

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

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”.

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? 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.

Join the Youth Choir this Fall! Youth Choir welcomes students in grades 1-8, singing with treble/unchanged voices. Rehearsals begin on October 5. For more information and to register, please scan the QR code. Please contact Serenity Novak (serenitynovak@gmail.com) with any questions.

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	This Week: the Flores family
Nursery	This Week (9am): Mark Adams, Heather Carroll, Matt Coombs, Amy Douglass, Whitney Klinke, Jackie McCauley, Susanna Root, Andy, Rebecca and Bethany Schad This Week (11am): Marc, Shannon and Sarah Allen, Ellie Olsen, Chris Popadich, Carmen Rives, Staci Root Next Week (9am): Jamie Connelly, Juliet Edem, Matti Jamison, Patricia Kodjo, Nate and Maria Myers, Tom and Amanda Petelik, Doug Shipley, Margaret Veenstra, Justin Wells-Morgan Next Week (11am): Femi Adeniji, Kendra Howard, Gina Mitchell, Ben and Kimberly Signer, Mary Mitchell Todd
Children’s Church	9am: Chase and Mary Lou Chesser, Chris and Amy Weld 11am: Stephanie Olsen
Tech Team	Hensley Gollopp, Amanda Petelik, Joey and Bailey Rolland
Greeters	9am: Adam and Hannah Davis, Tiffany Easter, Graeme Furgerson, Ginger Horton, Lindsay Hutter, Clayton Thompson 11am: the Cookey family, Kristi Hellmuth, Clayton Thompson

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.

Connect with APC



APC Sign-Ups



Give to APC



Youth Choir



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

⁹ It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

Behold Our God
Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice; all creation rises to rejoice.

Behold our God, seated on His throne—come let us adore Him!
Behold our King; nothing can compare—come let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His Words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave; Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

Men: You will reign forever! (Women: Let Your glory fill the earth!)

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading

Joan Leotta (9am); Maggie Cho (11am)

Philippians 2:1-11 (pg. 921)

Christ’s Example of Humility

¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

See How He Loves Us
King of heav’n, robed in light; sovereign of all, angels adore Him
Came and set His crown aside; emptied Himself, leaving His glory - see how He loves us

Son of Man, robed in flesh; bearing our grief, knowing our weakness
Yet despised in our eyes; pitied and poor, living among us - see how He loves us

Jesus, only Jesus, humble and holy; Lord, we adore You
Jesus, only Jesus; O how marvelous, O how wonderful Your love

Lamb of God, crucified; suffered alone, dying He saved us
Laid within a sinner’s grave; ever He lives, risen to raise us - see how He loves us

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prayer of commitment

adapted from The Valley of Vision, “Morning”
Today, let me know You as You are, love You supremely, serve You wholly, admire You fully. Through grace let my will respond to You, knowing that the power to obey is not in me, but that Your free love alone enables me to serve You. Here then is my empty heart; overflow it with Your choicest gifts. Here is my blind understanding; chase away its mists of ignorance. O ever watchful Shepherd, lead, guide, and tend me this day. Amen.

congregational prayer

offertory prayer

presentation of tithes and offerings

offertory

Adult Choir (9am)

I Am Thine, O Lord
I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to Thee.

Draw me nearer, draw me nearer to the cross where Thou hast died;
draw me nearer, blessed Savior, to Thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, by the pow’r of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in Thine.

There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with Thee.

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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 10:32-45 (pg. 795)

Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time

³² And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³ saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴ And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”

The Request of James and John

³⁵ And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶ And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” ³⁹ And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴² And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

prayer for illumination

sermon

Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions

“Greatness by Servanthood”
Series: The Gospel of Mark

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

songs of response

Jerusalem
See Him in Jerusalem, walking where the crowds are.
Once these streets had sung to Him; now they cry for murder.
Such a frail and lonely Man, holding up the heavy cross—
see Him walking in Jerusalem, on the road to save us.

See Him there upon the hill; hear the scorn and laughter.
Silent as a lamb, He waits, praying to the Father.
See the King who made the sun, and the moon, and shining stars
let the soldiers hold and nail Him down, so that He could save them.

See Him there upon the cross, now no longer breathing;
dust that formed the watching crowds takes the blood of Jesus.
Feel, the earth is shaking now; see, the veil is split in two—
and He stood before the wrath of God, shielding sinners with His blood.

See the empty tomb today: Death could not contain Him!
Once the servant of the world, now in vict’ry reigning.
Lift your voices to the One who is seated on the throne;
see Him in the new Jerusalem—praise the One who saved us!

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Worthy Is the Lamb

Thank You for the cross, Lord; thank You for the price You paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame, in love You came and gave amazing grace.
Thank You for this love, Lord, thank You for the nail-pierced hands.
Washed me in Your cleansing flow, now all I know is Your forgiveness and embrace.

Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne!
We crown You now with many crowns, You reign victorious!
High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God,
the Treasure of heaven crucified—
Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb!

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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

Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor