

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

Chattanooga School Visit. On May 11th at the 9am service, 150 students from Chattanooga Christian School will be visiting. Part of the Sanctuary will be reserved for their use that morning. Please consider coming to the 11am service if you are able.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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> Rodney Veenstra
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> Gus and Woodrow Coombs, Alex Gesch, Aaron and Claire McCauley, Nate Myers, Joe, McKinzie, Anna and Paul Newman, Abbie and Ellie Olsen <i>This Week (11am):</i> Matti Jamison, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Chris Nelms, Jessica and Nathan Newman, Mary Mitchell, Elizabeth and William Todd <i>Next Week (9am):</i> John Connelly, Adam Davis, Kirsten Etherton, Matti Jamison, Christian Poole, Jeremy and Evan Root, Amy Wells-Morgan, Margaret Veenstra <i>Next Week (11am):</i> Frank Girgenti, Emily Kinch, Jo Porwoll, Bailey Rolland, Chelsea Swink
Children’s Church	<i>(9am):</i> Mark Adams; Erin and Ryan Furgerson <i>(11am):</i> Stephanie Olsen
Tech Team	Ben Crowley, Hudson Diack, Anna Kirk, Christian Olsen
Greeters	<i>9am:</i> Matt Coombs, Adam and Hannah Davis, Mike and Vicki Gutshall, Jim and Jo Ann Kottkamp <i>11am:</i> the Cookey family, Pierre Jolly, the Mason family

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 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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May 4, 2025

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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 29:1-4, 10-11
Leader: ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
All: ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.
Leader: ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.
All: ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
Leader: ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
All: ¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

- song of praise
Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Come, Christians, join to sing—Alleluia, Amen! loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia, Amen! let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice; praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia, Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia, Amen! let praises fill the sky; Alleluia, Amen! He is our Guide and Friend; to us He’ll condescend; His love shall never end. Alleluia, Amen!

Come, sing of wondrous grace, Alleluia, Amen! what love that took our place; Alleluia, Amen! Jesus the Lamb was slain, bearing our sin and shame, yet triumphed o’er the grave! Alleluia, Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia, Amen! life shall not end the strain; Alleluia, Amen! on heaven’s blissful shore, His goodness we’ll adore, singing forevermore, “Alleluia, Amen!”

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- prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

- scripture reading | David Butler (9am); Teddy Hess (11am)
1 Peter 3:8-18 (pg. 954)
Suffering for Righteousness’ Sake
⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.¹⁰ For
“Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit;
¹¹ let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it.
¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

- song of praise
I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)
I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene, and wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

For me it was in the garden He prayed, “Not My will, but Thine”; He had no tears for His own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine.

How marvelous, how wonderful—and my song shall ever be— how marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior’s love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own; He bore my burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see, ‘twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.

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- congregational prayer | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor
- offertory prayer | Elder Bryant Street (9am); Tom Tarrants (11am)
- presentation of tithes and offerings
- song of preparation
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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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 6:14-29 (pg. 790)
The Death of John the Baptist
¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus’ name had become known. Some said, “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him.” ¹⁵ But others said, “He is Elijah.” And others said, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.” ¹⁷ For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² For when Herodias’s daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you.” ²³ And he vowed to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom.” ²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, “For what should I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.” ²⁵ And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” ²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷ And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸ and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

- prayer for illumination
- sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor
“Suffering Is Not Wasted”
Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

- songs of response
Glory in the Darkest Place
Out of the depths of silent night, Immanuel, come hear our cry. Our grief is strong, our burdens great; the night is long and hope is faint. You came to set the captives free, a Morning Star of joy and peace. Why does this darkness feel so deep? Why can’t our weary spirits see

*Glory, glory, glory in the darkest place
Glory, glory, glory, let Your mercy reign*

Out of the depths of silent night, a Savior born, a mother’s sigh; the darkness trembled at this Star, a beam of hope for troubled hearts. You came to make Your blessings known, and bear our curse of death alone; You came to share our suffering, so in our sorrow we could sing

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- All of Our Tomorrows**
This spinning world, by Your own hand, hurls ever on around the sun; the seasons march at Your command; the old departs, the new year comes. And though celestial is Your gaze, You search and care for all our ways. We offer up to You this day and all of our tomorrows.

May zealous youth and cautious age determine not the steps we choose; Great Shepherd, guide us through each day—O, how we want to follow You. Come, Living Way, our way make clear; let perfect love drive out our fear; be Thou our vision—now and here, and all of our tomorrows.

When winter makes us reminisce of warmer days so distant now, of cherished saints the sun once kissed whose beauty passed behind the clouds, let all our fond and longing tears remind us we are pilgrims here. We trust You, Sovereign of our years, with all of our tomorrows.

Hands to the plow, we’re pressing on and running hard to win the prize, empowered by the love of God with grace before and grace behind. For lo, what hope before us stands: You finish all that You began; eternal joy is in Your hands, and all of our tomorrows.

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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