

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

(Last Call - Sign up by Thursday) 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 is 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.

Installation Service for Pastor Matt Roberts - November 30th at 5pm. Please join us in the Sanctuary as we celebrate God’s faithfulness in bringing Matt Roberts to APC and install him as an assistant pastor. Matt will be the pastor of our church plant in Mt Vernon. A light reception will follow the service.

The Deacons and Deaconesses invite donations of warm clothing for some of our much loved Families! As the season changes, consider giving from your closet. Men sizes: large, medium and small. Women sizes: large (14) medium (10,12) and small (6,8). Children: boys (8,10), girls (12,14). Send a prayer with your belongings- tuck it inside! Please leave donations in the box outside the deacons’ office (Room 006).

Lessons and Carols at APC. Join us on the evening of December 14th for a special service of song and scripture, as we celebrate the fulfillment of God’s promises through His Son, Jesus (2 Corinthians 1:20). The prelude will begin at 4:45pm. Nursery is available for ages 0-4. After the service, please bring cookies to share for a time of fellowship.

Christmas Eve at APC. In anticipation of the Lord bringing many to this service as He has in the past few years, we are having two family-friendly Christmas Eve services at 4:30 and 6:30pm! We hope you and your family join us at either service as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. This service will include candle lighting, with battery operated candles for young children. No childcare will be offered during this service.

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 - October 31, 2025
Giving: \$1,198,050.
Budget: \$890,000.
Difference: \$308,050.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	<i>This Week:</i> Conseulo Rosas
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> Matt Brown, John Connelly, Amy and Ryan Douglass, Kirsten Etherton, Brian Field, Patricia Kodjo, Juliana Richardson, Jeremy Root, Tyler Rose, Justin Wells-Morgan <i>This Week (11am):</i> Christine Brittle, Cindy Cai, Laurie LeRoy, Gina Mitchell, Ellie Olsen, Bethany Tinev <i>Next Week (9am):</i> Mark Adams, Didier Balagizi, Ryan Furgerson, Madison Newman, Tom and Amanda Petelik, Staci and Susanna Root, Amy Wells-Morgan <i>Next Week (11am):</i> Stacey Diack, Erin Furgerson, Kathryn Johnson, Caitlin Jolly, Kathy McGee, Gina Mitchell, Chris Popadich <i>9am:</i> Shant and Annie Boyajian, Nate and Maria Myers <i>11am:</i> Jessica Newman and Chelsea Swink Pete Olsen, Joey and Bailey Rolland <i>9am:</i> Didier and Sifa Balagizi, Adam and Hannah Davis, Lindsay Hutter, Clayton Thompson <i>11am:</i> Kristi Hellmuth, Clayton Thompson, Sarah Williams
Children’s Church	
Tech Team	
Greeters	

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



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

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

■ call to worship

Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Isaiah 44:2-5

² Thus says the LORD who made you,
who formed you from the womb and will help you:
Fear not, O Jacob my servant,
Jeshurun whom I have chosen.
³ For I will pour water on the thirsty land,
and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring,
and my blessing on your descendants.
⁴ They shall spring up among the grass
like willows by flowing streams.
⁵ This one will say, ‘I am the LORD’s,’
another will call on the name of Jacob,
and another will write on his hand, ‘The LORD’s,’
and name himself by the name of Israel.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ choral introit

Youth Choir

Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

On the mountain, my Lord spoke,
out His mouth came fire and smoke.
Down in the valley, on my knees,
I asked my Lord, “Have mercy, please!”

Jordan River, chilly and cold,
chills the body, not the soul.
All around me looked so fine,
I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Ain’t but one train on this track,
runs to heaven and right back.
St. Peter waitin’ at the gate,
said, “Come on, sinner, don’t be late!”

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■ song of praise

Jesus, Strong and Kind

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.
No one else can satisfy; I should come to Him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my strength; I should come to Him.

For the Lord is good and faithful; He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus— Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my shield; I should come to Him.

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me,
and He showed me on that cross, He will come to me.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading

Lisa Fleischaker (9am); Mike Powell (11am)

Romans 8:11-17 (pg. 888)

¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Heirs with Christ

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ testimony

Peggy Locher

■ songs of praise

Jesus, Thank You

The myst’ry of the cross I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son
who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

Your blood has washed away my sin—Jesus, thank You
The Father’s wrath completely satisfied—Jesus, thank You
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table—Jesus, thank You

By Your perfect sacrifice I’ve been brought near
Your enemy You’ve made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Lover of my soul, I want to live for You
Lover of my soul, I want to live for You

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The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me,
and on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death’s dark vale I will not fear, with Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread’st a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
and O, what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer

Joe Leotta (9am); Sharon Holliday (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

Mark 12:1-12 (pg. 796)

The Parable of the Tenants

¹ And he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to tenants and went into another country. ² When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. ³ And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴ Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully. ⁵ And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. ⁶ He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ⁷ But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ ⁸ And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹ What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰ Have you not read this Scripture:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

¹¹ this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes?”

¹² And they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them. So they left him and went away.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon

Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

“Man of Sorrows”

Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Man of Sorrows! What a Name (#246)

Man of sorrows! What a name for the Son of God who came ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood,
sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was He.
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die; “It is finished!” was His cry.
Now in heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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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