

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 Fellowship - Today in Room 002! 20s and 30s of APC, we invite you to pop in, grab a treat and meet other young adults between the services. 002 is the first door on the left off of the Fellowship Hall.

Nominations for the Office of Elder and Deacon. Now is the time for you to be involved in the nomination and election of our Elders and Deacons. We are looking for men who are being visibly transformed by the gospel and exhibit the qualifications outlined in scripture (1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1). You must 1) be a member to nominate, 2) ascertain the willingness of the individual to serve prior to submitting a nomination, and 3) nominate a man who has taken the required training class. This is your opportunity - get to know these men, have conversations with them, ask them questions, pray with and for them. Nominations can be submitted using the APC Sign-Ups QR Code or by filling out a form located on the table as you enter the building. Nominations may be submitted until October 20. Men who have either taken or are currently taking the Spiritual Leadership Training Class and eligible for nomination are: Ryan Furgerson. For re-election to the office of elder: Mark Adams, Matt Brown, Rob Fisher. The Congregational Meeting to elect officers will be Sunday, October 26, in between worship services.

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 (serenityanovak@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.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	This Week: Alex and Allison Bolling, Sharon Holliday
Nursery	This 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 This Week (11am): Femi Adeniji, Kendra Howard, Gina Mitchell, Ben and Kimberly Signer, Mary Mitchell Todd Next Week (9am): Mark Adams, Drew Black, Amy and Ryan Douglass, Laura Erickson, Matti Jamison, Whitney Klinke, Susanna Root, Amy Wells-Morgan, Maureen Ward Next Week (11am): Shannon Allen, Carrie Brown, Phoebe Drybola, Bryn Elliott, Jodie Kirk
Children’s Church	9am: Chase and Mary Lou Chesser, Chris and Amy Weld 11am: Stephanie Olsen
Tech Team	Chris Blackburn, Ben and Liz Crowley, Justin Root
Greeters	9am: Graeme Furgerson, Lindsay Hutter, Emma and Crissy Stubbs, Clayton Thompson 11am: Richard and Melinda Douglass, Kristi Hellmuth, Chris Nelms, Cynthia Oviatt, Clayton Thompson

KEY EQUIPPING

Fall Key Equipping Opportunities: Sunday Nights from 5pm to 7pm
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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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.

Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

prelude

call to worship | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*
Isaiah 40:28-29

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise
This Is My Father’s World
This is my Father’s world; and to my list’ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world! I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas— His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world: The birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world! He shines in all that’s fair;
in the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world: From shining courts above,
the sovereign One, His only Son came pledging endless love.
This is my Father’s world! His blood bought my access;
now reconciled, I am His child; my soul has found its rest.

This is my Father’s world: O let me ne’er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world! The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one.

This is my Father’s world! Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King— let the heavens ring; He reigns— let earth be glad!

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading | *Carmen Rives (9am); Tom Tarrants (11am)*

1 Corinthians 1:25-2:7 (pg. 895)
²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

^{2:1} And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

songs of praise
Be Thou My Vision (#642)
Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart— naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night; waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,
Thou my soul’s shelter, Thou my high tow’r:
raise Thou me heav’nward, O pow’r of my pow’r.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise: Thou mine inheritance, now and always,
Thou and Thou only first in my heart; high King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Christus Victor (Amen)
O Most High, King of the ages, great I AM, God of wonders:
By the blood You have redeemed us, led us through mighty waters.
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation—

*Now to the Lamb upon the throne
be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle You have won; Hallelujah!
With every tribe and every tongue
we join the anthem of the angels in the triumph of the Son; Hallelujah, Amen!*

O Most High dwelling among us, Son of man sent for sinners:
By Your blood You have redeemed us; spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
who lived, who died, who rose victorious—

O Most High, King of the nations, robed in praise, crowned with splendor:
On that day who will not tremble, when You stand Christ the Victor
who was, and is, and is forever—

Amen, Amen, Amen

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congregational prayer

offertory prayer | *Will Marks (9am); Mike Saltsman (11am)*

presentation of tithes and offerings

offertory | *Adult Choir (9am)*
O for a Thousand Tongues
O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
‘tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow’r of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosen’d tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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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 10:46-52 (pg. 795)

Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus
⁴⁶ And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” ⁵⁰ And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” ⁵² And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

prayer for illumination

sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“What Do You Want Me to Do for You?”
Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

deacons’ fund offering | *Eleanor Nagy (9am); Margie Williams (11am)*
This monthly offering supports the APC diaconate’s sharing of the gospel through the provision of tangible personal needs in our church and community.

song of response
Come Unto Jesus
Come unto Jesus, all you who are weary; come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, broken and needy; come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.

Joy of the comfortless, Light for the straying, Hope of the penitent, Peace in our strife;
here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, “My yoke is easy, my burden is light.”

*Come unto Jesus, come unto Jesus. Lay down your burdens; He is enough.
Come unto Jesus—rest in His love.*

Come taste the Bread of Life, broken for sinners,
drink from the cup of His promise made sure,
feast at His table as sons and as daughters; grace overflowing is yours evermore.

Come now and follow Him, this life forsaking; all that was gain count as nothing but loss;
trade all this world for His kingdom unfading. Come unto Jesus—take up your cross.
Come unto Jesus—take up your cross: Life everlasting He offers to us!

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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 | *Nick Carter, Operations Manager*