

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Supplication. Each January 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 January 25th 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”.

The Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study would like to invite you to join us, January 15th, as we begin a 6-week study on Romans 8 entitled *If God Is For Us* by Trillia J. Newbell. What a joy to soak in the precious promises of God replete in this one beautiful chapter! 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.

Communicants Class for Children and Teens: The class will be led by Pastor Tom and held on Thursdays from 5:00-6:00pm at APC and run for eight weeks starting January 15th. Parents, please talk with your child/teen and prayerfully consider whether or not they are ready to join the church as a communicant member. To find out more information or preview the workbook, please contact Elder Mark Adams at mark.philip.adams@gmail.com. Sign-up in “APC Sign-Ups.”

Newcomer Fellowship Dinner, Saturday, January 17th, 6-8pm. If you’ve recently started attending APC, we would love the chance to get to know you more! Please join us for food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. You’ll have a chance to meet church officers and staff, ask questions and learn more about the ministry God is building here. Sign up in “APC Sign-ups”.

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”.

The next baptism is Sunday, February 15th. If would like to have your child or children baptized, please send an email to Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

Seeking Donations of Cars. The Deacons and Deaconesses are assisting several individuals in the APC congregation who would greatly benefit from receiving a donated car for their use. If you have a used vehicle in good working condition with a few years of life left on it that you are willing to donate, please contact apcdeaconsanddeaconesses@alexandriapres.org. Your donation will be tax-deductible and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	<i>This Week:</i> Allison Bolling, Miriam Moreno Coto
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> Drew Black, Laura Erickson, Matti Jamison, Catherine Marks, Joe and McKinzie Newman, Tom Petelik, Juliana Richardson, Susanna Root, Maureen Ward, Sarah Williams <i>This Week (11am):</i> Cindy Cai, Dan Johnson, Laurie LeRoy, Staci Root, Rose Shukrallah, Angel Tinev, Mary Mitchell Todd <i>Next Week (9am):</i> Erin and Ryan Furgerson, Evelyn Heil, Whitney Klinke, Tommy and Emily Ribaric <i>Next Week (11am):</i> Stacey Diack, Bryn Elliott, Sara Eppright, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Kathy McGee, Kimberly Signer
Children’s Church	9am: Adam and Hannah Davis; Stephanie Olsen and Emily Reece 11am: Brian and Sarah Field
Tech Team	Bruce Barham, Liz Crowley, Bailey Rolland, Keith Zimmerman
Greeters	9am: Matt Coombs, Adam Davis, Mike and Vicki Gutshall, Lynn Streett, Lynette Vanderschaaf 11am: Didier and Sifa Balagizi, Tiffany Easter, Kristi Hellmuth, Jodie and Anna Kirk

KEY EQUIPPING Begins Tonight!

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.

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*
Psalm 22:22-23
²² I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **songs of praise**
He Is Exalted
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him
He is exalted, forever exalted on high
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord; forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name!
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high

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Good and Gracious King
I approach the throne of glory; nothing in my hands I bring,
but the promise of acceptance from a good and gracious King.

I will give to You my burden, as You give to me Your strength;
come and fill me with Your Spirit as I sing to You this praise.

*You deserve the greater glory! Overcome, I lift my voice—
to the King in need of nothing, empty handed I rejoice!
You deserve the greater glory! Overcome with joy I sing—
by Your love, I am accepted; You’re a good and gracious King.*

O what grace, that You would see me as Your child and as Your friend!
Safe, secure in You forever, I pour out my praise again.

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty, good and gracious, good and gracious!
Holy, holy, Lord Almighty, good and gracious King!

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■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **scripture reading** | *Athena Selim (9am); Cynthia Oviatt (11am)*
Romans 13:1-8 (pg. 892)

Submission to the Authorities
¹ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴ for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **affirmation of faith**
Heidelberg Catechism Q.1
Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?
A. That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

■ **song of praise**
Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?
Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm as I?
Was it for sins that I had done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!

*My God, why would You shed Your blood, so pure and undefiled,
to make a sinful one like me Your chosen, precious child?*

Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut his glories in,
when Christ the mighty Maker died for man the creature’s sin;
thus might I hide my blushing face while His dear cross appears,
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears.

But drops of grief can ne’er repay the debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away; ‘tis all that I can do.

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■ **farewell** | *the Butler family (9am)*

■ **congregational prayer** | *Elder Marc Allen (9am); Elder Matt Coombs (11am)*

■ **offertory prayer** | *Alex Gesch (9am); Pastor Joel Acevedo (11am)*

■ **presentation of tithes and offerings**

■ **offertory**

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 12:13-17 (pg. 797)
Paying Taxes to Caesar
¹³ And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. ¹⁴ And they came and said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone’s opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?” ¹⁵ But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.” ¹⁶ And they brought one. And he said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said to him, “Caesar’s.” ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” And they marveled at him.

■ **prayer for illumination**

■ **sermon** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*
“Lord, Show Us What We Owe!”
Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**
All I Have Is Christ
I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way;
the sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will,
and if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross;
and I beheld God’s love displayed—You suffered in my place,
You bore the wrath reserved for me—now all I know is grace.

*Hallelujah, all I have is Christ!
Hallelujah, Jesus is my life!*

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, and live so all might see
the strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose,
and let my song forever be—my only boast is You.

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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*