

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 today 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.

Koinonia Chili Cook-Off. On January 31st at 5pm, the Kinches will be hosting the first Koinonia Chili Cook-off. 20s and 30s, we would love for you to bring chili or toppings and vote on the winning chili. For more details, check the GroupMe or email Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

Join the Youth Choir this Spring! Youth Choir welcomes students in grades 1-8, singing with treble/unchanged voices. Rehearsals begin on Sunday, February 1. 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 will be coming soon.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week: Gladys Acevedo, Suyapa Martinez, Miriam Moreno Coto, Sarah Stansfield

Nursery

This Week (9am): Kari Adams, Femi Adeniji, Joe Cho, Adam and Hannah Davis, Lisa Fleischaker, Reb Maylum, Amy Murr, Evan Root, Margaret Veenstra

This Week (11am): Flora Chipana, Kirsten Etherton, Kathy McGee, Stephanie and Ellie Olsen

Next Week (9am): Drew Black, John Connelly, Amanda Cho, Nathan Fleischaker, Emily Reece, Carmen Rives, Dani Sauer, Ben Signer, Evan and Maureen Ward, Grace Young

Next Week (11am): Shannon, Marc and Sarah Allen, Frank Girenti, Caitlin Jolly, Gina Mitchell

9am: Nathan and Amanda Leamer, Madison Staten, Brenna Zimmerman

11am: Raymond and Veronica Ng
Hudson Diack, Brent Disselkoen, Bailey Rolland

9am: Matt Coombs, Graeme Furgerson, Mike and Vicki Gutshall, Patricia Kodjo, Amy Weld

11am: the Allen family, Pierre Jolly, Joe and Joan Leotta

Children's Church

Tech Team

Greeters

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.

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 | Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions

Psalm 119:132

¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as your way with those who love your name.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

Thanks and Praise

We are here together to lift our hearts as one;
we're in our Father's presence; His Spirit is with us.
We are here together to lift our hearts as one;
we're in our Father's presence; His Spirit is with us.

*It is good to lift the name of the Lord our God,
it is right to give Him thanks and praise,
for His heart is overflowing with love for us
and His mercy we can never contain.*

And each and every morning, we'll tell of His great love,
of all His faithful mercies, and all that He has done.

For who can match His kindness? and who can count His works?
O let our praise continue till evening draws in close.

Glory, honor, wisdom, pow'r, and strength
to our Savior, Jesus, worthy of all praise!
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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading

John 14:1-14 (pg. 847)

¹ Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father?' ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

songs 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 unequaled, 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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Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea—
a great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,
for God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high—with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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congregational prayer | Prayers of Thanksgiving and Supplication

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

presentation of tithes and offerings

offertory | Adult Choir (9am)

This Love of God

This love of God, vast beyond measure, wider than the sky above.
This love of God, a priceless treasure; wondrous gift, this love of God.

*Neither life nor death, nor angels nor rulers, nor the present, nor things to come;
neither height nor depth, nor anything in all creation can separate us from this love of God.*

This love of God, perfect and holy; spotless One, His Son, Jesus.
This love of God, behold His glory; matchless gift, this love of God.

O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—this love of God.

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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 12:35-44 (pg. 797)

Whose Son Is the Christ?

³⁵ And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? ³⁶ David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared,

"The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet."

³⁷ David himself calls him Lord. So how is he his son?" And the great throng heard him gladly.

Beware of the Scribes

³⁸ And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹ and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰ who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

The Widow's Offering

⁴¹ And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

prayer for illumination

sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

"The King No One Was Expecting"

Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response

Give Me Jesus

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus;
you can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

And when I am alone, O and when I am alone,
and when I am alone, give me Jesus.

And when I come to die, O and when I come to die,
and when I come to die, give me Jesus.

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deacons' fund offering | Margie Williams (9am); Brian Oviatt (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.

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