

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

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Supplication.** Each new year at APC, we invite the congregation to offer written prayers of thanksgiving and supplication. A time will be set aside during the worship service on February 8th to bring your written prayer requests forward and place them in a basket, consecrating them before the Lord. Prayer forms are available in the lobby. Prayers can also be submitted online through the form found in "APC Sign-Ups".

**Congregational Meeting today at 4:15pm for members to vote on Session's motion.** Session has spent the last year in prayer and consultation regarding Pastor Tom's succession. Session has determined that the congregation should form a Pulpit Nominating Committee (PNC) in line with PCA BCO and APC by-laws. The purpose of the PNC will be to recommend a Senior Pastor candidate for congregational election. Session has established that the PNC will be an 11 member committee. Session has prayed over and is recommending an 11 person slate drawn from APC members who show clear spiritual fruit, know our DNA, and reflect our congregation. The following 11 people, who are all willing to serve, are proposed by Session: Elder Marc Allen, Deacon Alex Bolling, Elder Rob Fisher, Benton Gordon, Deaconess Patricia Kodjo, Lisa Popadich, Tracy Powell, Lynn Streett, Dorothy Taft, Elder Chris Weld, and David Williams. Please direct questions or inputs to Ruling Elder Brian Field, Clerk of Session (brian.j.field@gmail.com). Please pray for wisdom, unity, and over these proposed nominees.

**The Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study** is in the midst of a 6-week study on Romans 8 entitled *If God Is For Us* by Trillia J. Newbell. We meet weekly from 9:45am-11:30am. Nursery care is provided. If you need childcare, please contact Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com.

**Join the Youth Choir this Spring!** Youth Choir welcomes students in grades 1-8, singing with treble/unchanged voices. Normal rehearsals begin on Sunday, February 8. For more information and to register, please sign up using "APC Sign-Ups". Please contact Emily Kinch (emily.s.kinch@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Our next Inquirers Class is February 6th and 7th.** If you are interested in membership or in gaining a deeper understanding of APC, we invite you to attend this class. You will receive an introduction to Christianity, the PCA, and the specific vision/mission and philosophy of ministry at APC. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. Sign up in "APC Sign-Ups".

**Men's Retreat.** Men of APC, please mark your calendars for April 24-26th for our upcoming men's retreat. More details and a registration link can be found in the APC weekly emails or in the QR code "APC Sign-Ups".

**Would you consider bringing your dog to visit the residents of the Lincolnian Assisted Living community?** Please contact the Activities Director, Monica Nesbitt, to arrange a screening visit for your dog at 703-914-2359. The Lincolnian is Fairfax County's subsidized assistant living facility at 4710 N. Chambliss Street near the intersection of Seminary Rd. and Duke Street in Alexandria. APC has a longstanding relationship with the facility and sponsors a weekly Bible session there Saturday mornings. Please contact Phyllis Sergent with any questions at Phyllis.Sergent@gmail.com.

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality  
Nursery

**This Week:** Sharon Holliday, Miriam Moreno Coto, Ruth Fisher  
**This Week (9am):** Drew Black, John Connolly, Amanda Cho, Nathan Fleischaker, Emily Reece, Carmen Rives, Dani Sauer, Ben Signer, Evan and Maureen Ward, Grace Young  
**This Week (11am):** Shannon, Marc and Sarah Allen, Frank Grgenti, Caitlin Jolly, Gina Mitchell

**Next Week (9am):** Jon and Nikki Blank, Leslie Bridge, Patrick Bruce, Kristi Hellmuth, Patricia Kodjo, McKinzie Newman, Staci and Susanna Root, Brenna Zimmerman

**Next Week (11am):** Femi Adeniji, Gina Mitchell, Rose Shukrallah  
**9am:** Mark and Kari Adams, Erin Furgerson  
**11am:** Phoebe Drybola and Chelsea Swink  
Ben and Liz Crowley, Lauren Evans, Amanda Petelik  
**9am:** Joe Cho, Ryan Furgerson, Lindsay Hutter, Patricia Kodjo, Clayton Thompson  
**11am:** Maggie Cho, Sara Eppright, Chris Nelms, Cynthia Oviatt, Ariel Sanchez, Clayton Thompson

## KEY EQUIPPING

**Spring 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 - "Walking in the Spirit (WitS)," led by Pastor Tom and Sharon Holliday, Room 201 (Registration is closed)**

This is a 10-week in-depth study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Each class will consist of an hour of teaching followed by an hour of small group interaction, as well as reflection and homework during the week. Since each week builds upon the previous week, we ask that you commit to being present in at least 8 of the 10 weeks.

**Biblical Track - "The Book of Romans," led by Elder Aaron Renenger and Shant Boyajian, Room 112 (Open to all)**

Martin Luther once described his experience upon reading the Book of Romans, and finally grasping its message, like this: "I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise." Join us as we explore the core tenets of Christianity as set forth in Romans, including the depravity of man, salvation by grace through faith, reconciliation with God, Christian freedom, and Christian living.

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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 | Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries

Hebrews 1:1-4

Leader: <sup>1</sup> Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

All: <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

Leader: <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

All: After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

### song of praise

#### Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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### prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### scripture reading | Ginger Horton (9am); Steve Mason (11am)

Psalm 123 (pg. 484)

#### Our Eyes Look to the LORD Our God

A SONG OF ASCENTS.

<sup>1</sup> To You I lift up my eyes,  
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!  
<sup>2</sup> Behold, as the eyes of servants  
look to the hand of their master,  
as the eyes of a maid servant  
to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,  
till he has mercy upon us.

<sup>3</sup> Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

<sup>4</sup> Our soul has had more than enough  
of the scorn of those who are at ease,  
of the contempt of the proud.

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

### song of praise

#### How Long, O Lord

O God, who hears our prayers, when will Your kingdom come?  
With souls weighed down with cares, we call to You alone.  
Our path is dimmed by tears, our world cries out in pain,  
we long for heaven's peace; deliver us again.

How long, O Lord, till You make things right?  
How long, O Lord, till our faith is sight?  
How long, O Lord, till Your kingdom comes? Lord Jesus, come!

When will the sick be healed? When will our sadness end?  
When will Your light reveal the beauty of your plan?  
When will our hatred cease? When will Your justice reign?  
When will Your enemies revere Your holy name?

You surely know our grief, our sorrows You endured;  
Your Spirit intercedes with groans too deep for words.  
Now make us sure in hope, steadfast until the end;  
we wait upon You, Lord, and trust Your sovereign hand!

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### congregational prayer

### offertory prayer | Sam Richardson (9am); Gary McGee (11am)

### presentation of tithes and offerings

### offertory | Adult Choir (9am)

#### The Lord's Prayer (Notre Père)

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,  
que ton nom soit sanctifié,  
que ton règne vienne,  
que ta volonté soit faite  
sur la terre comme au ciel.

Donne nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.  
Pardonne-nous nos offenses  
comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux  
qui nous ont offensés.  
Et ne nous soumettons pas à la tentation,  
mais délivre-nous du mal.

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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 13 (pg. 798)

Please open your Bibles to Mark 13 and find selected portions below.

<sup>1</sup> And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" <sup>2</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup> And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" <sup>5</sup> And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup> And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

<sup>9</sup> "But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. <sup>10</sup> And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup> And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

<sup>24</sup> "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup> "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup> "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake.

<sup>35</sup> Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—<sup>36</sup> lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

### prayer for illumination

### sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

"Come, Lord Jesus"  
Series: The Gospel According to Mark

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

### the 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:

#### When We See Your Face

Though the dark is overwhelming, and the brightest lights grow dim,  
though the Word of God is trampled on by foolish men,  
though the wicked never stumble and abound in every place,  
we will all be humbled when we see Your face.

And the enemies we're fighting, those without and those within,  
will be underneath our feet to never rise again.

All our sins will be behind us, through the blood of Christ erased,  
and we'll taste Your kindness when we see Your face.

We will see, we will know like we've never known before.  
We'll be found, we'll be home, we'll be Yours forevermore.

All the waiting will be over, every sorrow will be healed,  
all the dreams it seemed could never be will all be real;  
and You'll gather us together in Your arms of endless grace  
as Your bride forever, when we see Your face.

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## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

### deacons' fund offering | Margie Williams (9am); Alex Bolling (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.

### song of response

#### Turn Your Eyes

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

Turn your eyes to the hillside where justice and mercy embraced;  
there the Son of God gave His life for us, and our measureless debt was erased.

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes—Jesus, our glory and our prize.  
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true, O Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.

Turn your eyes to the morning and see Christ the Lion awake.  
What a glorious dawn; fear of death is gone, for we carry His life in our veins.

Turn your eyes to the heavens—our King will return for His own;  
every knee will bow, every tongue will shout, "All glory to Jesus alone!"

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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