

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 upcoming services below:

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.

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.

Newcomer Dinner, May 9th. Whether you have been attending APC for a few weeks or a few months, we invite you to join us for a dinner in the fellowship hall. You'll have the opportunity to meet church officers and staff and ask questions about APC and its ministries. Please sign up in "APC Sign-Ups."

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality Nursery

This Week: Allison Bolling, Catherine Chae, Sally Lindsay

This Week (9am): Joe Cho, Gus and Woodrow Coombs, Sue Edwards, Lisa Fleischaker, Nate Myers, Stephanie Olsen, Christian Poole, Matt Roberts, Sarah Williams

This Week (11am): Shannon, and Sarah Allen, Matt Brown, Phoebe Drybola, Bryn Elliott, Christian Poole

Next Week (9am): Flora Chipana, Amanda Cho, Laura Erickson, Gina Mitchell, Chris and Lisa Popadich, Emily Reece, Matt Roberts, Angel Tinev, Justin Wells-Morgan

Next Week (11am): Femi Adeniji, Christine Brittle, Juliet Edem, Frank Girgenti, Kathy McGee, Athena Selim

Children's Church Tech Team Greeters

Children's Church does not meet on a fifth Sunday of the month.

9am: Matt Coombs, Yaovi Kodjo

11am: Maggie Cho, Juliet Edem, Sara Eppright, Peggy Locher, Matt Roberts, Sarah Williams

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:

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.

Upcoming Opportunities:

April 12th at 5pm, Outreach Evangelism and Prayer Meeting: Join us in the Sanctuary as we watch a video interview of non-Christians sharing their beliefs about Jesus, the Bible, etc. and their interactions with Christians. Then, stay to pray for your "Pick 5's" (5 people who you are praying will come to saving faith).

April 19th - CFG Huddle for all CFG leaders/hosts

May 17th - Shepherding Large Group for all APC Shepherds

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Palm Sunday

Alexandria Presbyterian Church (APC) 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* *Daniel 7:13-14*

Leader: ¹³ “I saw in the night visions,

and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.

All: ¹⁴ **And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.”**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
To Him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

*To our King be highest praise, rising through eternal days.
Just and faithful He shall reign; Jesus shall reign.*

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.
Blessings abound where’er He reigns; the pris’ner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Lynn Streett (9am); Sara Eppright (11am)*

Matthew 21:1-11 (pg. 775)

Please read the bolded words aloud.

The Triumphal Entry

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ “Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “**Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**” ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹ And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ sacrament of baptism (*9am*)

■ reception of communicant members

■ song of praise

Thanks and Praise

We are here together to lift our hearts as one;
we’re in our Father’s presence; His Spirit is with us.
We are here together to lift our hearts as one;
we’re in our Father’s presence; His Spirit is with us.

*It is good to lift the name of the Lord our God,
it is right to give Him thanks and praise,
for His heart is overflowing with love for us
and His mercy we can never contain.*

And each and every morning, we’ll tell of His great love,
of all His faithful mercies, and all that He has done.
For who can match His kindness? and who can count His works?
O let our praise continue till evening draws in close.

Glory, honor, wisdom, pow’r, and strength
to our Savior, Jesus, worthy of all praise!
O glory, honor, wisdom, pow’r, and strength
to our Savior, Jesus, worthy of all praise!

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■ congregational prayer | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions*

■ offertory prayer | *Chris Popadich (9am); Scott Kirk (11am)*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ offertory | *Adult Choir (9am)*

Christus Paradox

You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and swordbringer of the way You took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory, beggared by a soldier’s toss,
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God’s side.
You who preach a way that’s narrow, have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy Your defeat and vict’ry; worthy still Your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life!

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*Children’s Church does not meet today. In a month with five Sundays, our curriculum
allows for children ages 5 through 2nd grade to experience what they are learning about the
different aspects of worship by remaining in the service. Instead, these children are invited to
come forward to the front steps of the Sanctuary for a children’s message.*

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ children’s message

■ sermon scripture reading

Mark 15:21-32 (pg. 801)

The Crucifixion

²¹ And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. ²² And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. ²⁵ And it was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶ And the inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” ²⁷ And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!” ³¹ So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³² Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“What Will You Do With the King of the Jews?”

Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ affirmation of faith | *Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 46*

Q. What was the estate of Christ’s humiliation?

A. The estate of Christ’s humiliation was that low condition, wherein he, for our sakes, emptying himself of his glory, took upon him the form of a servant, in his conception and birth, life, death, and after his death, until his resurrection.

■ songs of response

See How He Loves Us

King of heav’n, robed in light; sovereign of all, angels adore Him
Came and set His crown aside; emptied Himself, leaving His glory— see how He loves us

Son of Man, robed in flesh; bearing our grief, knowing our weakness
Yet despised in our eyes; pitied and poor, living among us— see how He loves us

*Jesus, only Jesus, humble and holy; Lord, we adore You
Jesus, only Jesus; O how marvelous, O how wonderful Your love*

Lamb of God, crucified; suffered alone, dying He saved us
Laid within a sinner’s grave; ever He lives, risen to raise us— see how He loves us

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The King in All His Beauty

O lift your eyes to heaven, see the Holy One eternal;
behold the Lord of Majesty exalted in His temple.

As symphonies of angels’ praise now strain to sound His glory,
come worship, fall before His grace, the King in all His beauty.

How worthy, how worthy, how worthy, the King in all His beauty.

Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splinters;
the sacrifice for ruined man, the substitute for sinners.
As Earth is stained with royal blood, and quakes with love and fury,
He breathes His last and bows His head, the King in all His beauty.

Now see the Savior lifted up, the Lamb who reigns in splendor,
the hope of every tribe and tongue; His kingdom is forever!
Bring praise and honor to His courts, bring wisdom, power, blessing;
for endless ages we’ll adore the King in all His beauty.

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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