

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

APC is acutely aware of the devastating effects on many of the ongoing government shutdown. We’d like to help. In order to do so, we need to get a sense of the extent of the financial impacts of the shutdown on our APC family, so that we can take steps to help meet those tangible needs. If you or your family has been adversely impacted by the shutdown and you need help, can you please let APC staff know (apc.office@alexandriapres.org) know approximately how much assistance you need and when you need it? Please also let us know whether it’s a one time or ongoing need.

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).

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. 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. This is a part-time position for approximately 6 hours a week.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	<i>This Week:</i> Gladys Acevedo
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> Jamie Connelly, Woodrow and Gus Coombs, Laura Erickson, Matti Jamison, Ethan and Serenity Novak, Lisa Popadich, Tyler Rose, Evan Ward <i>This Week (11am):</i> Shannon Allen, Sifa Balagizi, Sue Edwards, Rob Fisher, Rose Shukrallah <i>Next 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>Next Week (11am):</i> Christine Brittle, Cindy Cai, Laurie LeRoy, Gina Mitchell, Ellie Olsen, Bethany Tinev <i>9am:</i> Mark and Kari Adams, Will and Catherine Marks <i>11am:</i> Stephanie Olsen Beth Disselkoen, Lauren Evans, Justin Root, Keith Zimmerman <i>9am:</i> Ryan Furgerson, Lindsay Hutter, Patricia Kodjo, Lynn Streett, Clayton Thompson, Lynette Vanderschaaf <i>11am:</i> Richard and Melinda Douglass, Kristi Hellmuth, Joe and Joan Leotta, Clayton Thompson
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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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** | *Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries*
Psalms 100:3
³ Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of praise**
All People That on Earth Do Dwell (#1)
All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forthtell, come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; without our aid He did us make;
we are His flock, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise, approach with joy His courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good; His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

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■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **scripture reading** | *Kira Allison (9am); Colin Palma (11am)*

2 Corinthians 4:1-7 (pg. 907)

The Light of the Gospel
¹ Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ² But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God’s word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of praise**
Glorious Christ
The radiance of the Father before the dawn of time, You spoke and all creation came to be.
The molecules and planets reveal Your great design,
and every one was made so we could see—so we could see

*You are the glorious Christ, the greatest of all delights;
Your power is unequalled, Your love beyond all heights.
No greater sacrifice than when You laid down Your life;
we join the song of angels who praise You day and night—glorious Christ!*

You left the air of heaven to breathe the dust of earth
and dwell among the outcast and the poor;
You came to be forsaken, and died to take our curse
so You could be our joy forevermore—forevermore.

You’re seated now in heaven, enthroned at God’s right hand;
You’ve shattered death and freed us from our fears,
and though we cannot see You, You’re coming back again,
and all will be made right when You appear,
and all will be made right when You appear.

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■ **missions partner update** | *Dorothy Taft, The Market Project*

■ **congregational prayer** | *Elder Chris Weld*

■ **offertory prayer** | *Denise McMullen (9am); Scott Kirk (11am)*

■ **offertory** | *Adult Choir (9am)*
Christ, Be in My Waking
Christ, be in my waking as the sun is rising,
in my day of working, with me every hour.
Christ, be in my resting as the day is ending,
calming and refreshing, watching through the night.

Christ, be in my thinking and my understanding,
guarding me from evil, walking in the light.
Christ, be in my speaking, every word a blessing,
pure and not deceiving, grace to all who hear.

*Jesus, this is my devotion: all my life to know You,
every day to walk with You.
Savior, You’re my deepest longing, You’re the One I live for;
teach me, Lord, to walk with You.*

Christ, be in my gladness for the joy of living,
thankful for the goodness of the Father’s hand.
Christ, be in my sorrow, in my day of darkness,
knowing that I follow in the steps He trod.

Christ when hope has faded, nothing left to cling to,
every pleasure jaded, every well is dry.
Christ, the loving Shepherd, draws me with His kindness,
leads me from the desert to the streams of life.

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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 11:27-33 (pg. 796)

The Authority of Jesus Challenged
²⁷ And they came again to Jerusalem. And as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to him, ²⁸ and they said to him, “By what authority are you doing these things, or who gave you this authority to do them?” ²⁹ Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. ³⁰ Was the baptism of John from heaven or from man? Answer me.” ³¹ And they discussed it with one another, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’” ³² But shall we say, ‘From man?’—they were afraid of the people, for they all held that John really was a prophet. ³³ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

■ **prayer for illumination**

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

“Responding to the Authority of Jesus”
Series: The Gospel According to Mark

■ **prayer of confession**

Lord God, though Your authority extends to all creation, we listen to You with divided ears. Our self-delusions and self-justifications run deep. Often we place ourselves in charge, thinking we can cause our own successes and fix our own failures. Or we sample many lesser authorities to guide us, not recognizing that we are really still choosing self-governance and idolatry. In these sins and many others, we have grieved the power and presence of Your Spirit.

But Your throne extends grace, and your scepter decrees our salvation in Christ! So as You bid us come to receive You, we ask for Your forgiveness. Please deepen our trust in You to put sin to death, and renew our hope in Your transforming power, that we might walk in newness of life. We pray in the name of Jesus our King. Amen.

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 (lyrics on screen):

We Receive

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GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**

Jesus Shall Reign
Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
To Him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

*To our King be highest praise, rising through eternal days.
Just and faithful He shall reign; Jesus shall reign.*

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.
Blessings abound where’er He reigns; the pris’ner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

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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**