

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

College Aged Ministry Campfire Night Tonight -- 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-neo -- 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 Today! 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. Volunteers needed! Sign up in APC Sign-ups.

Spiritual Leadership Class begins September 2nd. Register now! 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.

Women of APC - Fall Bible studies coming soon! Come experience the transformative power of God's word while building relationships within our community of women. Thursday mornings beginning September 4th - Job: Lessons in Comfort; Tuesday evenings beginning September 30th - Ecclesiastes. Stay tuned for more information.

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.

Our next Inquirers Class is October 3rd and 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. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. Sign up through the APC emails or the QR code "APC Sign-Ups".

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> Fisher CFG
Nursery	<i>This 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>This Week (11am):</i> Leslie Bridge, Sue Edwards, Emily Kinch, Peggy Locher, Bailey Rolland <i>Next Week (9am):</i> Didier Balagizi, Drew Black, Jamie Connelly, Woodrow and Gus Coombs, Laura Erickson, Joe and McKinzie Newman, Madison Newman, Staci Root <i>Next Week (11am):</i> Laura Coit, Gina Mitchell, Eleanor Nagy, Stephanie and Ellie Olsen, Allison Rivera, Angel Tinev <i>9am:</i> Mark and Kari Adams, Nate and Maria Myers <i>11am:</i> Ryan and Erin Furgerson Chris and Abby McGahey, Brittany Payton, Joey Rolland <i>9am:</i> the Connelly family, Tiffany Easter, Ryan Furgerson <i>11am:</i> the Connelly family, James Dunlap, Pierre Jolly, Joe and Joan Leotta
Children's Church	
Tech Team	
Greeters	

KEY EQUIPPING

Upcoming Dates:
Today - 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
September 7 - Adult Classes Resume

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:
Foundational Track - "Evangelism: Sharing the Good News," Led by Pastor Tom Holliday and Pastor Joel Acevedo, Upstairs Adult Classroom (Room 201). Would you like to learn how to share your faith more effectively? Do you wish you could answer someone who asked you: how do I become a Christian? This class will address these questions in a helpful and practical way.

Topical Track - "Becoming Empowered for Discipleship," Led by Tom Tarrants, Main Level Adult Classroom (Room 112). The Christian life—following Jesus— is simple, but it is not easy. It cannot be done with unaided human strength and wisdom. We need the indwelling presence and power of the Holy Spirit to live as a faithful and fruitful disciples of Jesus and that is the focus of this class.

Biblical Track - "Seeing Christ in the Old Testament," Led by Elder Aaron Renenger, Main Level Conference Room (Room 114). Many Christians read the Old Testament as a collection of isolated books written at different points in history, but this class invites you to step back and see it as a coherent, unified narrative revealing God's redemptive plan for his people. We'll trace the overarching narrative from Genesis to Malachi, highlighting how Christ is anticipated and present throughout.

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.

Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

prelude

call to worship

Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor
Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
“I dwell in the high and holy place,
and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly,
and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (#53, vv. 1-3, 5)
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth;
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again; gladly fore’er we adore Him.

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading | Annie Boyajian (9am); Eleanor Nagy (11am)
John 3:1-17 (pg. 834)

You Must Be Born Again
¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God So Loved the World
¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise
O Come, All You Unfaithful
O come, all you unfaithful, come, weak and unstable,
come, know you are not alone.
O come, barren and waiting ones, weary of praying,
come— see what your God has done.

Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.

O come, bitter and broken, come with fears unspoken,
come, taste of His perfect love.
O come, guilty and hiding ones, there is no need to run— see what your God has done.

He’s the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon;
His promise is peace for those who believe.
He’s the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon;
His promise is peace for those who believe.

So come, though you have nothing, come, He is the offering,
come— see what your God has done.

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congregational prayer

offertory prayer | Lynn Streett (9am); Ethan Novak (11am)

presentation of tithes and offerings

This morning we are pleased to welcome rising 3rd graders who have moved up from children’s church and are spending their first full service with us!

*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.*

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

sermon scripture reading
Mark 9:38-50 (pg. 794)
Anyone Not Against Us Is for Us
³⁸ John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹ But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ For the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

Temptations to Sin
⁴² “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁸ ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

prayer for illumination

sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor
“What A Gospel Life Looks Like”
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:

Thy Mercy, My God
Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, the joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here; sin would reduce me to utter despair;
but through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive, and He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground and weep to the praise of the mercy I’ve found.

Thy mercy in Jesus exempts me from hell; its glories I’ll sing, and its wonders I’ll tell:
‘Twas Jesus my all, as He hung on the tree and opened the channel of mercy for me.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own, and the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
all praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

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GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response
Jesus, Thank You
The myst’ry of the cross I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son
who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

*Your blood has washed away my sin—Jesus, thank You
The Father’s wrath completely satisfied—Jesus, thank You
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table—Jesus, thank You*

By Your perfect sacrifice I’ve been brought near
Your enemy You’ve made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Lover of my soul, I want to live for You
Lover of my soul, I want to live for 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 | Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries