

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

The Spanish Service is canceled! Our monthly Spanish service originally scheduled for today at 11am is canceled.

If you are at a place you sense God calling you to go deeper in understanding and using your spiritual gifts – even if you already live a life of service – please join us for a special class on Sunday afternoons (3-5 p.m.) June 8, 15, 22, and 29. Stewarding Your Time and Talents through Your Spiritual Gifts will be led by Dr. Paul Ford, who has spent over 30 years helping people discover who they are in Christ through their gifting. Some of you may actually want to help others discover and fulfill their role in the body of Christ as a result of this class.

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”.

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 are needed! Please use the registration link to volunteer. Every adult who volunteers for VBS must be screened through our Congregational Care and Safety process. 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> the Flores family
Nursery	<i>This 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>This Week (11am):</i> Cindy Cai, Rob Coit, Dan Johnson, Laurie LeRoy, Staci Root, Athena Selim, Angel Tinev <i>Next Week (9am):</i> Jon and Nikki Blank, Elyse Coit, Evelyn Heil, Matti Jamison, Jackie and Claire McCauley, Tom and Emily Ribaric, Evan and Maureen Ward <i>Next Week (11am):</i> Christine and Zach Brittle, Kendra, Alexis and Faith Howard, Carmen Rives, Kimberly, Ben, Sam, Max and Eli Signer, Justin Wells-Morgan
Children’s Church	<i>(9am):</i> Shant and Annie Boyajian; Bryant and Lynn Streett <i>(11am):</i> Ryan and Erin Furgerson
Tech Team	Liz Crowley, Lauren Evans, Ethan Novak, Amanda Petelik
Greeters	<i>9am:</i> Andy and Kira Allison, Mary Baird, Ryan Furgerson, Ginger Horton, Lindsay Hutter <i>11am:</i> Maggie Cho, Joe and Joan Leotta, Chris Nelms, Cynthia Oviatt

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 key an eye out for future adult key equipping opportunities.

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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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 | Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries

Psalm 46:4-7
⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. ⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. ⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

- song of praise
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (#92)
A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow’r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same; and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill—God’s truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

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- prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

- scripture reading | Ryan Furgerson (9am); Rebecca Schad (11am)

2 Kings 5:1-14 (pg. 289)

Naaman Healed of Leprosy
¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. ² Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman’s wife. ³ She said to her mistress, “Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.” ⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord, “Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel.” ⁵ And the king of Syria said, “Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel.”

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. ⁶ And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, “When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy.” ⁷ And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me.”

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel.” ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha’s house. ¹⁰ And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.” ¹¹ But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, “Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants came near and said to him, “My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” ¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

- prayer of confession
Holy Father, forgive us. Though You should guide us, we try to control ourselves. Though You should perfect us, we try to clean up ourselves. Though You should satisfy us, we try to console ourselves. We resort to a prideful despair that Your truth is too high, Your will is too hard, Your power is too remote, Your love is too free. But without these things, we are of all people most to be pitied.

Holy Spirit, we confess that no grace can make us strong in ourselves. Please teach us to fully submit to grace that we cannot earn, prepare for, or control—and please transform us in heart and in life. Thank you for this true grace, given by Jesus the Son, who loved us and gave Himself for us. Amen.

- words of assurance

Titus 3:4-6
⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

- song of praise

Nothing but the Blood (#307, vv. 1-4)
What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing, this I see—nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my pardon, this my plea—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace—nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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- farewell | The Pettit Family (9am)

- sacrament of baptism (9am)
*This morning we are pleased to baptize the following covenant children:
Liam Christopher, Nora Christine, Titus James and Micah David Pettit;
children of Chris and Bri Pettit*

- congregational prayer | Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions

- offertory prayer | Staci Root (9am); Austin Swink (11am)

- presentation of tithes and offerings

offertory | Adult Choir
The Meditations of My Heart
May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart
be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord.

O Lord, my rock, O Lord, my strength,
O Lord, my God and redeemer.

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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 6:53-56 (pg. 791)
Jesus Heals the Sick in Gennesaret
⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴ And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵ and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

- prayer for illumination

- sermon | Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions
“The Great Physician”
Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

- sacrament of the lord’s supper

Explanation, Invitation, Participation
All baptized Christians who are members in good standing of a church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ are invited to participate. Children who have been admitted into the church as communicant members are invited to participate as well. If you have any questions, please ask one of our pastors or elders. Members will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup. You will receive the elements from the pastors and elders standing up front in your section of the Sanctuary, and then take the bread and cup back to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand and a server will bring the elements to your seat. We will take the elements together as prompted by the pastor.

During the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, you are invited to sing or meditate on the following song:

- communion song

Jesus, Lover of My Soul
Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life’s storm is past;
safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on Thee;
leave, O leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, here more than all I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness.
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art—let me take of Thee;
spring Thou up within my heart for all eternity.

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GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

- song of response
All Must Be Well
Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us,
strong the hand stretched forth to shield us—all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well.
Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding,
steadfast through the Spirit’s guiding—all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow, all will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, “All is well.”
On our Father’s love relying, Jesus every need supplying,
yes, in living or in dying, all must be well.

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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