

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, complacency, 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 blue 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:

- **Prayer after the worship service.** For personal prayer, come to the front of the sanctuary where at least one elder is available to pray with you. Please don't continue struggling alone!
- **Worship for children.** Our Nursery is downstairs, available for newborn to age 4. Ages 5 through 2nd grade are welcome to attend Children's Church following the offertory.
- **Simulcasts of the worship service in the Main Level Adult Education Room (Room 112) and Nursing Mothers Room downstairs (Room 009, near the Fellowship Hall).** As you or your family have the need, please feel free to use these areas to continue your worship!
- **Large-Print Bulletins.** For assistance, 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.
- **Ministry Information.** Please visit our 'information' table in the lobby for more info.

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

APC is acutely aware of the devastating effects on many of the ongoing government shutdown. We'd like to help. In order to do so, we need to get a sense of the extent of the financial impacts of the shutdown on our APC family, so that we can take steps to help meet those tangible needs. If you or your family has been adversely impacted by the shutdown and you need help, can you please let APC staff know (apc.office@alexandriapres.org) know approximately how much assistance you need and when you need it? Please also let us know whether it's a one time or ongoing need. Thank you.

Men's Breakfast. Men of APC, join us in the Fellowship Hall on November 22nd from 8am to 10am for a delicious breakfast, fellowship with other brothers and an encouraging word. Our speaker will be Pastor Thabiti Anyabwile (Pastor T) from Anacostia River Church in Southeast D.C. Jr High and above, please register in "APC Sign-Ups."

Thanksgiving Service at APC! Our Thanksgiving service November 23rd at 5pm and is a time for us to hear from each other as we publicly give thanks to God for what He has done in our lives over the past year. All ages are invited to share with the congregation as we worship together. Afterwards, please join us downstairs in the fellowship hall for a potluck and pies. Please bring a pie or dish to share.

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 **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.

Congregational Care and Safety Policy Monitor. The Congregational Care and Safety Policy guides our interactions with minors, and vulnerable adults. The Policy Monitor provides oversight of this policy. The safety of our ministry participants and ministry volunteers is of high importance. This is a part-time position for approximately 6 hours a week.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week: Mark Locher

Nursery

This Week (9am): Drew Black, Jonerik Blank, Blake Bruce, Adam and Hannah Davis, Amy Murr, Christian Poole, Evan Root, Ben Signer, Maureen Ward

This Week (11am): Rob, Laura and Elyse Coit, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Gina Mitchell, Jessica Newman, Margaret Veenstra

Next Week (9am): Jamie Connelly, Woodrow and Gus Coombs, Laura Erickson, Matti Jamison, Ethan and Serenity Novak, Lisa Popadich, Tyler Rose, Evan Ward

Next Week (11am): Shannon Allen, Sifa Balagizi, Sue Edwards, Rob Fisher, Rose Shukrallah

Children's Church

9am: Mark and Kari Adams, Will and Catherine Marks

11am: Nathan Newman, Stephanie Olsen

Tech Team

Chris Blackburn, Ben Crowley, Amanda Petelik, Bailey Rolland

Greeters

9am: Ryan Furgerson, Lynn Streett, Clayton Thompson, Lynette Vanderschaaf

11am: Pierre Jolly, 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.

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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

We encourage you to find a seat to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

call to worship | Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries

Psalm 134

A SONG OF ASCENTS.

¹ Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

² Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!

³ May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

songs of praise

How Great Thou Art (#44, vv. 1, 3-4)

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

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Thanks and Praise

We are here together to lift our hearts as one; we’re in our Father’s presence; His Spirit is with us. We are here together to lift our hearts as one; we’re in our Father’s presence; His Spirit is with us.

It is good to lift the name of the Lord our God, it is right to give Him thanks and praise, for His heart is overflowing with love for us and His mercy we can never contain.

And each and every morning, we’ll tell of His great love, of all His faithful mercies, and all that He has done. For who can match His kindness? and who can count His works? O let our praise continue till evening draws in close.

Glory, honor, wisdom, power, and strength to our Savior, Jesus, worthy of all praise! Glory, honor, wisdom, power, and strength to our Savior, Jesus, worthy of all praise!

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading | Elder Marc and Shannon Allen (9am); Elder Rob and Ruth Fisher (11am)

Luke 15:11-32 (pg. 821)

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

¹¹ And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’” ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’” ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done; omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum, thrown into a sea without bottom or shore: Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more—stronger than darkness, new every morn: Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam, what Father so tender is calling us home; He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor: Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us; His blood was the payment, His life was the cost. We stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford: Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

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installation of officers

This morning we are pleased to recognize Elder Ryan Furgerson whom God has raised up to ordained office.

doxology (#731)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

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farewell | Katy Rogers (9am)

congregational prayer

offertory prayer | Sue Edwards (9am); Raquel Saltsman (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

Psalm 100 (pg. 469)

His Steadfast Love Endures Forever

A PSALM FOR GIVING THANKS

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

² Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

³ Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

prayer for illumination

sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

“Worship Is a Verb”

Series: Praying In and Living Out the Promises of God

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song of response

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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