

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

**Church Clean Out.** Last week, staff and volunteers took inventory of all church belongings and have some things they would like to give away. Please stop by Room 201 today and grab whatever you would like. Left over items will be disposed of this week.  
**Women’s Sundae Social. Sunday, August 10th, 6:30pm-8pm.** Whether you’ve gathered with us this summer or scattered far and wide, come reconnect with one another over ice cream sundaes. The address will be given to those who register a few days prior. **Register no later than Thursday, August 7th.**

**Ministry and Service Fair. On August 17th, join us after each service for the Ministry and Service Fair.** This is a great way to learn about the various ministries available at APC, as well as an opportunity to see how you can get connected, involved, and serve alongside others APC.  
**Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social.** At 5pm on Sunday, August 31st, join us for our annual Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social. Enjoy yummy treats, activities, and fellowship with your APC family.

**Spiritual Leadership Class begins September 2nd.** This class is open to all who want to learn about spiritual leadership in ministry, 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. Check the “APC Sign-Ups” to register.

**Newcomer Fellowship Dinner, Saturday, September 6th, 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. Check the “APC Sign-Ups” to register.

**The next Inquirers Class is Friday evening, October 3rd, and Saturday, October 4th.** 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. Membership is open to all who profess faith in Christ and believe the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. Check the “APC Sign-Ups” to register.

**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.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

<b>Hospitality</b>	<i><b>This Week:</b></i> the Allen family
<b>Nursery</b>	<i><b>This Week (9am):</b></i> Jonerik Blank, Carrie Brown, Adam and Hannah Davis, Ryan Douglass, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Justin and Amy-Wells Morgan, Chris and Lisa Popadich <i><b>This Week (11am):</b></i> Flora Chipana, Kendra Howard, Matti Jamison, Reb Maylum, Jessica and Nathan Newman <i><b>Next Week (9am):</b></i> Kari Adams, Nikki Blank, Liz Crowley, Lisa Fleischaker, Patricia Kodjo, Will Marks, Jackie McCauley, Jeremy, Susanna and Evan Root, Evan Ward <i><b>Next Week (11am):</b></i> Sifa Balagizi, Cindy Cai, Bryn Elliott, Frank Girgenti, Bethany Tinev
<b>Children’s Church</b>	<i><b>9am:</b></i> Will and Catherine Marks, Tom and Amanda Petelik <i><b>11am:</b></i> Ryan and Erin Furgerson
<b>Tech Team</b>	Beth and Brent Disselkoen, Victoria Kodjo, Ethan Novak
<b>Greeters</b>	<i><b>9am:</b></i> Ryan Furgerson, the Murr family, Sharon Steeg <i><b>11am:</b></i> Maggie Cho, James Dunlap, Ginger Horton, Kevin Miller, Peggy Locher


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

Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate

1 Chronicles 16:8-13

David’s Song of Thanks

Leader: 8 Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

All: 9 Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Leader: 11 Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!

All: 12 Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles and the judgments he uttered,  
O offspring of Israel his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

Praise His Name (Psalm 148)

Reaches of heaven, starry heights  
Lights of the evening, dancing in silent skies  
Brilliance of morning, breaking day  
O let them praise Him, praise His name

O praise His name, O praise His name  
Let all His wondrous works declare His praise

Mightiest mountains, peaceful plains  
Snowfall and fire, thundering ocean waves  
Kings and their kingdoms, age to age  
O let them praise Him, praise His name

King enthroned in majesty, all things made by His decree  
Hear creation’s melody, “Praise Him! Praise Him!”  
Everything with life and breath, everywhere from east to west  
Every heart raised from the dead, praise Him, praise Him  
Angels echo the refrain, “Jesus, Lamb for sinners slain!”  
Name above all other names, praise Him

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading

Elder Chris Weld (9am); Elder Brian Field (11am)

James 5:13-18 (pg. 952)

The Prayer of Faith

13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18 Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

songs of praise

Heal Us

Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are; we long to feel Thy touch.  
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly; O Savior, hear our cry.

Our faith is feeble, we confess; we faintly trust Thy Word.  
But will You pity us the less? Be that far from You, Lord!

Remember him who once applied with trembling for relief.  
“Lord, I believe,” with tears he cried, “O help my unbelief!”

She too, who touched You in the press and healing virtue stole  
was answered, “Daughter, go in peace; thy faith has made thee whole.”

Like her, with hopes and fears we come to touch You if we may.  
O send us not despairing home; send none unhealed away.

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Sing to Jesus

Come and see, look on this mystery: the Lord of the universe nailed to a tree;  
Christ our God, spilling His holy blood, bowing in anguish His sacred head.

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame, Lord of our sinful hearts;  
He is our great Redeemer.  
Sing to Jesus; honor His name, sing of His faithfulness,  
pouring His life out unto death.

Come, you weary, and He will give you rest; come, you who mourn, lay on His breast.  
Christ who died, risen in paradise– giver of mercy, giver of life.

Sing to Jesus; His is the throne, now and forever;  
He is the King of heaven.  
Sing to Jesus; we are His own, now and forever;  
sing for the love our God has shown.

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congregational prayer

offertory prayer

Dorothy Taft (9am) ; Tom Tarrants (11am)

presentation of tithes and offerings

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 9:14-29 (pg. 793)

Jesus Heals a Boy with an Unclean Spirit

14 And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. 15 And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. 16 And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” 17 And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. 18 And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” 19 And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” 20 And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. 21 And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. 22 And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” 23 And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” 25 And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” 26 And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. 28 And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” 29 And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

prayer for illumination

sermon

Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate

“Living and Ministering by Faith and Prayer”

Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (#521)

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,  
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

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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

Shannon Allen, Director of Women’s Ministries