

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

Women’s Bible Study – Started 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.

Women’s Bible Study beginning Tuesday evening, September 30th, 7:30pm-9:00pm, Fellowship Hall Lobby. *Ecclesiastes* – Have you ever been discouraged and confused about death and how to live in light of its looming presence over all our lives? Join us as we spend time in Ecclesiastes, “which teaches us how to live in light of the end,” using Living Life Backward by David Gibson as a resource. Participants can buy Gibson’s book and read along with us. However, if your schedule does not allow, reading God’s word will be enough, and we will let you know each week what verses of Ecclesiastes will be covered. This study runs September 30th - November 4th. Please reach out to Amy Weld at amyhweld@gmail.com if you’re interested in joining us.

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”.

Baptisms. The next baptism is on Sunday, October 19th. If you would like to have your child or children baptized, please email Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

Save the date - Trunk or Treat! Please join us on October 25th from 3-5pm for our Trunk or Treat. Look for more details and a sign-up coming soon.

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	<i>This Week:</i> TBD
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> Kirsten Etherton, Rob Fisher, Alex Gesch, Evelyn Heil, Sharon Holliday, Matti Jamison, Catherine Marks, Jo Porwoll, Emily and Tommy Ribaric, Tyler Rose <i>This Week (11am):</i> Catherine Chae, Flora Chipana, Stacey Diack, Frank Girgenti, Dan Johnson, Caitlin Jolly, Rose Shukrallah <i>Next Week (9am):</i> Mark Adams, Heather Carroll, Matt Coombs, Amy Douglass, Whitney Klinke, Jackie McCauley, Susanna Root, Andy, Rebecca and Bethany Schad <i>Next Week (11am):</i> Marc, Shannon and Sarah Allen, Ellie Olsen, Chris Popadich, Carmen Rives, Staci Root
Children’s Church	<i>9am:</i> Nathan and Amanda Leamer; Erin Furgerson <i>11am:</i> Stephanie Olsen
Tech Team	Chris Blackburn, Manuel Bravo, Victoria Kodjo, Brittany Payton
Greeters	<i>9am:</i> Sara and Hannah Butler, Juliet Edem, Lindsay Hutter, the Rivas family <i>11am:</i> Maggie Cho, the Connelly family, Jodie Kirk, Peggy Locher

KEY EQUIPPING

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, Sanctuary. 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.


GIVING AT A GLANCE

We give thanks to God for the outpouring of generous giving which has enabled us to pay off our smaller mortgage loan and hire a church plant pastor. Remaining ahead of our budget allows us to pursue these and other Vision 2026 initiatives.
July 1 - August 31, 2025
Giving: \$649,186.
Budget: \$410,000.
Difference: \$239,186.


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 | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions*
John 6:32b-35

³² “...my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” ³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

Come Praise and Glorify
Come praise and glorify our God, the Father of our Lord!
In Christ He has in heav’nly realms His blessings on us poured;
for pure and blameless in His sight He destined us to be,
and now we’ve been adopted through His Son eternally.

*To the praise of Your glory, to the praise of Your mercy and grace,
to the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves!*

Come praise and glorify our God, who gives His grace in Christ;
in Him our sins are washed away, redeemed through sacrifice.
In Him God has made known to us the myst’ry of His will:
that Christ should be the Head of all, His purpose to fulfill.

Come praise and glorify our God, for we’ve believed the Word,
and through our faith we have a seal, the Spirit of the Lord.
The Spirit guarantees our hope until redemption’s done,
until we join in endless praise to God, the Three in One.

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading | *Laura Carter (9am); Pete Olsen (11am)*

Isaiah 55:1-7 (pg. 576)
The Compassion of the LORD
¹ “Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶ “Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
⁷ let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

prayer of confession

O Lord, we know we must come to You with our hunger and thirst, but still we find ourselves frantically and vainly searching for satisfaction. We find it easy to ignore You when You ask us why we still spend our money and our lives on things which cannot satisfy. Surely this is because our disordered loves have blinded us. We remain in darkness, even when Your light is freely offered to us.

Please show us how we are trying to build our identities through creaturely comforts. And please forgive us. We are greedy when we are secure in our works and belongings— and we are satisfied only when we turn to You instead. So Lord, help us to bring our eyes to seek You, our ears to listen diligently, our voices to call upon You, and our souls to find life in our Savior and Provider, Jesus Christ. Amen.

song of assurance

My Worth Is Not in What I Own
My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone,
but in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame,
but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

*I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul;
I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die; fame, youth, and beauty hurry by;
but life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom’s fleeting light,
but I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness;
my value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

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congregational prayer | Elder Aaron Renenger

offertory prayer | *Bruce Barham (9am); Mark Locher (11am)*

presentation of tithes and offerings

offertory
God So Loved the World

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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 10:17-31 (pg. 794)
The Rich Young Man
¹⁷ And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰ And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” ²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

prayer for illumination

sermon | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions*

“The Eye of the Needle and Wealth”
Series: The Gospel of 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 (lyrics on screen):

O the Deep, Deep Love

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GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me
What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to His.
O, how strange and divine; I can sing, “All is mine!” Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side the Savior He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need His power is displayed.
To this I hold: My Shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley He will lead.
O, the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven—the future sure, the price it has been paid;
for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave!
To this I hold: My sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea.
O, the chains are released; I can sing, “I am free!” Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home;
and day by day I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus; all the glory evermore to Him!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat, “Yet not I, but through Christ in 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