

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

Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social Tonight! 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’s Bible Study – Starting Thursday, September 4th, Job: Lessons in Comfort. Our God is the God of all comfort. Doesn’t He sound like exactly who and what we need at so many moments of our lives? Do you think of Job as a book of comfort? Many of us really think of it as a book of loss. Let’s learn otherwise! Our study guide is Frances Bennett’s Job: Lessons in Comfort. Thursday mornings, 9:45am-11:30am, APC Fellowship Hall, nursery provided, registration requested. Contact Lynn Street at lynn.streett79@gmail.com with any questions.

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. You’ll have a chance to meet church officers and staff, ask questions and learn more about the ministry God is building here. Sign up in “APC Sign-ups”.

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 in “APC Sign-Ups”.

We now have two open positions. 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 these staff positions. 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 for either position, or would like more information.

The Ministry Administrative Assistant is responsible for providing general prayer and administrative support (including email, church management system administration, worship preparation, maintaining sign-ups, copying, printing, etc) for ministry leaders and other church staff. This is a part-time position (24 hours/week including Sunday activities).

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	This Week: Alex and Allison Bolling, Mark Locher
Nursery	This Week (9am): Drew Black, Josh Diack, Kirsten Etherton, Nathan and Lisa Fleischaker, Sharon Holliday, Ethan and Serenity Novak, Maureen Ward This Week (11am): Flora Chipana, Stacey Diack, Kirsten Etheron, Caitlin Jolly, Ben and Kimberly Signer, Mary Mitchell Todd Next Week (9am): Mark Adams, Flora Chipana, Adam and Hannah Davis, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Jenny McGahey, Kathy McGee, Bailey Rolland, Evan Root, Margaret Veenstra Next Week (11am): Christine Brittle, Ellie Olsen, Chris Popadich, Bailey Rolland Children’s Church Tech Team Greeters
Children’s Church	Children’s Church does not meet on a 5th Sunday.
Tech Team	Bruce Barham, Ben and Liz Crowley, Amanda Petelik
Greeters	9am: Ryan Furgerson, the Allen family, the Kodjo family 11am: Maggie Cho, Sara Eppright, Cynthia Oviatt, Clayton Thompson

KEY EQUIPPING

Upcoming Dates:
Tonight - 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
Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise
Arise, My Soul, Arise
Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; the bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears. Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands; my name is written on His hands.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise, my soul, arise!
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise, my soul, arise!
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede, His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead; His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race, and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary; they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me. “Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear. He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear. With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh, and “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading | Erin Furgerson, Director of Children’s Ministries; Stephanie Olsen, Nursery Assistant

Psalms 78:1-8 (pg. 457)

Tell the Coming Generation
A MASKIL OF ASAPH
¹ Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
² I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
³ things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.
⁴ We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

⁵ He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children,

⁶ that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children,
⁷ so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;
⁸ and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise
May the Peoples Praise You
You have called us out of darkest night into Your glorious light that we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ. May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife with boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life.

May the peoples praise You; let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.

All the earth is Yours, and all within; each harvest is Your own; and from Your hand, we give to You to make Christ known. May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard; may songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.

This, our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name; to every nation, tribe and tongue, Your church proclaims: Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; all creation praise Your glorious name!

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congregational prayer

offertory prayer | Nathan Leamer (9am); Sara Eppright (11am)

presentation of tithes and offerings

song of preparation
Speak, O Lord
Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility; test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority. Words of pow’r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us, truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises, and by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Children’s Church does not meet today. In a month with five Sundays, our curriculum allows for children ages 5 through 2nd grade to experience what they are learning about the different aspects of worship by remaining in the service. Instead, these children are invited to come forward to the front steps of the Sanctuary for a children’s message.

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

children’s message

sermon scripture reading
Mark 10:13-16 (pg. 794)
Let the Children Come to Me
¹³ And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

prayer for illumination

sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor
“Jesus and Children”
Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

affirmation of faith
The Kids’ Catechism, Q. 1-5
Q. Who made you?
A. God.
Q. What else did God make?
A. God made all things.
Q. Why did God make you and all things?
A. For His own glory.
Q. How can you glorify God?
A. By loving Him and doing what He commands.
Q. Why ought you to glorify God?
A. Because He made me and takes care of me.

song of response
Jesus, Strong and Kind
Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him. No one else can satisfy; I should come to Him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to Him. No one else can be my strength; I should come to Him.

For the Lord is good and faithful; He will keep us day and night. We can always run to Jesus— Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him. No one else can be my shield; I should come to Him.

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me, and He showed me on that cross, He will come to me.

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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