

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

Reformation Sunday. This Sunday we celebrate the reclamation of the truth of God’s Word through the labors of numerous Protestant church reformers, such as John Huss, Martin Luther, John Calvin and John Knox.

The congregational meeting to elect elders and deacons is this Sunday, October 26th, at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend, but only members are allowed to vote. Nursery workers - ballots will be brought to you.

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.

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	<i>This Week:</i> the Flores family
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> Kari Adams, Joe and Amanda Cho, Tiffany Easter, Andrew Hobold, Sharon Holliday, Catherine Marks, Madison Newman, Juliana Richardson, Dani Sauer, Margaret Veenstra <i>This Week (11am):</i> Christine Brittle, Cindy Cai, Flora Chipana, Andrew Hobold, Dan Johnson, Gina Mitchell, Athena Selim <i>Next Week (9am):</i> Drew Black, Jonerik Blank, Blake Bruce, Christian Poole, Maureen Ward <i>Next Week (11am):</i> Rob and Laura Coit, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Gina Mitchell, Jessica Newman, Margaret Veenstra <i>9am:</i> Owen and Lina Gentry, Bryant and Lynn Streett <i>11am:</i> Stephanie Olsen
Children’s Church	<i>9am:</i> Owen and Lina Gentry, Bryant and Lynn Streett <i>11am:</i> Stephanie Olsen
Tech Team	Bruce Barham, Beth Ifft, Ethan Novak, Justin Root
Greeters	<i>9am:</i> Matt Coombs, Lindsay Hutter, the Fleischaker family <i>11am:</i> Pierre Jolly, Peggy Locher, Chris Nelms, Cynthia Oviatt

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

call to worship | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions*
Psalms 40:6-8

⁶ In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,
but you have given me an open ear.

Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.

⁷ Then I said, “Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

choral introit
Thou Art Holy

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song of praise
Only a Holy God
Who else commands all the hosts of heaven? Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises? What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice? Only a holy God.

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only;
cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God;
come and worship the holy God.*

What other glory consumes like fire? What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated? Only a holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing? Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father? Only a holy God— only a holy God!

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading

Ephesians 1:3-14 (pg. 917)

Spiritual Blessings in Christ
³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him.

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise
In Christ Alone
In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save,
till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
for every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the power of Christ in me;
from life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.

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sacrament of baptism *(9am)*

reception of new members

congregational prayer

offertory prayer | *Jeremy Root (9am); Cindy Cai (11am)*

song of preparation
Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God
Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me, give me faith for what I cannot see,
give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do—
love enough to cover every sin in each thought and deed and attitude,
kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace; breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth, giving life to all that God has made,
show Your power once again on earth; cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

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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
1 Timothy 1:1-7 (pg. 932)
Greeting
¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,
² To Timothy, my true child in the faith:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Warning Against False Teachers
³ As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, ⁴ nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith. ⁵ The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶ Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷ desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

prayer for illumination

sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*
“A Gospel Life”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

songs of response
O Great God
O great God of highest heav’n, occupy my lowly heart,
own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow’r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war;
You have loved and purchased me; make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven’s joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me,
through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that’s dependent on Your grace;
keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed;
O great God of highest heav’n, glorify Your name through me.

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deacons’ fund offering | *Pete Olsen (9am); Linda Willows (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.

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