

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 Softball! It’s softball season for the City of Alexandria’s church league! This is a co-ed league and anyone 12+ can play. Games are on Monday nights, beginning on April 6th. If you want to sign up, see a copy of the church league rules or have questions, please reach out to Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

Women’s Thursday AM and PM Bible study. Please join us as we begin the study of Revelation, once again using Nancy Guthrie’s *Blessed*. This is beginning Thursday, February 26 from 9:45-11:30am in the fellowship hall. Please contact Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com if you need nursery care OR if you’d like to attend the virtual group.
**** Please note that we think this study is so important that an online class will be offered Thursday evenings if there is enough interest. Please contact Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com if you would like to attend.**

Women’s Tuesday 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.

Missions Evening, March 7th. Please join us at 5pm on March 7th for a missions evening at APC. From 5-6pm, join us in the Sanctuary as we hear from a guest speaker on missions. From 6-7pm, gather in the Fellowship Hall and enjoy conversations with APC supported missionaries and international appetizers. Nursery (0-4) is available all evening. Children ages 5-5th grade are invited to join their parents in the Sanctuary for the first hour and then head to the children’s church rooms for a special children’s program during the second hour. Both the nursery and children will have a pizza dinner in the latter half of the evening. **Please register in “APC Sign-Ups.”**

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 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 Bible study there on Saturdays.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	<i>This Week:</i> Consuelo Rosas
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> Mark Adams, Amy Douglass, Rob Fisher, Lisa Fleischaker, Heidi Gesch, Candace Kane, Reb Maylum, Madison Newman, Juliana Richardson, Staci Root <i>This Week (11am):</i> Kirsten Etherton, Dan Johnson, Reb Maylum, Athena Selim, Bethany Tinev, Mary Mitchell Todd <i>Next Week (9am):</i> Jon Blank, Amber Cookey, Ryan and Erin Furgerson, Andrew Hobold, Chris and Lisa Popadich, Evan Root, Doug Shipley <i>Next Week (11am):</i> Rick and Sara Eppright, Frank Girgenti, Andrew Hobold
Children’s Church	<i>9am:</i> Catherine and Will Marks, Chris and Amy Weld <i>11am:</i> Erin Furgerson and Emily Reece
Tech Team	Chris Blackburn, Hudson Diack, Brittany Payton, Bailey Rolland
Greeters	<i>9am:</i> Adam and Hannah Davis, Lindsay Hutter, Matt Roberts, Lynn Streett, Clayton Thompson <i>11am:</i> Kristi Hellmuth, Chris Nelms, 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.

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*
1 Chronicles 16:23-29
Leader: ²³ Sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Tell of his salvation from day to day.
²⁴ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
All: ²⁵ **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and he is to be feared above all gods.**
²⁶ **For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.**
²⁷ **Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and joy are in his place.**

Leader: ²⁸ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
All: ²⁹ **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him!**
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise
O God Beyond All Praising
O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift You send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end;
we lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,
we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

The flow’r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to You, the Lord Most High;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—
though small in mortal stature, to heaven’s garden grown:
for Christ, the Man from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through Him are given the final victory!

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still,
to marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading | *Sifa Balagizi (9am); Jodie Kirk (11am)*
1 Timothy 1:12-17 (pg. 932)
Christ Jesus Came to Save Sinners
¹² I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

prayer of confession
from The Valley of Vision, “The Personal Touch”
O Great I AM, I acknowledge and confess that everything in the whole world exists because it comes from You. In the spiritual world also, I am dependent entirely upon You. Please give me grace to know more of my need of grace. Show me my sinfulness that I may willingly confess it; reveal to me my weakness that I may know my strength in You.

My sins are black and deep, and rise from a stony, proud, self-righteous heart. Help me to confess them with mourning, regret, and self-renouncing, under no pretense of merit or excuse. I need healing: Good Physician, I am under Your scope; come and manifest Your power! I need faith: O Giver of faith, maintain, strengthen, and increase it in me! Center it on the Savior’s work, on the Father’s majesty, on the Spirit’s operations, so that I may never doubt You as the truthful, mighty, faithful God. Then I can bring my heart to You full of love, gratitude, hope, and joy— all fruits that have been grown in Your garden.

May I love You with a passion that never cools, believe in You with a confidence that never staggers, hope in You with an expectation that never dims, delight in You with a rejoicing that cannot be stifled, and glorify You with the highest of my affections— burning, blazing, glowing, radiating, as from Your own glory.

song of praise
And Can It Be (#455, vv. 1, 3-5)
Lyrics in hymnals and on screen.

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congregational prayer

offertory prayer | *Stacey Diack (9am); Mark Locher (11am)*

presentation of tithes and offerings

offertory | *Adult Choir (9am)*
The One
On the swiftest wings of morning, from the highest King of Heaven,
comes a holy invitation to a feast.
Interceding for His children at the right hand of the Father,
He invites us all, the most unto the least.

*The One who knows your name has bid you, “Come.”
The One who bore your shame, God’s only Son,
has prepared a celebration as a gift from God above;
a sacrament of peace, a feast of love.*

Gather now around God’s table; feel the splendor of the Savior,
as He serves the fragrant bread and pours the wine.
Then in grateful adoration of His blood and body given,
praise the One who offers us the feast divine.

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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 14:10-25 (pg. 799)
Judas to Betray Jesus
¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹ And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

The Passover with the Disciples
¹² And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³ And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” ¹⁵ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” ¹⁶ And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” ¹⁹ They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” ²⁰ He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

Institution of the Lord’s Supper
²² And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” ²³ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴ And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

prayer for illumination

sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*
“Jesus Draws Near at the Table”
Series: The Gospel According to Mark

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.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response
Behold the Lamb
Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us—and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you—eat and remember the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you—drink and remember He drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond—and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

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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