

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

Koinonia Fellowship. 20s and 30s, please stop by Room 007 today between the services for a time of fellowship. Come grab a donut and say hi!

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.

Women's Evening Bible Study - During Lent, pause and soak in Isaiah's intimate prophecy about Jesus's suffering. Come and go as you can for this discussion and prayer-based study on six Tuesday nights (Feb. 17-Mar. 24), 7:30-9:00pm in the Fellowship Hall Lounge. To sign up or have questions, please contact Amy Weld at amyhweld@gmail.com.

Prayer Breakfast. Join us this Saturday in the Fellowship Hall at 8am for breakfast and to pray in the promises of God.

Church Work Day. Join us for a work day beginning at 9:30am (after the prayer breakfast) on February 21st. We are aiming to trim trees, steam clean every chair and clean and repaint some of the walls. The work will not be kid-friendly. For questions, please contact Nick Carter at nick.carter@alexandriapres.org.

Missions Dinner - Save the date! Please join us at 5pm on March 7th for a missions evening and appetizers. More details to come.

Men's Retreat. Men of APC, please sign up for our upcoming men's retreat at Pine Creek Retreat Center in Gore, VA on April 24-26th. The theme is "The Love of Christ Compels Us." 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 703-914-1359. The Lincolnian is Fairfax County's subsidized assisted 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 Bible study there on Saturdays.

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 - January 31, 2026

Giving: \$2,792,593.
Budget: \$1,865,000
Difference: \$927,593
Percentage: 150%

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week: The Allen family

Nursery

This Week (9am): Drew Black, Lina Gentry, Evelyn Heil, Matti Jamison, Whitney Klinke, Amanda Petelik, Jo Porwoll, Matt Roberts, Brenna Zimmerman

This Week (11am): Stacey Diack, Tiffany Easter, Tom Holliday, Kendra Howard, Gina Mitchell, Allison Rivera

Next Week (9am): Mark Adams, Amy Douglass, Rob Fisher, Lisa Fleischaker, Heidi Gesch, Candace Kane, Reb Maylum, Madison Newman, Juliana Richardson, Staci Root

Next Week (11am): Kirsten Etherton, Dan Johnson, Reb Maylum, Athena Selim, Bethany Tinev, Mary Mitchell Todd

Children's Church

9am: Chase and Mary Lou Chesser, Adam and Hannah Davis

11am: Erin Furgerson

Tech Team

Victoria Kodjo, Pete Olsen, Bailey and Joey Rolland

Greeters

9am: Lindsay Hutter, Patricia Kodjo, Amy Murr, Lynn Streett, Crissy and Emma Stubbs, Clayton Thompson

11am: Kristi Hellmuth, Peggy Locher, Clayton Thompson

KEY EQUIPPING

Key Equipping is not meeting 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 | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions*

Psalms 139:17-18

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ If I would count them, they are more than the sand.

I awake, and I am still with you.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (#32)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

there is no shadow of turning with Thee.

Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;

as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

all I have needed Thy hand hath provided.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Chris and Lisa Popadich (9am); Rob and Ruth Fisher (11am)*

John 13:1-20 (pg. 846)

Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet

¹ Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” ⁷ Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” ⁸ Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you?” ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ¹⁸ I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, ‘He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’ ¹⁹ I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

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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■ sacrament of baptism (9am)

This morning we are pleased to baptize the following covenant children:

Grahame Thomas and Galilee Ruth Drybola, children of Tim and Phoebe Drybola

Colette Louisa Papadakos, daughter of Alex and Suzanne Papadakos

Manning Grisham Thomas, son of Greg and Mary Anna Thomas

■ covenantal blessing (9am)

from the liturgy of the French Reformed Church

For you, little ones, the Spirit of God moved over the waters at creation, and the Lord God made covenants with his people.

For you the Word of God became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

For you Jesus Christ suffered death, crying out at the end, “It is finished!”

And for you Christ triumphed over death, rose in newness of life, and ascended to rule over all.

All of this was done for you, though you do not know any of this yet. But we will continue to tell you this good news until it becomes your own by faith. And so the promise of the gospel is fulfilled: “We love because God first loved us.”

■ doxology (#731)

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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■ missions partner testimony | *Keith and Nahla*

■ congregational prayer | *Elder Didier Balagizi*

■ offertory prayer | *Catherine Marks (9am); Mike Saltsman (11am)*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ song of preparation

Help Us See Christ

Lyrics on screen.

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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 14:1-9 (pg. 798)

The Plot to Kill Jesus

¹ It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, ² for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.”

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

³ And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. ⁴ There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that?” ⁵ For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. ⁶ But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷ For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. ⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹ And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

■ prayer for illumination

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

“The Beauty of an Extravagant Devotion”

Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

My Jesus, I Love Thee (#648)

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
for Thee all the follies of sin I resign.

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

I’ll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death;
and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
and say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I’ll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I’ll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

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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