

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 Summer Fun Day, August 16th. 20s and 30s of APC, please join us at Barcroft Park at 2pm for spike ball, corn hole, and watermelon. See the GroupMe for more details.
College Aged Ministry Campfire Night -- with friends from Koinonia! Summer is nearly over, but we’d love for you to join in a night of fellowship around a campfire with S’mores. Members from APC’s Koinonia (coin-o-neia -- a ministry geared toward those in their 20s through to their 30s), would love to get to know you. The Kinch family is hosting at their home August 17th at 7pm. Invite a friend and fill the empty camp chair!
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.

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 - July 31, 2025
Giving: \$286,080.
Budget: \$210,000.
Difference: \$76,080.
Percentage: 136%

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	<i>This Week:</i> Gladys Acevedo, Miriam Moreno Coto, Fisher CFG
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> Kari Adams, Nikki Blank, Liz Crowley, Lisa Fleischaker, Patricia Kodjo, Jackie McCauley, Jeremy, Susanna and Evan Root, Evan Ward <i>This Week (11am):</i> Sifa Balagizi, Cindy Cai, Bryn Elliott, Frank Girgenti, Bethany Tinev <i>Next Week (9am):</i> Chase and Mary Lou Chesser, John Connelly, Rob Coit, Nathan Fleischaker, Alex Gesch, Matti Jamison, Peggy Locher, Kathy McGee, Tommy and Emily Ribaric <i>Next Week (11am):</i> Leslie Bridge, Sue Edwards, Emily Kinch, Peggy Locher, Bailey Rolland
Children’s Church	<i>9am:</i> Will and Catherine Marks, Tom and Amanda Petelik <i>11am:</i> Ryan and Erin Furgerson
Tech Team	Hensley Gollopp, Joey and Bailey Rolland, Justin Root
Greeters	<i>9am:</i> Mary Baird, Ryan Furgerson, Mike and Vicki Gutshall, Chris Nelms <i>11am:</i> James Dunlap, Kristi Hellmuth, the Mason family

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 (CFG Huddle for CFG leaders/hosts, PROTAS and Covenant Kids meets)
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 | Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries

Psalm 103:1, 8-12

Bless the Lord, O My Soul
Of David.

All: ¹**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

Leader: ⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: ⁹**He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.**

All: ¹⁰**He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

All: ¹²**as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

Bless The Lord O My Soul (Psalm 103)
My God is slow to anger when I go astray— bless the Lord, O my soul!
For all of my betrayals, He will not repay— bless the Lord, O my soul!
Through mercy and compassion His great love is proved;
He covers my transgressions like the snow;
as far as east from west are all my sins removed— bless the Lord, O my soul!

He saved me from the pit when I had lost all hope— bless the Lord, O my soul!
From endless springs of kindness all His blessings flow— bless the Lord, O my soul!
Our days will fade like flowers and are quickly spent,
and like the wind our years will come and go;
everlasting favor is His covenant— bless the Lord, O my soul!

Merciful and gracious is my God to me— bless the Lord, O my soul!
And I will tell His goodness through eternity— bless the Lord, O my soul!
O, bless the Lord, you angels, all you heav’nly hosts,
and every living creature here below,
praise the Father, praise the Son, and Holy Ghost— bless the Lord, O my soul!

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading | Elder Matt Coombs

James 4:1-10 (pg. 951)

Warning Against Worldliness
¹ What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? ⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

silent confession

song of confession

Jesus, I Come
Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness, into Thy health; out of my wanting and into Thy wealth;
out of my sin, and into Thyself; Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth’s sorrows, into Thy balm; out of life’s storms, and into Thy calm;
out of distress into jubilant psalm; Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love; out of despair into raptures above;
upward forever on wings like a dove; Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
ever Thy glorious face to behold; Jesus, I come to Thee.

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song of praise

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery
Come, behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King:
He, the theme of heaven’s praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come;
look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery: He, the perfect Son of Man,
in His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery: Christ the Lord upon the tree;
in the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption, see the Father’s plan unfold,
bringing many sons to glory—grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery: slain by death the God of life,
but no grave could e’er restrain Him; praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance; how unwavering our hope:
Christ, in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.

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missions testimony | Emily Coit

congregational prayer

offertory prayer | Yaovi Kodjo (9am) ; Peggy Locher (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 9:30-37 (pg. 794)

Jesus Again Foretells Death, Resurrection
³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” ³² But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

Who Is the Greatest?
³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶ And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

prayer for illumination

sermon | Joel Acevedo, Pastor of International Outreach and Mercy

“The Upside Down Kingdom: Greatness Through Humility”
Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response

O Great God
O great God of highest heav’n, occupy my lowly heart,
own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow’r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war;
You have loved and purchased me; make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven’s joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me,
through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that’s dependent on Your grace;
keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed;
O great God of highest heav’n, glorify Your name through me.

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dismissal

Líder: Salgamos y sirvamos a nuestra ciudad y a nuestro mundo como aquellos que aman al Señor y Salvador Jesucristo.
Todos: Saldremos y serviremos a nuestra ciudad y a nuestro mundo en el nombre de Cristo.

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 | Elder Matt Coombs