

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

New APC Men’s Study Kicking Off This Fall! Jim Taft and Tom Tarrants will be leading a 12-week men’s study this Fall based on the book, “The Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life” by Donald Whitney. God commands Christians to actively “be holy,” but what does that really look like in daily life? This study will offer practical suggestions for cultivating spiritual growth and will dive into practices such as: absorbing Scripture, prayer, worship, evangelism, serving, fasting, silence and solitude, and journaling. Regardless of where you are in your Christian walk, the book will provide encouragement for your spirit. Guys will be asked to read a short chapter, each week, in preparation for getting together. The study will take place on a weekday from 7:00am-8:00am, beginning the week of September 15th. We’ll caucus with those who sign up for this study to determine which day of the week works best for the most men. If interested, please contact Jim Taft at jamesdake1017@gmail.com by September 12th, so that we can order the number of books we’ll need.

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.

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	<i>This Week:</i> Gladys Acevedo
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> Mark Adams, Flora Chipana, Adam and Hannah Davis, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Jenny McGahey, Kathy McGee, Bailey Rolland, Evan Root, Margaret Veenstra <i>This Week (11am):</i> Christine Brittle, Ellie Olsen, Chris Popadich, Bailey Rolland <i>Next 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>Next Week (11am):</i> Catherine Chae, Flora Chipana, Stacey Diack, Frank Girgenti, Dan Johnson, Caitlin Jolly, Rose Shukrallah
Children’s Church	<i>9am:</i> Nathan and Amanda Leamer <i>11am:</i> Brian and Sarah Field
Tech Team	Brent and Beth Disselkoen, Abigail Jessee, Ethan Novak
Greeters	<i>9am:</i> Juliet Edem, Ginger Horton, Lindsay Hutter <i>11am:</i> Maggie Cho, the Cookey family, Chris Nelms

KEY EQUIPPING

All classes resume tonight (Adult, Youth, Children).
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 | Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries
Psalm 119:49-50

⁴⁹ Remember your word to your servant,
in which you have made me hope.

⁵⁰ This is my comfort in my affliction,
that your promise gives me life.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount—I’m fixed upon it—mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I’m come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand’ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love!
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

O that day when, freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
full arrayed in blood-washed linen, how I’ll sing Thy sovereign grace.
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, bring Thy promises to pass,
for I know Thy pow’r will keep me till I’m home with Thee at last!

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Rob Coit (9am); Nathan Newman (11am)

Ephesians 2:1-10 (pg. 917)

By Grace Through Faith
¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of praise

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus (#535)
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me is the current of Thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;
how He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
how He watches o’er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;
how for them He intercedeth, watcheth o’er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of every love the best:
‘tis an ocean vast of blessing, ‘tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! ‘tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

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My Jesus, I Love Thee (#648)
My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
for Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

I’ll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death;
and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
and say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I’ll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I’ll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | Amanda Petelik (9am); Phoebe Drybola (11am)

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

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

2 Peter 1:1-15 (pg. 957)

¹ Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

² May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³ *His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,* ⁴ *by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.* ⁵ *For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge,* ⁶ *and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness,* ⁷ *and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.* ⁸ *For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.* ⁹ *For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.* ¹⁰ *Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.* ¹¹ *For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

¹² Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. ¹³ I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴ since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

“Precious and Very Great Promises”
Series: Praying In and Living Out the Promises of God

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

By Faith
By faith, we see the hand of God in the light of creation’s grand design,
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, our fathers roamed the earth with the pow’r of His promise in their hearts
of a holy city built by God’s own hand— a place where peace and justice reign.

We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul’s reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we’ll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear,
with the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith, the church was called to go in the pow’r of the Spirit to the lost,
to deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth.

By faith, this mountain shall be moved, and the pow’r of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.

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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