

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 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	<i>This Week:</i> Coombs/LeRoy CFG
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> Amy and Ryan Douglass, Lisa and Celia Fleischaker, Lina Gentry, Evelyn Heil, Matti Jamison, Gina Mitchell, Ethan and Serenity Novak <i>This Week (11am):</i> KayCee Poole, Bailey Rolland, Kimberly, Sam, Max, Eli and Ben Signer, Bryant and Lynn Streett <i>Next Week (9am):</i> Drew Black, John Connelly, Laura and Alex Erickson, Alex Gesch, Evelyn Heil, Catherine Marks, Tom and Amanda Petelik, Susanna Root, Maureen Ward <i>Next Week (11am):</i> Frank Girgenti, Reb Maylum, Gina Mitchell, Bethany Tinev, Mary Mitchell Todd, Grace Young <i>9am:</i> Shant and Annie Boyajian, Susanna Root <i>11am:</i> Stephanie Olsen
Children’s Church	Hensley Gollopp, Amanda Petelik, Joey and Bailey Rolland
Tech Team	<i>9am:</i> Lindsay Hutter, the Murr family, Sharon Steeg
Greeters	<i>11am:</i> Maggie Cho, Jodie Kirk, Mark and 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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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 | Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions Psalm 36:7-9

⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

- song of praise
Glorious Christ
The radiance of the Father before the dawn of time,
You spoke and all creation came to be.
The molecules and planets reveal Your great design,
and every one was made so we could see—so we could see

*You are the glorious Christ, the greatest of all delights;
Your power is unequalled, Your love beyond all heights.
No greater sacrifice than when You laid down Your life;
we join the song of angels who praise You day and night—glorious Christ!*

You left the air of heaven to breathe the dust of earth
and dwell among the outcast and the poor;
You came to be forsaken, and died to take our curse
so You could be our joy forevermore—forevermore.

You’re seated now in heaven, enthroned at God’s right hand;
You’ve shattered death and freed us from our fears,
and though we cannot see You, You’re coming back again,
and all will be made right when You appear,
and all will be made right when You appear.

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- prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

- scripture reading | Bryant and Lynn Streett (9am); Tim and Phoebe Drybola (11am) Isaiah 61 (pg. 581)

The Year of the LORD’s Favor
¹ The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
² to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³ to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead
of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.
⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
⁵ Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks;
foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;

⁶ but you shall be called the priests of the LORD;
they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God;
you shall eat the wealth of the nations,
and in their glory you shall boast.
⁷ Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion;
instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot;
therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion;
they shall have everlasting joy.

⁸ For I the LORD love justice;
I hate robbery and wrong;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
⁹ Their offspring shall be known among the nations,
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge them,
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest
with a beautiful headdress,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it
to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness
and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

- prayer of confession
Father in Heaven, Your Spirit anointed Your Son, empowering Him to free prisoners of many kinds. Isaiah prophesied this, the Son fulfilled the promise, and today He still delivers and satisfies abundantly.

We come to confess that so often we do not live out of the freedom You purchased for us. As we rely on ourselves, we forget our garments of salvation, our spirits become faint, and our praise loses its joy. Please forgive our unbelief, deliver us from despair, and grant us faith to lay hold of our Savior, whose death on a cross defeated the sins that would have caused our own death. By the overcoming power of Your Spirit, may You cause righteousness and praise to sprout up in our hearts, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- song of confession
Lord, Have Mercy
O God, we come before Your throne, and in our weakness we confess:
We go astray and sin each day; We cast ourselves upon Your grace.
O Lord, have mercy on us—sinners in need of grace.
Forgive us our transgressions and lead us in Your righteous ways.
God, lead us in Your righteous ways.

The blood You shed has paid our debt; Jesus, You’ve washed our sins away.
We trust Your grace, believe by faith; in You we have all righteousness.
O Lord, You’ve shown us mercy—sinners are washed as saints.
You’ve shown Your loving-kindness; sons of disgrace are righteous made.
Sons of disgrace are righteous made.

We fix our eyes on You, our prize: Jesus, the Author of our faith.
Till You return or bring us home, You strengthen us to run the race.
O Lord, forever faithful; all glory to Your name!
We have no other Savior, our great Redeemer, God and King.
Jesus—Redeemer, God and King.

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- words of assurance
1 John 1:5, 8-9
⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- congregational prayer

- offertory prayer | Candace Kane (9am); Raquel Saltsman (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 8:22-26 (pg. 792)
Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida
²² And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. ²³ And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, “Do you see anything?” ²⁴ And he looked up and said, “I see people, but they look like trees, walking.” ²⁵ Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶ And he sent him to his home, saying, “Do not even enter the village.”

- prayer for illumination

- sermon | Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions
“Seeing Clearly”
Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

- sacrament of the lord’s supper
Explanation, Invitation, Participation
All baptized Christians who are members in good standing of a church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ are invited to participate. Children who have been admitted into the church as communicant members are invited to participate as well. If you have any questions, please ask one of our pastors or elders.

Members will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup. You will receive the elements from the pastors and elders standing up front in your section of the Sanctuary, and then take the bread and cup back to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand and a server will bring the elements to your seat. We will take the elements together as prompted by the pastor.

During the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, you are invited to sing or meditate on the following song:

We Receive

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GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

- song of response
Jesus Paid It All
I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small;
child of weakness, watch and pray; find in me thine all in all.”

Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find—Thy pow’r, and Thine alone,
can change the leper’s spots, and melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim;
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save!” my lips shall still repeat.

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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