

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. **Today is the deadline to register!** Contact Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

Women's Thursday AM and PM Bible study. Please join us as we study Revelation, once again using Nancy Guthrie's *Blessed*. We 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 that meets on Thursday evening.

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.

Women of APC - Silent Retreat! On Saturday, March 21st from 10am-1:30pm, come join us at APC for a silent retreat followed by lunch together. Between 10am-12:30pm, find your spot in or around the church and settle into quiet solitude with your good and gracious Father. Lunch begins at 12:30pm. Please register for the lunch on the women's webpage. Contact Shannon Allen at shannon.allen@alexandriapres.org with questions.

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."

All Church Dinner. Please join us on April 18th at 5pm for our All Church Dinner. The theme and sign-ups, including opportunities to serve, are coming soon.

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, including opportunities to serve and a registration link, will be coming soon.

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 - February 28, 2026

Giving: \$3,039,366.
Budget: \$2,081,500
Difference: \$957,866.
Percentage: 146%

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week: Luke Prestowitz, Rodney Veenstra

Nursery

This Week (9am): Didier Balagizi, Leslie Bridge, Mary Lou Chesser, Jamie Connelly, Laura Erickson, Brian Field, Nathan Fleischaker, Tom Petelik, Jeremy and Staci Root

This Week (11am): Tiffany Easter, Juliet Edem, Laurie LeRoy, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Bethany Tinev

Next Week (9am): Sifa Balagizi, Amy Douglass, Kirsten Etherton, Issa Makima, Will Marks, Nate Myers, Juliana Richardson, Doug Shipley, Evan and Maureen Ward

Next Week (11am): Kari and Mark Adams, Juliet Edem, Dan Johnson, Laurie LeRoy, Carmen Rives

Children's Church

9am: Stephanie Olsen; Bryant and Lynn Streett

11am: Mike and Raquel Saltsman

Tech Team

Beth Ifft, Victoria Kodjo, Joey Rolland

Greeters

9am: Joe Cho, Ryan Furgerson, Juliet Edem, Yaovi Kodjo, Amy Weld

11am: Maggie Cho, Richard and Melinda Douglass, Jodie Kirk

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 | Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries

John 5:24

²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ choral introit | Youth Choir

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
and bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,
for You are Lord of lords alone;
defend your holy Church, that we
may sing Your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.

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■ song of praise

All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way;
the sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will,
and if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross;
and I beheld God’s love displayed—You suffered in my place,
You bore the wrath reserved for me—now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah, all I have is Christ!

Hallelujah, Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, and live so all might see
the strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose,
and let my song forever be—my only boast is You.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Tiffany Easter (9am); Sarah Field (11am)

1 Corinthians 3:16-23 (pg. 896)

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.

¹⁸ Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,” ²⁰ and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.” ²¹ So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, ²³ and you are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Come Praise and Glorify

Come praise and glorify our God, the Father of our Lord!
In Christ He has in heav’nly realms His blessings on us poured;
for pure and blameless in His sight He destined us to be,
and now we’ve been adopted through His Son eternally.

*To the praise of Your glory, to the praise of Your mercy and grace,
to the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves!*

Come praise and glorify our God, who gives His grace in Christ;
in Him our sins are washed away, redeemed through sacrifice.
In Him God has made known to us the myst’ry of His will:
that Christ should be the Head of all, His purpose to fulfill.

Come praise and glorify our God, for we’ve believed the Word,
and through our faith we have a seal, the Spirit of the Lord.
The Spirit guarantees our hope until redemption’s done,
until we join in endless praise to God, the Three in One.

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■ congregational prayer | Elder Aaron Renenger

■ offertory prayer | Nate Myers (9am); Shannon Allen (11am)

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

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 14:53-72 (pg. 800)

Jesus Before the Council

⁵³ And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. ⁵⁴ And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. ⁵⁶ For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷ And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, ⁵⁸ “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” ⁵⁹ Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰ And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” ⁶¹ But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” ⁶² And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” ⁶³ And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? ⁶⁴ You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵ And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophesy!” And the guards received him with blows.

Peter Denies Jesus

⁶⁶ And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, ⁶⁷ and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, “You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.” ⁶⁸ But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you mean.” And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. ⁶⁹ And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” ⁷⁰ But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.” ⁷¹ But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know this man of whom you speak.” ⁷² And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

■ prayer for illumination

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

“The Perils of Pride”

Series: The Gospel According to Mark

■ silent prayers of confession

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

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.

During the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, you are invited to sing or meditate on the following song:

Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor

Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm.
When the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn,
in the suff’ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor— it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on.
When temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won,
deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused;
I will hold fast to the anchor— it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief.
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now, lift your eyes to Calvary:
This, my ballast of assurance; see His love forever proved!
I will hold fast to the anchor— it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death.
When these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath,
we will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure,
and the calm will be the better for the storms that we endure.
Christ, the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true!
We will hold fast to the anchor— it shall never be removed.

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GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small;
child of weakness, watch and pray; find in me thine all in all.”

Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe.

Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find—Thy pow’r, and Thine alone,
can change the leper’s spots, and melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim;
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save!” my lips shall still repeat.

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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