

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

Short-term Missions Information Meeting Today. The Missions committee will host an informational meeting about short-term missions opportunities through APC on Sunday, October 19th from 10:20-10:50am 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.**

Join the Youth Choir this Fall! Youth Choir welcomes students in grades 1-8, singing with treble/unchanged voices. Rehearsals begin October 4th. 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.

We now have one open position. 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.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	<i>This Week:</i> the Brittle family
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> Femi Adeniji, Nikki Blank, Amy Douglass, Kirsten Etherton, Lisa and Nathan Fleischaker, Evelyn Heil, Whitney Klinke, Jenny McGahey, Joe and McKinzie Newman <i>This Week (11am):</i> Sara Eppright, Laurie LeRoy, Peggy Locher, Gina Mitchell, Carmen Rives, Athena Selim, Bethany Tinev <i>Next Week (9am):</i> Kari Adams, Joe and Amanda Cho, Tiffany Easter, Andrew Hobold, Sharon Holiday, Catherine Marks, Madison Newman, Juliana Richardson, Dani Sauer, Margaret Veenstra <i>Next Week (11am):</i> Christine Brittle, Cindy Cai, Flora Chipana, Andrew Hobold, Dan Johnson, Gina Mitchell, Athena Selim
Children’s Church	<i>9am:</i> Bryant and Lynn Streett <i>11am:</i> Brian and Sarah Field
Tech Team	Liz Crowley, Hudson Diack, Bailey Rolland, Keith Zimmerman
Greeters	<i>9am:</i> Mary Baird, Matt Coombs, Lindsay Hutter, the Kodjo family, the Murr family <i>11am:</i> Kristi Hellmuth, Joe and Joan Leotta, Chris Nelms

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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APC Sign-Ups



Give to APC



Youth Choir



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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.

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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*
John 10:7-10

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of praise**
Come, People of the Risen King
Come, people of the risen King who delight to bring Him praise;
come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Rejoice, rejoice, let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;
come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight;
for His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through every age: “Our God is all in all!”

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■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **scripture reading** | *Joe Mugg (9am); Sarah Field (11am)*

Psalms 51 (pg. 443)
Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God
¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward
being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within me.
¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your
righteousness.
¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I
would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you
will not despise.
¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;
¹⁹ then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **sacrament of baptism** *(9am)*
This morning we are pleased to baptize the following covenant children:
Elijah Alan and Riley Mae Bruce, children of Patrick and Blake Bruce
Benson Vaughan Chesser, son of Chase and Mary Lou Chesser
Joseph Joonsung Cho, son of Joe and Amanda Cho
Guy Thomas Kane, son of Nate and Candace Kane
Calvin Ramsay Richardson, son of Sam and Juliana Richardson

■ **covenantal blessing** *(9am)*
from the liturgy of the French Reformed Church
For you, little ones, the Spirit of God moved over the waters at creation, and the Lord God made covenants with his people.

For you the Word of God became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

For you Jesus Christ suffered death, crying out at the end, “It is finished!”

And for you Christ triumphed over death, rose in newness of life, and ascended to rule over all.

All of this was done for you, though you do not know any of this yet. But we will continue to tell you this good news until it becomes your own by faith. And so the promise of the gospel is fulfilled: “We love because God first loved us.”

■ **songs of praise**
Nothing but the Blood (#307, vv. 1-4)
Please find lyrics in the hymnals or on screen.

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There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood (11am)
Please find lyrics on screen.

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■ **farewell** | *Ben, Abigail, and Evelyn Jessee (9am); Alex, Kolten, and Eric Cunningham (9am)*

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Elder Rob Fisher (9am); Bryn Elliott (11am)*

■ **offertory** | *Adult Choir (9am)*
Lord, How I Love Thy Law

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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 11:12-25 (pg. 796)
Jesus Curses the Fig Tree
¹² On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. ¹³ And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴ And he said to it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard it.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple
¹⁵ And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹⁶ And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷ And he was teaching them and saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a den of robbers.” ¹⁸ And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching. ¹⁹ And when evening came they went out of the city.

The Lesson from the Withered Fig Tree
²⁰ As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. ²¹ And Peter remembered and said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.” ²² And Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. ²³ Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵ And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”

■ **prayer for illumination**

■ **sermon** | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions*

“From Fig Leaves to the Fruit of Faith”
Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **songs of response**
Jesus, I Come
Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness, into Thy health; out of my wanting and into Thy wealth;
out of my sin, and into Thyself; Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth’s sorrows, into Thy balm; out of life’s storms, and into Thy calm;
out of distress into jubilant psalm; Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love; out of despair into raptures above;
upward forever on wings like a dove; Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
ever Thy glorious face to behold; Jesus, I come to Thee.

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Before the Throne of God Above
Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea—
a great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav’n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,
for God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high—with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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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**