

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

**Discover Your Ministry Identity** continues from this past Sunday? **Yes!** As we each continue to discover God's call on our time, talents, and treasure in the ministry of APC, take this unique opportunity from 3 - 5 pm beginning this Sunday and continuing each Sunday through June 29. Continuing from last week's message, 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 our spiritual gift(s) to serve others (1 Peter 4:10). Right now He is calling some of you to go deeper in understanding and playing your part. This is your chance!  
**Childcare is available, but is limited and requires an RSVP.** To RSVP please email the staff at admin@alexandriapres.org.

**The College-Aged Ministry is having lunch after service today.** The Novak Family is hosting at their home after the second service today. Details are in APC Sign-Ups.  
**Congregational Meeting.** Join us on June 29th at 5pm for a congregational meeting in the Sanctuary where we will share the budget and other important information. This meeting is open to all. After the meeting, we invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck. Please bring a dish to share.

**Spiritual Leadership Class Interest Meeting, June 29th at 10:30am in Room 114.** Come learn about the Spiritual Leadership Training class that begins September 2. Class is open to all who want to learn about spiritual leadership in the home, at work, or in your neighborhood. It is required for any considering leadership as an officer at APC (elder or deacon), leading in a ministry (CFG leaders/ hosts, lay leaders in ministry, etc), or appointment as a deaconess.

**Reading in Community. Saturday, June 28th - 9am-11am, Home of Shannon Allen; Monday, July 28th - 7:30pm-9am, Fellowship Hall Lobby.** Women of APC, come for the book. Come for the discussion and fellowship. Come for the gift of quietly reading for 45 minutes without interruption! Whatever your motivation, come join us in getting to know the flawed, relatable, and aging Sybil Van Antwerp, a life beautifully told through letters in The Correspondent: A Novel by Virginia Evans. Our two gatherings will begin with a brief time of fellowship over light refreshments. Then choose and enjoy 45 minutes of quiet reading, after which we will reconvene for a discussion of the book.

**Men's Summer Cookout and Fellowship for Junior High and Up!** Men, please join us at 12:30pm on July 19th at the Allen family home. Register in APC Sign-ups. The address will be provided at a later date.

**The A/V Team urgently needs volunteers.** Both our audio and video teams are so small that it is a challenge to find people for both our special services and for Sunday morning worship services. We need at least three more people for each of the audio and video teams and at least one more person willing to run slides at the 11am service each month in order to continue serving our church family well. Please reach out to Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org for more information.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

<b>Hospitality</b>	<b><i>This Week:</i></b> Alex and Allison Bolling, Boyajian/Diack/Field CFG
<b>Nursery</b>	<b><i>This Week (9am):</i></b> Catherine Marks, Abby and Jenny McGahey, Amy and Mila Murr, Madison Newman, Abbie and Ellie Olsen, Staci Root, Evan and Maureen Ward <b><i>This Week (11am):</i></b> Juliet Edem, Rob Fisher, Erin Furgerson, Kendra, Alexis and Faith Howard, Jodie and Anna Kirk, KayCee Poole <b><i>Next Week (9am):</i></b> Shannon Allen, Sifa Balagizi, Amy and Ryan Douglass, Kirsten Etherton, Kathy McGee, Ethan and Serenity Novak <b><i>Next Week (11am):</i></b> Shannon and Marc Allen, Caitlin Jolly, Eleanor Nagy, Allison Rivera, Dani Sauer <b><i>9am:</i></b> Nate and Maria Myers, Tom and Amanda Petelik <b><i>11am:</i></b> Phoebe Drybola and Stephanie Olsen
<b>Children's Church</b>	Hudson Diack, Abigail Jessee, Chris McGahey, Christian Olsen
<b>Tech Team</b>	<b><i>9am:</i></b> Sara and Hannah Butler, the Connelly family, Matt Coombs
<b>Greeters</b>	<b><i>11am:</i></b> the Connelly family, Kristi Hellmuth, the Mason family

KEY EQUIPPING

**We believe rest is part of equipping (following Jesus' example) which is why we take Sunday evening equipping off each summer to allow leaders, teachers, and individuals to rest.**

**Upcoming Dates:**  
**August 17** - Ministry and Service Fair  
**August 24** - Key Equipping Resumes  
**August 31** - Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social

**Fall Key Equipping Opportunities:**  
**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!  
**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.

**Adults:**  
Come to learn, study, pray, and be transformed as each class offers opportunities to be equipped as a disciple of Christ. No meals provided for adults. Classes offered: a book of the Bible class, a topical class and a foundational class. Details to come.


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 62:5-8  
5 For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,  
for my hope is from him.  
6 He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.  
7 On God rests my salvation and my glory;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.  
8 Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

- song of lament  
Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul  
Dear refuge of my weary soul— on Thee, when sorrows rise,  
on Thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.  
To Thee, I tell each rising grief, for Thou alone canst heal;  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief for every pain I feel.  
  
But oh! when gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine;  
the springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline.  
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust,  
and still my soul would cleave to Thee, though prostrate in the dust.  
  
Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sovereign grace be deaf when I complain?  
No, still the ear of sovereign grace attends the mourner’s prayer;  
Oh, may I ever find access to breathe my sorrows there.  
  
Thy mercy seat is open still— here let my soul retreat,  
with humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet.  
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with humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet.  
  
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- prayer of thanksgiving and supplication

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

- scripture reading  
Isaiah 35:1-10 (pg. 557)  
The Ransomed Shall Return  
1 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;  
2 it shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.  
3 Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
4 Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
“Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you.”  
5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
6 then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.  
For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
7 the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.  
8 And a highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;  
the unclean shall not pass over it.  
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;  
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.  
9 No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

- missions partner update
- song of praise  
Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death  
What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.  
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?  
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.  
  
*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ, our hope in life and death.*  
  
What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer’s blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?  
  
Unto the grave, what will we sing? “Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!”  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,  
and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.  
  
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- farewell | the Jones family (9am)

- congregational prayer

- offertory prayer | Amanda Leamer (9am); Maggie Cho (11am)

- presentation of tithes and offerings

- song of preparation  
Your Words Are Wonderful (Psalm 119)  
Your words are wonderful, unfolding like the dawn,  
a wellspring and the rock we rest upon.  
We trust Your promises that keep our hope alive;  
they steady us throughout life’s weary climb.

Where else can we go? Where else can we go?  
You have the words of life, the words of life.

Come write Your holy truth upon our longing hearts,  
and strengthen us to shine against the dark.  
Lord, guard us from the lies the Enemy will speak—  
no guilt remains for those You have redeemed.

Where else can we go? Where else can we go?  
You have the words of life, the words of life.  
Make Your glory known, make Your glory known  
through all Your words of life, Your words of life.

Give us ears to hear and eyes to see;  
help us in our doubt and unbelief.

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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 7:31-37 (pg. 792)  
Jesus Heals a Deaf Man  
31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32 And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. 33 And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. 34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” 35 And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36 And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. 37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”
- prayer for illumination
- sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor  
“Divine Openings”  
Series: The Gospel According to Mark
- GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response  
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing  
O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.  
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.  
  
Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
‘tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life and health and peace.  
He breaks the pow’r of reigning sin, He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.  
  
He speaks and, list’ning to His voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.  
Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.  
  
See all your sins on Jesus laid; the Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an offering made for every soul of man.  
To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv’n;  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav’n.  
  
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- deacons’ fund offering | Brian Oviatt (9am); Eleanor Nagy (11am)  
This monthly offering supports the APC diaconate’s sharing of the gospel through the provision of tangible personal needs in our church and community.
- 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