

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

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.**

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? 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.

Women’s Bible Study Started Tuesday evening, September 30th, 7:30pm-9:00pm, Fellowship Hall Lobby. *Ecclesiastes* – Have you ever been discouraged and confused about death and how to live in light of its looming presence over all our lives? Join us as we spend time in Ecclesiastes, “which teaches us how to live in light of the end,” using Living Life Backward by David Gibson as a resource. Participants can buy Gibson’s book and read along with us. However, if your schedule does not allow, reading God’s word will be enough, and we will let you know each week what verses of Ecclesiastes will be covered. This study runs September 30th - November 4th. Please reach out to Amy Weld at amyhweld@gmail.com if you’re interested in joining us.

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)

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 in “APC Sign-Ups”. For questions, please email apc.office@alexandriapres.org.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	<i>This Week:</i> Alex and Allison Bolling, Sharon Holliday
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> Mark Adams, Drew Black, Amy and Ryan Douglass, Laura Erickson, Matti Jamison, Whitney Klinke, Susanna Root, Amy Wells-Morgan, Maureen Ward <i>This Week (11am):</i> Shannon Allen, Carrie Brown, Phoebe Drybola, Bryn Elliott, Jodie Kirk <i>Next Week (9am):</i> Drew Black, Kendra Howard, Kathy McGee, Maria Myers, Jo Porvoll <i>Next Week (11am):</i> Rob Fisher, Frank Girgenti, Gina Mitchell, Rose Shukrallah, Margaret Veenstra <i>9am:</i> Owen and Lina Gentry, Bryant and Lynn Streett <i>11am:</i> Stephanie Olsen
Children’s Church	Lauren Evans, Pete Olsen, Brittany Payton, Amanda Petelik
Tech Team	<i>9am:</i> Matt Coombs, Adam and Hannah Davis, Lindsay Hutter, the Kodjo family, Clayton Thompson
Greeters	<i>11am:</i> Maggie Cho, Clayton Thompson, the Mason family

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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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

Hebrews 11:6
⁂ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

Reformation Song
Your Word alone is solid ground, the mighty rock on which we build;
in every line the truth is found, and every page with glory filled.

Through faith alone we come to You; we have no merit we can claim.
Sure that Your promises are true, we place our hope in Jesus’ name.

Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone;
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone!

In Christ alone we’re justified; His righteousness is all our plea;
Your law’s demands are satisfied; His perfect work has set us free.

By grace alone we have been saved; all that we are has come from You.
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved now by Your pow’r have been made new!

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading

Andrew Hobold (9am); Kari Adams (11am)

John 10:1-15 (pg. 842)

I Am the Good Shepherd

¹ “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

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. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

prayer of confession

adapted from The Valley of Vision, “Morning”
O ever watchful Shepherd, lead, guide, and tend me this day. Without Your restraining rod, I err and stray. Please hedge up my path, lest I wander into unwholesome pleasure and drink its poisonous streams. Direct my feet so that I may not be entangled in Satan’s secret snares, nor fall into his hidden traps. Defend me from assailing foes, from evil circumstances— and even from myself, for my adversaries are part and parcel of my nature, and I cannot escape their contact. With Your almighty power, come and abolish in me every particle of carnal life this day, by causing me to know You as You are, love You supremely, serve You wholly, and admire You fully. Amen.

song of confession

From the Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)
From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication.
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
Men: O who shall stand before Thee? (*Women:* who shall stand before Thee?)
O who shall stand before Thee? (who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth.
No man can glory in Thy sight; all must alike confess Thy might
and live alone by mercy, (live alone by mercy,)
and live alone by mercy. (live alone by mercy.)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
on Him my soul shall rest; His Word upholds my fainting spirit.
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience, (wait for it with patience,)
I wait for it with patience. (wait for it with patience.)

What though I wait the live-long night, and till the dawn appeareth,
my heart still trusteth in His might, it doubteth not nor feareth;
do thus, O ye of Israel’s seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed,
and wait till God appeareth, (wait till God appeareth,)
and wait till God appeareth. (wait till God appeareth.)

Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd, good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free
from all their sin and sorrow, (all their sin and sorrow,)
from all their sin and sorrow. (all their sin and sorrow.)

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congregational prayer

offertory prayer

Christina Renenger (9am); Austin Swink (11am)

presentation of tithes and offerings

offertory

Adult Choir (9am)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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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

Psalm 23 (pg. 428)

A PSALM OF DAVID

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name’s sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

prayer for illumination

sermon

Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions

“How Jesus *Shepherds Us*”
Series: Praying In and Living Out the Promises of God

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

sacrament of the lord’s supper

Explanation, Invitation, Participation

All baptized Christians who are members in good standing of a church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ are invited to participate. Children who have been admitted into the church as communicant members are invited to participate as well. If you have any questions, please ask one of our pastors or elders.

Members will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup. You will receive the elements from the pastors and elders standing up front in your section of the Sanctuary, and then take the bread and cup back to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand and a server will bring the elements to your seat. We will take the elements together as prompted by the pastor.

During the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, you are invited to sing or meditate on the following song:

O Wondrous Love

O wondrous love that will not let me go, I cling to You with all my strength and soul;
yet if my hold should ever fail, this wondrous love will never let me go.

O wondrous love that’s come to dwell in me; Lord, who am I that I should come to know
Your tender voice assuring me? This wondrous love will never let me go.

I’m resting in the everlasting arms, in the ever faithful heart, the Shepherd of my life.
You’ll carry me on Your mighty wings of grace, keeping me until the day I look into Your eyes.

O wondrous love that sings of Calvary, the sweetest sound this sinner’s ever known,
the song of Your redeeming Son whose wondrous love will never let me go.

O wondrous love that rushes over me, I can’t escape this river’s glorious flow;
You overwhelm my days with good; Your wondrous love will never let me go.

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GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (#32)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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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