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

Koinonia Trivia Night. 20s and 30s of APC, join us at 7pm at The Board Room for trivia on Tuesday, July 15th. For more details or questions, please contact Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@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.

Newcomer Meet and Greet, July 20th. Are you new to APC or here for the summer? Come join us for our Newcomer Meet and Greet in Room 112 following each service on July 20th to get to know other new faces and attenders of APC!

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

Hospitality This Week: the Brittle family

Nursery This Week (9am): Drew Black, John Connelly, Laura and Alex Erickson,

Alex Gesch, Evelyn Heil, Catherine Marks, Tom and Amanda Petelik,

Susanna Root, Maureen Ward

This Week (11am): Frank Girgenti, Reb Maylum, Gina Mitchell, Bethany

Tinev, Mary Mitchell Todd, Grace Young

Next Week (9am): Marc and Shannon Allen, Leslie Bridge, Carrie Brown, Flora Chipana, Owen Gentry, Evelyn Heil, Matti Jamison, Jenny and Abby

McGahe^{*}

Next Week (11am): Femi Adeniji, Dan Johnson, Caitlin Jolly, Reb Maylum,

Carmen Rives

Children's Church 9am: Shant and Annie Boyajian, Erin and Graeme Furgerson, Ellie Olsen

11am: Stephanie Olsen

Tech Team Hudson Diack, Lauren Evans, Beth Ifft, Ethan Novak

Greeters 9am: the Connelly family, Lindsay Hutter, Lynn Streett, Emma and Crissy

Stubbs

11am: Maggie Cho, the Kodjo family, Cynthia Oviatt

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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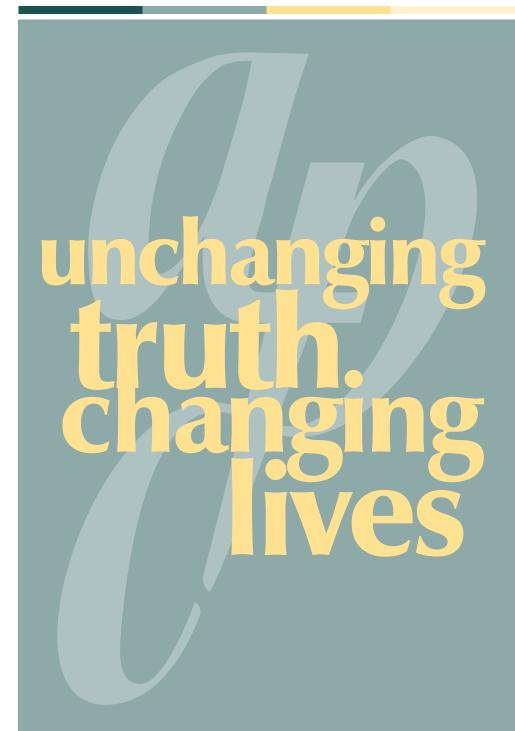


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Sign-ups for all events can be found in the QR Code above titled, "APC Sign-Ups."

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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.

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Holy Worship Service GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

prelude

call to worship | Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries Psalm 25:8-10

8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger, Your name is great, and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come, still my soul will sing Your praise unending—ten thousand years and then forevermore.

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading | Jeremy and Staci Root (9am); Austin and Chelsea Swink (11am) John 12:20-36 (pg. 845)

Some Greeks Seek Jesus

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."
Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up

²⁷ "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴ So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵ So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

songs of praise

Man of Sorrows! What a Name (#246)

Man of sorrows! What a name for the Son of God who came ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood, sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was He. Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die; "It is finished!" was His cry. Now in heav'n exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring, then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song; this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save, till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied, for every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me, for I am His and He is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand; till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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congregational prayer | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

offertory prayer | Vell Rives (9am); Sue Edwards (11am)

presentation of tithes and offerings

song of preparation

Draw Me Nearer

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to Thee.

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died; draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to Thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, by the pow'r of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in Thine.

There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with Thee.

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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 8:27-9:1 (pg. 792)

Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

^{9:1} And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."

prayer for illumination

sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

"The Most Important Question, The Most Important Answer" Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response

Beneath the Cross

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I find a place to stand and wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am; for hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me, "Come." Beneath the cross of Jesus, my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, His family is my own; once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one through grace alone. How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved? Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown, we follow in His footsteps, where promised hope is found. How great the joy before us, to be His perfect bride! Beneath the cross of Jesus, we will gladly live our lives.

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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 | Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries