

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 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".

**Koinonia Lunch After Church.** 20s and 30s, please join us today at Holy Cow at 12:45pm! For questions, please contact Bailey Rolland at [bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org](mailto:bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org). Can't make it today? We hope you'll stop by Room 007 next week between the services for a time of fellowship just for the 20s and 30s. Come grab a donut and say hi!

**Introducing APC's newest staff members!** We are pleased to announce that Amanda Petelik has been hired as our new Congregational Care and Safety Policy Monitor and that Colin Palma has been hired as our Intern for Youth (note: this is not an interim Youth Director - we continue to pray and search for the right person to fill that role). If you haven't met Amanda and Colin, we encourage you to take a moment to say hi. Pictures are included in the rolling announcements after the service.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:amyhweld@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:nick.carter@alexandriapres.org).

**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 weekly Bible session there Saturday mornings. Please contact Phyllis Sergent with any questions at [Phyllis.Sergent@gmail.com](mailto:Phyllis.Sergent@gmail.com).

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality  
Nursery

**This Week:** Amy Weld and Rodney Veenstra

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

**This Week (11am):** Femi Adeniji, Flora Chipana, Kathy McGee, Gina Mitchell, Rose Shukrallah

**Next Week (9am):** Drew Black, Lina Gentry, Matti Jamison, Whitney Klinke, Madison Newman, Amanda Petelik, Chris and Lisa Popadich, Jo Porwoll

**Next Week (11am):** Stacey Diack, Tiffany Easter, Ryan Furgerson, Kendra Howard, Gina Mitchell, Allison Rivera

Children's Church

Tech Team  
Greeters

**9am:** Mark and Kari Adams, Mary Lou and Chase Chesser

**11am:** Phoebe Drybola and Chelsea Swink, Bruce Barham, Bailey Rolland, Justin Root, Keith Zimmerman

**9am:** Tiffany Easter, Ryan Furgerson, Mike and Vicki Gutshall, Lindsay Hutter, Clayton Thompson

**11am:** Maggie Cho, Sara Eppright, Joe and Joan Leotta, 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 | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Psalm 113:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD!

<sup>2</sup> Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore!

<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

### song of praise

#### Give to Our God Immortal Praise

Lyrics on screen.

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### prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### scripture reading | Worship Team

Psalm 91 (pg. 465)

Please read the bolded portions responsively.

<sup>1</sup> He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."

<sup>3</sup> For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence.

<sup>4</sup> He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

<sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,

<sup>6</sup> nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

<sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.

<sup>8</sup> You will only look with your eyes  
and see the recompense of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
the Most High, who is my refuge—

<sup>10</sup> no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
no plague come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

<sup>14</sup> "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;  
I will protect him, because he knows my name.

<sup>15</sup> When he calls to me, I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

<sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy him  
and show him my salvation."

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

### songs of praise

#### Abide with Me

Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide, the darkness deepens— Lord, with me abide!  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile, and, though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee! On to the close, Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence with every passing hour. What, but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness!  
Where is thy sting, death? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, Lord, abide with me.

Hold then Thy cross before my closing eyes, shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:  
heav'n's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee! In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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#### The Lord Is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me and pulled me from the raging sea,  
and I am safe on this solid ground: the Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls; His strength will help me scale these walls;  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: the Lord is my salvation.

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won: the Lord is my salvation.*

My hope is hidden in the Lord; He flow'rs each promise of His Word;  
when winter fades I know spring will come: the Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak,  
I know His grace will renew these days: the Lord is my salvation.

And when I reach my final day He will not leave me in the grave,  
but I will rise; He will call me home: the Lord is my salvation.

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit; the Lord is our salvation!

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### congregational prayer | Prayers of Thanksgiving and Supplication

### offertory prayer | Katie Mugg (9am); Eleanor Nagy (11am)

### presentation of tithes and offerings

### offertory | Adult Choir

#### Come to Me

"Come to Me, all you who labor,  
come to Me, and I will give you rest.

Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened,  
and you will find rest for your souls.

Come, My child, learn My heart,  
for I am gentle and lowly.

See how great My love for you,  
that I have called you My child."

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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

John 15:1-11 (pg. 848)

#### I Am the True Vine

<sup>1</sup> "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> **I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.** <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

### prayer for illumination

### sermon | Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate

#### "The Promise and Blessings of Abiding in Christ"

Series: Praying In and Living Out the Promises of God

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

### song of response

#### A Christian's Daily Prayer

As morning dawns and day awakes, to You I bring my need:

O gracious God, my source of strength, in You I live and breathe.

Each hour is Yours, by wisdom planned, each deed empowered by sovereign hands;  
renew my spirit, help me stand—be glorified today.

As day unfolds, I seek Your will in all of life's demands,  
and though the tempter tries me still, I cling to Your commands.  
Let every effort of my life display the matchless worth of Christ;  
make me a living sacrifice—be glorified today.

As sun gives way to darkest night, Your Spirit still is here.  
And though my strength fades like the light, new mercies will appear.  
I rest in You; abide with me until our trials and suffering  
give way to final victory—be glorified today; be glorified, I pray.

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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