

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

Holy Week at APC. We hope you join us at these services below:

Palm Sunday; March 29th: At our 9am and 11am services, we honor Jesus as our King — a King unlike any other.

Good Friday; April 3rd: At our 7:15pm service, we remember the day Jesus died for our sins. Please note that this service includes darkness and a silent dismissal. Nursery is available.

Easter Sunday; April 5th: At our 9am and 11am services, we rejoice in Jesus's power and glory, displayed in His resurrection.

Postcards are available in the lobby with service times and information. We invite you to take one and invite a friend or neighbor.

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.

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 this year celebrates a beloved book series: *The Chronicles of Narnia*. We will have a feast, fellowship, crown decorating and archery competitions....and trivia spanning all seven books in the series! Space is limited to the first 200 to sign up. The cost to attend is \$18/person or \$60/family. Sign up in "APC Sign-Ups."

International Worship Service, May 2nd at 5pm. Join us for a night of International Worship - bringing together the nations in a united celebration of Christ. From 5pm-6pm is a Worship Service followed by food and fellowship until 7pm! Childcare is not available.

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. You can reserve seats and find more details in "APC Sign-Ups." After the concert, we hope you join us for our open house - stations on each level and fellowship and cake in the Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week: Christine Brittle, Sally Lindsay

Nursery

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

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

Next Week (9am): Joe Cho, Gus and Woodrow Coombs, Sue Edwards, Lisa Fleischaker, Stephanie Olsen, Christian Poole, Matt Roberts, Sarah Williams
Next Week (11am): Shannon, Marc, and Sarah Allen, Matt Brown, Phoebe Drybola, Bryn Elliott

Children's Church

9am: Stephanie Olsen; Bryant and Lynn Streett

11am: Mike and Raquel Saltsman

Tech Team

Hudson Diack, Pete Olsen, Bailey Rolland

Greeters

9am: Matt Coombs, Adam and Hannah Davis, the Drybola family, Tiffany Easter, Lindsay Hutter

11am: Maggie Cho, Sara Eppright, Jodie Kirk, Joe and Joan Leotta, Chris Nelms

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 | Joel Acevedo, Pastor of International Outreach and Mercy Psalm 98:1-3

¹ Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. ² The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. ³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

This Is My Father’s World

This is my Father’s world; and to my list’ning ears, all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father’s world! I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas— His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world: The birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise. This is my Father’s world! He shines in all that’s fair; in the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world: From shining courts above, the sovereign One, His only Son came pledging endless love. This is my Father’s world! His blood bought my access; now reconciled, I am His child; my soul has found its rest.

This is my Father’s world: O let me ne’er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father’s world! The battle is not done; Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one.

This is my Father’s world! Why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King— let the heavens ring; He reigns— let earth be glad!

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Elder Ryan Furgerson (9am); Pastor Matt Roberts (11am)

Isaiah 53 (pg. 574)

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,

and no beauty that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,

so he opened not his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away;

and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief;

when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;

the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;

by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,

make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,

and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors;

yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of thanksgiving

It Is Finished

You looked into the endless void, the wonder yet to be, and in the dark Your ageless voice spread out the galaxies.

A sea of stars before Your eyes— Your glory filled the newborn skies, and You said, “It is good,” and the earth bears witness: It is finished.

You looked into the crucible that burned with agony;

You humbly chose the Father’s will and climbed to Calvary.

Your blood for all my sin poured out, Your final breath that shook the ground, and You said, “It is done,” and Your scars bear witness: It is finished.

I look into the holy place, and through the open veil

I see my risen King of grace who pleads my pardon still.

My healing in Your sacrifice, my name within Your wounds inscribed,

and You say, “You are mine,” and Your love bears witness: It is finished.

I’ll look into eternity when sorrow’s seas have dried;

I’ll see the Lamb who died for me in beauty glorified.

With open arms, You’ll bring me home to bow in worship at Your throne,

and You’ll say, “Come and rest,” as my heart bears witness: It is finished.

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Jesus, Thank You

The myst’ry of the cross I cannot comprehend

The agonies of Calvary

You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son

who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

Your blood has washed away my sin—Jesus, thank You

The Father’s wrath completely satisfied—Jesus, thank You

Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table—Jesus, thank You

By Your perfect sacrifice I’ve been brought near

Your enemy You’ve made Your friend

Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace

Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Lover of my soul, I want to live for You

Lover of my soul, I want to live for You

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | Tom Petelik (9am); Kathy McGee (11am)

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ offertory | Adult Choir (9am)

My Song Is Love Unknown

My song is love unknown— my Savior’s love to me;

love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.

Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew His way, and His sweet praises sing;

resounding all the day hosannas to their King.

Then “Crucify!” is all their breath, and for His death they thirst and cry.

In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;

in death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.

What may I say? Heav’n was His home; but mine the tomb wherein He lay.

Here might I stay and sing— no story so divine!

Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine.

This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

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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 15:1-20 (pg. 800)

Jesus Delivered to Pilate

¹ And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. ² And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” ³ And the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵ But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified

⁶ Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷ And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ⁸ And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹ And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰ For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹² And Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³ And they cried out again, “Crucify him.” ¹⁴ And Pilate said to them, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him.” ¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

Jesus Is Mocked

¹⁶ And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. ¹⁷ And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. ¹⁸ And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ¹⁹ And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. ²⁰ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

“The Mockery, Yet the Humility of Jesus”

Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;

ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.

His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom,

but I will boast in Jesus Christ—His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,

but this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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■ deacons’ fund offering | Christian Brittle (9am); Patricia Kodjo (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 | Nick Carter, Operations Manager