

WELCOME

Welcome, we are glad you’re here! Please silence all electronic devices.

As you are able, please sit toward the front and move to the middle of the row. Please try to leave no empty seats between families sitting on the same row.

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 offered every Sunday during the 9am service. For more details, approach one of the ushers.

Assisted Listening System is offered every service. Ask a sound tech for assistance.

A simulcast of the worship service will also be available in the Main Level Adult Education Room (Room 112). You may view and hear the full service from this room with others that use this space. As you consider your family’s needs during worship, please feel free to use this area to continue your worship!

Nursing Mothers Room available downstairs near the fellowship hall in room 009. You may view and hear the full service, while comfortably nursing and caring for your child.

Nursery is available downstairs for newborn to age 4. Children age 5 through 2nd grade are welcome to continue worship in Children’s Church following the offertory song.

Large Print Bulletin Available. See one of the greeters for the large print bulletin.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join the College Aged Ministry for Movies on the Potomac tonight, July 27, at National Harbor. There is no cost for this event. Bring a chair or blanket and invite a friend! Register using the “APC Sign-Ups”, so we can let everyone know where to meet up at the event.

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.

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. Address will be given to those who register closer to the event date.

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

Hospitality	<i>This Week:</i> Leamer CFG and Dorothy Taft
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> Drew Black, Heather Carroll, Matt and Augustus Coombs, Brian and Sarah Field, Rob Fisher, Andrew Hobold, Will Marks, Kathy McGee <i>This Week (11am):</i> Christine Brittle, Andrew Hobold, Sally Lindsay, Reb Maylum, Gina Mitchell, Jo Porwoll <i>Next Week (9am):</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>Next Week (11am):</i> Flora Chipana, Kendra Howard, Matti Jamison, Reb Maylum, Jessica and Nathan Newman
Children’s Church	<i>9am:</i> Jessica Newman & Chelsea Swink; Owen and Lina Gentry <i>11am:</i> Stephanie Olsen
Tech Team	Ben and Liz Crowley, Abigail Jessee, Christian Olsen
Greeters	<i>9am:</i> Ryan Furgerson, Ginger Horton, Miriam Moreno-Coto Lynn Street, Emma and Chrissy Stubbs <i>11am:</i> James Dunlap, Kristi Hellmuth, Jodie and Anna Kirk

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.

Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

prelude

call to worship | Elder Matt Brown

Psalm 33:1
'Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

How Great Thou Art (#44, vv. 1, 3-4)
O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
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And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading

Psalm 33:1-22 (pg.433)

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

- ¹ Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.
- ² Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
- ³ Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- ⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- ⁵ He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
- ⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
- ⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;
he puts the deeps in storehouses.
- ⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
- ⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.
- ¹⁰ The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
- ¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the plans of his heart to all generations.
- ¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!
- ¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all the children of man;
- ¹⁴ from where he sits enthroned he looks out
on all the inhabitants of the earth,
- ¹⁵ he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.

- ¹⁶ The king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
- ¹⁷ The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
and by its great might it cannot rescue.

- ¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
- ¹⁹ that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.

- ²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.
- ²¹ For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.
- ²² Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

affirmation of faith | Elder Matt Brown

Heidelberg Catechism Q.1
Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without
the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and
makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

songs of praise

He Will Hold Me Fast
When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life’s fearful path,
for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast; He will hold me fast,
for my Savior loves me so; He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight; Christ will hold me fast;
precious in His holy sight; He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost; He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died; Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life; He will hold me fast,
till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last.

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How Deep the Father's Love for Us
How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom,
but I will boast in Jesus Christ—His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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congregational prayer | Elder Matt Brown

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

Acts 21:17-26, NIV

Paul’s Arrival at Jerusalem

¹⁷ When we arrived at Jerusalem, the brothers and sisters received us warmly. ¹⁸ The next day Paul and the rest of us went to see James, and all the elders were present. ¹⁹ Paul greeted them and reported in detail what God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.

²⁰ When they heard this, they praised God. Then they said to Paul: “You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews have believed, and all of them are zealous for the law. ²¹ They have been informed that you teach all the Jews who live among the Gentiles to turn away from Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or live according to our customs. ²² What shall we do? They will certainly hear that you have come, ²³ so do what we tell you. There are four men with us who have made a vow. ²⁴ Take these men, join in their purification rites and pay their expenses, so that they can have their heads shaved. Then everyone will know there is no truth in these reports about you, but that you yourself are living in obedience to the law. ²⁵ As for the Gentile believers, we have written to them our decision that they should abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality.”

²⁶ The next day Paul took the men and purified himself along with them. Then he went to the temple to give notice of the date when the days of purification would end and the offering would be made for each of them.

prayer for illumination

sermon | Pastor Chris Sicks, One Voice Fellowship

“Whose Side Are You On?”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

deacons’ fund offering | Emily Kinch (9am); Owen Gentry (11am)

song of response

All I Have Is Christ
I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way;
the sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will,
and if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross;
and I beheld God’s love displayed—You suffered in my place,
You bore the wrath reserved for me—now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah, all I have is Christ!
Hallelujah, Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, and live so all might see
the strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose,
and let my song forever be—my only boast is You.

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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 | Nick Carter, Operations Manager