

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. There is a cost to play, determined by the number of players. 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 study Revelation, once again using Nancy Guthrie's *Blessed*. We began Thursday, February 26 and will meet weekly from 9:45-11:30am in the fellowship hall, and it isn't too late to join. 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 if you have questions, please contact Amy Weld at amyhweld@gmail.com.

Join us for our Missions Dinner on March 7th from 5-7pm! During the first hour, we will hear stories and testimonies from a panel of APC members about how they have been led to use their talents for the kingdom. Come hear more about Vision 2026 and how God is leading us in this next season, including short term trips in 2026. For the second hour, join many of our local mission partners who will be available over appetizers to share about their work and our APC partnership. We look forward to this evening of encouragement as we seek to prayerfully engage together to see Christ's name made known in our city and world. 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."

Save the Date for the Matthew Smith and Indelible Grace Concert! On May 3rd at 5pm, Matthew Smith and Indelible Grace will play a concert at APC. This will help us kick-off APC's 40th anniversary year. More details and a registration link will be coming soon.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week: Gladys Acevedo, Allison Bolling, Sarah Stansfield

Nursery

This Week (9am): Jon Blank, Amber Cookey, Ryan and Erin Furgerson, Andrew Hobold, Reb Maylum, Chris and Lisa Popadich, Evan Root, Doug Shipley

This Week (11am): Juliet Edem, Rick and Sara Eppright, Frank Girgenti, Andrew Hobold

Next Week (9am): Rob and Laura Coit, Adam and Hannah Davis, Lisa Fleischaker, Patricia Kodjo, Matt Roberts, Tyler Rose, Amy and Justin Wells-Morgan

Next Week (11am): Cindy Cai, Kathy McGee, Jo Porwoll, Rose Shukrallah, Margaret Veenstra

Children's Church

9am: Stephanie Olsen and Matt Roberts, Bryant and Lynn Streett

11am: Raymond and Veronica Ng

Tech Team

Bruce Barham, Bailey Rolland, Keith Zimmerman

Greeters

9am: Matt Coombs, Tiffany Easter, Juliet Edem, Patricia Kodjo, Crissy and Emma Stubbs

11am: the Allen family, Maggie Cho

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 | *Matt Roberts, Pastor of Church Planting*

Job 19:25-27

²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

²⁶ And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,

²⁷ whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of praise

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (#521)

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!

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Psalm 34 (Taste and See)

I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from every fear.

Those who look on Him are radiant; they’ll never be ashamed, they’ll never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard me and saved me from my enemies.
The Son of God surrounds His saints; He will deliver them, He will deliver them.

*Magnify the Lord with me; come exalt His name together!
Glorify the Lord with me; come exalt His name forever!*

O taste and see that the Lord is good! O blest is he who hides in Him!
O fear the Lord, O all you saints; He’ll give you everything, He’ll give you everything.

Let us bless the Lord every day and night. Never ending praise—may our incense rise.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Laurianne Nitcheu Datchoua*

Psalms 32 (pg. 432)

Blessed Are the Forgiven

A MASKIL OF DAVID.

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

² Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⁶ Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.

⁷ You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

⁹ Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay near you.

¹⁰ Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

¹¹ Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ testimony | *Laurianne Nitcheu Datchoua*

■ song of praise

Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Psalm 103)

My God is slow to anger when I go astray— bless the Lord, O my soul!

For all of my betrayals, He will not repay— bless the Lord, O my soul!

Through mercy and compassion His great love is proved;

He covers my transgressions like the snow;

as far as east from west are all my sins removed— bless the Lord, O my soul!

He saved me from the pit when I had lost all hope— bless the Lord, O my soul!
From endless springs of kindness all His blessings flow— bless the Lord, O my soul!
Our days will fade like flowers and are quickly spent,
and like the wind our years will come and go;
everlasting favor is His covenant— bless the Lord, O my soul!

Merciful and gracious is my God to me— bless the Lord, O my soul!
And I will tell His goodness through eternity— bless the Lord, O my soul!

O, bless the Lord, you angels, all you heav’nly hosts,
and every living creature here below,
praise the Father, praise the Son, and Holy Ghost— bless the Lord, O my soul!

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | *Elder Bryant Streett (9am); Austin Swink (11am)*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ offertory | *Adult Choir*

Out of the Depths (Psalm 130)

Out of the depths I cry to Thee; LORD, my Master, hear my voice!

And let Thine ears attentive be unto my voice, my crying plea.

I wait for the LORD; all my hope is in His mercy.

If Thou, O LORD, shouldst mark our sins, LORD, which one of us could stand?
But forgiveness is with Thee, that Thou, O LORD, shouldst be revered.

If Thou, O LORD, shouldst mark our sins, who could stand?

I wait for God; my soul doth wait; in His Word is all my hope.
More than the watchmen wait for morn, my soul doth wait upon the LORD.
I wait for the LORD; all my hope is in His mercy.

O Israel, hope in the LORD, for with Him is tender grace,
And with Him redemption free, saving Israel from his sins.
O Israel, hope in the LORD; He will save us from all sin!

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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 14:32-52 (pg. 799)

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

³² And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³ And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. ³⁴ And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” ³⁵ And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” ³⁷ And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour?

³⁸ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ³⁹ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. ⁴¹ And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

⁴³ And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵ And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” And he kissed him. ⁴⁶ And they laid hands on him and seized him. ⁴⁷ But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁴⁸ And Jesus said to them, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹ Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.” ⁵⁰ And they all left him and fled.

A Young Man Flees

⁵¹ And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, ⁵² but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“Alone in the Garden”

Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
and wonder how He could love me— a sinner, condemned, unclean.

For me it was in the garden He prayed, “Not My will, but Thine”;
He had no tears for His own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine!

*How marvelous, how wonderful—and my song shall ever be—
how marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior’s love for me!*

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own;
He bore my burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,
‘twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.

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■ deacons’ fund offering | *Eleanor Nagy (9am); Linda Willows (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*