

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

Newcomer Meet and Greet, today, 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.

Church Clean Out. In an effort to properly steward the resources of our church, the staff is leading an effort to clean out unused/unwanted items, organize our storage locations and prepare items to give away or donate. If you have some free time to help sort and label items within the church building, please consider volunteering any amount of spare time you have between 9am and 3pm between Wednesday, July 30 and Friday, August 1. For more information, please contact Nick Carter at Nick.Carter@alexandriapres.org or call the church office.

Ministry and Service Fair. On August 17th, join us 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.

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.

GIVING AT A GLANCE

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Giving: \$3,762,090
Budget: \$2,690,000
Difference: \$1,072,090
Percentage: 140%

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality This Week: the Brittle family
Nursery This Week (9am): Marc and Shannon Allen, Leslie Bridge, Carrie Brown, Flora Chipana, Owen Gentry, Evelyn Heil, Matti Jamison, Jenny and Abby McGahey
This Week (11am): Femi Adeniji, Dan Johnson, Caitlin Jolly, Reb Maylum, Carmen Rives
Next Week (9am): Sifa Balagizi, Drew Black, Matt and Gus Coombs, Brian and Sarah Field, Rob Fisher, Andrew Hobold, Will Marks, Kathy McGee
Next Week (11am): Christine Brittle, Andrew Hobold, Sally Lindsay, Reb Maylum, Gina Mitchell, Jo Porwoll, Stacey Stephens
Children's Church 9am: Owen, Lina and Edwin Gentry; Nathan and Jessica Newman
11am: Stephanie Olsen
Tech Team
Greeters Chris Blackburn, Victoria Kodjo, Chris McGahey, Brittany Payton
9am: Matt Coombs, Mike and Vicki Gutshall, Sharon Steeg, Lynn Streett
11am: Maggie Cho, James Dunlap, 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.

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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July 20, 2025

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

1 Peter 2:9

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?

Who else could make every king bow down?

Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?

Only a holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?

What other splendor outshines the sun?

What other majesty rules with justice?

Only a holy God.

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only;

cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God;

come and worship the holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire?

What other power can raise the dead?

What other name remains undefeated?

Only a holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing?

Who else would offer His only Son?

Who else invites me to call Him Father?

Only a holy God— only a holy God!

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions

Hebrews 9:15-28 (pg. 946)

15 Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. 16 For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. 17 For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. 18 Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. 19 For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” 21 And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. 22 Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

23 Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. 25 Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, 26 for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, 28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of praise

The Power of the Cross

O to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.

Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

This, the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us,

took the blame, bore the wrath— We stand forgiven at the cross.

O to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.

Every bitter thought, every evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.

Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; “Finished!” the vict’ry cry.

O to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.

Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.

This, the pow’r of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.

What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

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Christus Victor (Amen)

O Most High, King of the ages, great I AM, God of wonders:

By the blood You have redeemed us, led us through mighty waters.

Our strength, our song, our sure salvation—

Now to the Lamb upon the throne

be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle You have won; Hallelujah!

With every tribe and every tongue

we join the anthem of the angels in the triumph of the Son; Hallelujah, Amen!

O Most High dwelling among us, Son of man sent for sinners:

By Your blood You have redeemed us; spotless Lamb, mighty Savior

who lived, who died, who rose victorious—

O Most High, King of the nations, robed in praise, crowned with splendor:

On that day who will not tremble, when You stand Christ the Victor

who was, and is, and is forever—

Amen, Amen, Amen

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■ missions partner update | Kayla Pearson, Mosaic Virginia

■ recognition of graduates | Elder Mark Adams (9am)

This morning we are pleased to recognize and pray for those who graduated high school this year. While not all of them could be here today, we ask that you continue to join us in praying for: **Elie Dibi, Lydia Eppright, Abbie Olsen, Christian Olsen, Nora Prather, Peter Renenger and Evelyn Rives.**

■ congregational prayer | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

■ offertory prayer

■ 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 9:2-13 (pg. 793)

The Transfiguration

2 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3 and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. 4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 5 And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” 6 For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7 And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” 8 And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

9 And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. 10 So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean. 11 And they asked him, “Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?” 12 And he said to them, “Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? 13 But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him.”

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

“Beholding the Face of God”

Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

When We See Your Face

Though the dark is overwhelming, and the brightest lights grow dim,

though the Word of God is trampled on by foolish men,

though the wicked never stumble and abound in every place,

we will all be humbled when we see Your face.

And the enemies we’re fighting, those without and those within,

will be underneath our feet to never rise again.

All our sins will be behind us, through the blood of Christ erased,

and we’ll taste Your kindness when we see Your face.

We will see, we will know like we’ve never known before.

We’ll be found, we’ll be home, we’ll be Yours forevermore.

All the waiting will be over, every sorrow will be healed,

all the dreams it seemed could never be will all be real;

and You’ll gather us together in Your arms of endless grace

as Your bride forever, when we see Your face.

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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