

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

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." **Last Call: Deadline to register is April 14th.**

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." **Deadline to register is April 15th.**

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 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."

Our next Inquirers Class is June 5th and 6th. If you are interested in membership or in gaining a deeper understanding of APC, we invite you to attend this class. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. Sign up in "APC Sign-Ups."

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.

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 - March 31, 2026

Giving: \$3,323,415.
Budget: \$2,322,500.
Difference: \$1,000,915.
Percentage: 143%

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week: Gladys Acevedo

Nursery

This Week (9am): Kari and Mark Adams, Joe Cho, Nathan Fleischaker, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Issa Makima, Catherine Marks, Amy Murr, Eleanor Nagy

This Week (11am): Catherine Chae, Amber Cookey, Sarah Hess, Kathryn Johnson, Allison Rivera, Margaret Veenstra

Next Week (9am): John Connelly, Sue Edwards, Matti Jamison, Caitlin Jolly, McKinzie Newman, Emily Reece, Evan Root, Ben Signer, Amy Wells-Morgan, Grace Young

Next Week (11am): Flora Chipana, Stacey Diack, Kirsten Etherton, Staci and Susanna Root, Mary Mitchell Todd

Children's Church

9am: Phoebe Drybola and Chelsea Swink, Chris and Amy Weld

11am: Brian and Sarah Field

Tech Team

Bruce Barham, Ben Crowley, Beth Disselkoen, Victoria Kodjo

Greeters

9am: Adam and Hannah Davis, Lindsay Hutter, Lynn Streett, Crissy and Emma Stubbs

11am: Melinda and Richard Douglass, Pierre Jolly, Jodie Kirk, Peggy Locher, 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:

Tonight 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).

Upcoming Opportunities:

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

May 17th - Shepherding Large Group for all APC Shepherds

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 | Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions

Psalm 40:1-3

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

² He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.

³ He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Rejoice

Rejoice in the Lord, now and always; sing it again, we rejoice!
Delight in the love He has shown us; gratefully lift up your voice.
His gentleness among us will join our hearts with praise.
We gather in His goodness, a family of grace.

*With each breath He’s given, praise the Lord!
In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord.
Throughout every season, I am sure
we have every reason to praise the Lord.*

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing, praying for all that you need.
Come with a song of thanksgiving; lay your requests at His feet.
His peace will fall upon us to guard our hearts and minds
in Christ, who reigns eternal, the Shepherd of our lives.

Rejoice in the Lord, now and always; tell of the good He has done.
Worship the Lord to remember all of the joy yet to come:
The hope that burns within us the dark cannot destroy.
With praise that’s never ending, we say again, “Rejoice!”

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading

Luke 10:38-42 (pg. 816)

Martha and Mary

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
greatest Treasure of my longing soul.
My God, like You there is no other;
true delight is found in You alone.
Your grace— a well too deep to fathom;
Your love exceeds the heavens’ reach;
Your truth— a fount of perfect wisdom,
my highest good and my unending need.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
strong Defender of my weary heart;
my sword to fight the cruel deceiver,
and my shield against his hateful darts.
My song, when enemies surround me;
my hope, when tides of sorrow rise;
my joy, when trials are abounding;
Your faithfulness— my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
gracious Savior of my ruined life;
my guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders,
in my place You suffered, bled, and died.
You rose— the grave and death are conquered!
You broke my bonds of sin and shame!
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
may all my days bring glory to Your name.

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■ congregational prayer | Elder Bryant Streett

■ offertory prayer | Rob Coit (9am); Mike Cooney (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

Philippians 4:4-9 (pg. 923)

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

■ prayer for illumination

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

“Anxiety and the God of Peace”

Series: Praying In and Living Out the Promises of God

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

■ sacrament of the lord’s supper

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:

Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)

Are you weary, heavy laden? Come and lay your burdens down.
Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you; rest in Him.
He is gentle, He is lowly, He delights to bring us peace;
tender Shepherd, mighty Savior; rest in Him.

*How sure His compassion for us, O how deep is His love,
so come, come to Jesus and rest in Him.*

Are you hopeless, are you guilty, caught in shame for all your sin?
He pursues you to forgive you; rest in Him.
He has paid for every failure, mercy flows in endless streams;
come and follow, freedom calls you; rest in Him.

Are you waiting in your sorrows for this broken world to heal?
He is coming, soon returning; rest in Him.
We will see Him, we will know Him, O what heights of grace revealed:
from His kindness, every promise then fulfilled.
Trust in Jesus; He will keep us to the end.

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GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ, our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer’s blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing? “Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!”
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

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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