

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

**Spiritual Leadership Class Interest Meeting, today at 10:30am in Room 114.** Come learn about the Spiritual Leadership Training class that begins September 2. The 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.

**Congregational Meeting.** Join us today 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.

**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 **2:30 - 5pm in Room 112.** Dr. Paul Ford will lead us in a deeper dive into **Stewarding Your Time and Talents through Your Spiritual Gifts.**

**Childcare is available, but is limited and requires an RSVP.** To RSVP please email the staff at admin@alexandriapres.org.

**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.

**Reading in Community. Monday, July 28th - 7:30pm-9pm, 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.

**APC is Hiring!** We currently have one full-time job opening for our Director of Youth Ministries. We invite you to spread the word and contact us if you are interested in joining the APC team. We are seeking the Lord’s timing and leading for this staff position. Please contact Executive Director of Ministries Matt Coombs at matthew.coombs@alexandriapres.org if you are interested, would like to see the full position description, or would like more information.

The Director of Youth Ministries (DoY) develops and sustains APC’s ministry to youth, inside and outside of APC, who are in 6th through 12th grade. They work with both adult and youth leadership volunteers, as well as the Elder for Youth, in leading, equipping, discipling, shepherding, and evangelism in our youth ministries. This is a full-time position (40-50 hours/week including Sunday activities) and includes benefits.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

<b>Hospitality</b>	<i><b>This Week:</b></i> Alex and Allison Bolling, Cindy Snow
<b>Nursery</b>	<i><b>This Week (9am):</b></i> Shannon Allen, Sifa Balagizi, Amy and Ryan Douglass, Kirsten Etherton, Kathy McGee, Ethan and Serenity Novak <i><b>This Week (11am):</b></i> Shannon and Marc Allen, Caitlin Jolly, Eleanor Nagy, Allison Rivera, Dani Sauer <i><b>Next Week (9am):</b></i> Marc and Shannon Allen, Amy and Ryan Douglass, Erin Furgerson, Lina Gentry, Evelyn Heil <i><b>Next Week (11am):</b></i> KayCee Poole, Bailey Rolland, Kimberly, Sam, Max, Eli and Ben Signer, Bryant and Lynn Streett
<b>Children’s Church</b>	<i>Children’s church does not meet on the 5th Sunday of a month.</i>
<b>Tech Team</b>	Chris Blackburn, Pete Olsen, Amanda Petelik, Bailey Rolland
<b>Greeters</b>	<i><b>9am:</b></i> Ginger Horton, Lindsay Hutter, the Murr family <i><b>11am:</b></i> Richard and Melinda Douglass, Kristi Hellmuth, Joe and Joan Leotta

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.


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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 77:11-15  
Leader: 11 I will remember the deeds of the LORD;  
yes, I will remember your wonders of old.  
12 I will ponder all your work,  
and meditate on your mighty deeds.  
All: 13 Your way, O God, is holy.  
What god is great like our God?  
Leader: 14 You are the God who works wonders;  
you have made known your might among the peoples.  
All: 15 You with your arm redeemed your people,  
the children of Jacob and Joseph.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

- song of praise  
Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder  
Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior’s name:  
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame;  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.  
  
Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,  
called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.  
  
Let us sing, though fierce temptation threatens hard to bear us down,  
for the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror’s crown:  
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood soon will bring us home to God.  
  
Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy’s store;  
when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:  
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood has secured our way to God.  
  
Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;  
here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky:  
“Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou art worthy, Lamb of God!”

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- prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

- scripture reading | Denise McMullen (9am); John Kinch (11am)  
Isaiah 55:6-13 (pg. 576)  
6 “Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
7 let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have  
compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly  
pardon.  
8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares  
the LORD.  
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
10 “For as the rain and the snow come down  
from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the  
eater,  
11 so shall my word be that goes out from  
my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which  
I sent it.  
12 “For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap  
their hands.  
13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the LORD,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

- songs of praise  
How High and How Wide  
No eye has seen, and no ear has heard,  
and no mind has ever conceived  
the glorious things that You have prepared  
for everyone who has believed.  
You brought us near, and You called us Your own,  
and made us joint heirs with Your Son:  
  
How high and how wide, how deep and how long,  
how sweet and how strong is Your love!  
How lavish Your grace! How faithful Your ways!  
How great is Your love, O Lord!  
  
Objects of mercy who should have known wrath,  
we’re filled with unspeakable joy,  
riches of wisdom, unsearchable wealth,  
and the wonder of knowing Your voice.  
You are our treasure and our great reward—  
our hope and our glorious King!  
  
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- His Mercy Is More  
What love could remember no wrongs we have done;  
omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum,  
thrown into a sea without bottom or shore:  
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more—  
stronger than darkness, new every morn:  
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

- What patience would wait as we constantly roam,  
what Father so tender is calling us home;  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor:  
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

- What riches of kindness He lavished on us;  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood ’neath a debt we could never afford:  
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

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- reception of new members

- farewell | the Tatum family (9am)

- congregational prayer

- offertory prayer

- presentation of tithes and offerings

Children’s Church does not meet today. In a month with five Sundays, our curriculum allows for children ages 5 through 2nd grade to experience what they are learning about the different aspects of worship by remaining in the service.

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

- sermon scripture reading  
Mark 8:1-21 (pg. 792)  
Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand  
1 In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him and said to them, 2 “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. 3 And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away.” 4 And his disciples answered him, “How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?” 5 And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” 6 And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. 7 And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. 8 And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. 9 And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. 10 And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.  
  
The Pharisees Demand a Sign  
11 The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him. 12 And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, “Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation.” 13 And he left them, got into the boat again, and went to the other side.  
  
The Leaven of the Pharisees and Herod  
14 Now they had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. 15 And he cautioned them, saying, “Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.” 16 And they began discussing with one another the fact that they had no bread. 17 And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? 18 Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? 19 When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?” They said to him, “Twelve.” 20 “And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?” And they said to him, “Seven.” 21 And he said to them, “Do you not yet understand?”

- prayer for illumination

- sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor  
“The Gift of Curiosity”  
Series: The Gospel According to Mark

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

- song of response  
You Are My All in All  
You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all  
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I’d be a fool  
You are my all in all  
  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name  
  
Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless Your name  
You are my all in all  
When I fall down You pick me up, when I am dry You fill my cup  
You are my all in all

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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 | Erin Furgerson, Director of Children’s Ministries