

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 Coffeehouse Event. Women of APC - Friday, October 17, 7-9pm, Fellowship Hall - Come join us for fellowship, food, and encouragement as some of our women share about their journeys with Jesus of late. Consider bringing your own beloved coffee mug or tea cup in which to enjoy your warm beverage of choice. Sign up in "APC Sign-Ups". Contact Shannon Allen with questions: shannon.allen@alexandriapres.org

Short-term Missions Information Meeting, October 19th. The Missions committee will host an informational meeting about short-term missions opportunities through APC on Sunday, October 19th from 10:15-10:45 a.m. in room 007. The committee will provide details about several short-term mission trip opportunities in 2026. Come join us if you're curious and would like to learn more!

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.

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

Trunk or Treat! Please join us on October 25th from 3-5pm for our Trunk or Treat. Sign up to host a car or volunteer as a bounce house monitor, a face painter and more in "APC Sign-Ups". For questions, please email apc.office@alexandriapres.org.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	This Week: Gladys Acevedo
Nursery	This Week (9am): Drew Black, Nikki Blank, Kendra Howard, Kathy McGee, Maria Myers, Stephanie Olsen, Jo Porwoll, Lynn and Bryant Streett This Week (11am): Rob Fisher, Frank Girgenti, Gina Mitchell, Rose Shukrallah, Margaret Veenstra Next Week (9am): Femi Adeniji, Nikki Blank, Amy Douglass, Kirsten Etherton, Lisa and Nathan Fleischaker, Evelyn Heil, Whitney Klinke, Jenny McGahey, Joe and McKinzie Newman Next Week (11am): Sara Eppright, Laurie LeRoy, Peggy Locher, Gina Mitchell, Carmen Rives, Athena Selim, Bethany Tinev Children's Church is not meeting this week due to the holiday weekend.
Children's Church	Ben Crowley, Victoria Kodjo, Joey and Bailey Rolland
Tech Team	9am: Mary Baird, Matt Coombs, Tim and Phoebe Drybola, Mike and Vicki Gutshall, the Rivas family, Clayton Thompson
Greeters	11am: Maggie Cho, Richard and Melinda Douglass, Kristi Hellmuth, Clayton Thompson

KEY EQUIPPING

Key Equipping is not meeting tonight, October 12th. Please join us next Sunday from 5-7pm with opportunities for all ages to grow and be equipped as disciples of Jesus.

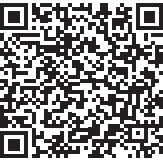
GIVING AT A GLANCE

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 - September 30, 2025

Giving: \$965,110.
Budget: \$650,000.
Difference: \$315,110.
Percentage: 149%


Connect with APC




APC Sign-Ups




Give to APC



Youth Choir



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

Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Revelation 5:11-12

Leader:

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice,

All:

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne; Hark! how the heav’ny anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side—rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified; no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life who triumphed o’er the grave, and rose victorious through the strife for those He came to save; His glories now we sing who died and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring; and lives, that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of lords who over all doth reign, who, once on earth th’incarnate Word for ransomed sinners slain, now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing their songs before Him day and night—their God, Redeemer, King.

Crown Him the Lord of heav’n, enthroned in worlds above; crown Him the King to whom is giv’n the wondrous name of Love. Crown Him with many crowns, as thrones before Him fall; crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all!

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading

Elder Matt Brown (9am); Andy Schad (11am)

2 Corinthians 12:1-10 (pg. 911)

Paul’s Visions and His Thorn

¹ I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵ On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses— ⁶ though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

songs of praise

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small; child of weakness, watch and pray; find in me thine all in all.”

Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe.

Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find—Thy pow’r, and Thine alone, can change the leper’s spots, and melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim; I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete, “Jesus died my soul to save!” my lips shall still repeat.

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The Lord’s My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want; He makes me lie in pastures green; He leads me by the still, still waters; His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone; and I will trust in You alone, for Your endless mercy follows me; Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness, and He anoints my head with oil, and my cup, it overflows with joy; I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one, for You are with me, and Your rod and staff are the comfort I need to know.

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congregational prayer

offertory prayer

Liz Crowley (9am); Tom Holliday (11am)

presentation of tithes and offerings

song of preparation

Help Us See Christ

Holy Spirit, Breath of God, Witness to all that Christ has done Great Revealer, radiant Light, one with the Father and the Son

Open our eyes, help us see Christ; may we behold His majesty

Open our eyes, Spirit we cry; show us the glory of our King!

Help us see Christ

Holy Spirit, Voice of truth, speaking the Word of God to us Sent from heaven to our hearts, that we might know the Father’s love

Holy Spirit, Guarantee of the redemption Christ has won Promised Helper, be our strength, until this race on earth is run

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Children’s Church is not meeting today due to the holiday weekend. We welcome our children to remain in the service.

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

sermon scripture reading

Mark 11:1-11 (pg. 795)

The Triumphal Entry

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴ And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵ And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

¹¹ And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

prayer for illumination

sermon

Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions

“The Great Anticlimax”

Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response

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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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