our Lord!
In Christ He has in heav’nly realms His blessings on us poured;
for pure and blameless in His sight He destined us to be,
and now we’ve been adopted through His Son eternally.

*To the praise of Your glory, to the praise of Your mercy and grace,
to the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves!*

Come praise and glorify our God, who gives His grace in Christ;
in Him our sins are washed away, redeemed through sacrifice.
In Him God has made known to us the myst’ry of His will:
that Christ should be the Head of all, His purpose to fulfill.

Come praise and glorify our God, for we’ve believed the Word,
and through our faith we have a seal, the Spirit of the Lord.
The Spirit guarantees our hope until redemption’s done,
until we join in endless praise to God, the Three in One.

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- prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

- scripture reading | Amy Weld (9am); Caitlin Jolly (11am)
Exodus 33:12-23 (pg. 68)
Moses’ Intercession
¹² Moses said to the Lord, “See, you say to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ ¹³ Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” ¹⁴ And he said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” ¹⁵ And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?”

¹⁷ And the Lord said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” ¹⁸ Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” ¹⁹ And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The Lord.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” ²¹ And the Lord said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

- testimony | Andrea Jones
- songs of praise
Rock of Ages (#499)
Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood from Thy riven side which flowed
be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law’s demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling;
naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.
Wash me, Savior, or I die!
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

Words by Augustus Toplady, 1776, alt. Thomas Cotterill, 1815; Music TOPLADY by Thomas Hastings, 1830; © Public Domain; CCLI Song # 40588

Behold Our God
Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;
all creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God, seated on His throne—come let us adore Him!
Behold our King; nothing can compare—come let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His Words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave;
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

Men: You will reign forever! (Women: Let Your glory fill the earth!)

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- congregational prayer | Elder Matt Brown
- offertory prayer | Sarah Field (9am); Sara Eppright (11am)
- presentation of tithes and offerings
- offertory | Adult Choir (9am)
None Other Lamb
None other Lamb, none other Name,
None other hope in Heav’n or earth or sea,
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee!

My faith burns low, my hope burns low;
Only my heart’s desire cries out in me
By the deep thunder of its want and woe,
Cries out to Thee.

Lord, Thou art Life, though I be dead;
Love’s fire Thou art, however cold I be:
Nor Heav’n have I, nor place to lay my head,
Nor home, but Thee.

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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 6:45-52 (pg. 791)
Jesus Walks on the Water
⁴⁵ Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ⁵¹ And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.
- prayer for illumination
- sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor
“Passing By”
Series: The Gospel According to Mark
- song of response
Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor
Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm.
When the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn,
in the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor— it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on.
When temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won,
deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused;
I will hold fast to the anchor— it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief.
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now, lift your eyes to Calvary:
This, my ballast of assurance; see His love forever proved!
I will hold fast to the anchor— it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death.
When these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath,
we will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure,
and the calm will be the better for the storms that we endure.
Christ, the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true!
We will hold fast to the anchor— it shall never be removed.

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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 | Matt Coombs, Exectuvie Director of Ministries