

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

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. **Volunteers needed! Please sign up in APC sign-ups.**

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. **We have opened up seat reservations to other churches and organizations in our community. If you do not reserve seats soon, you may not get a seat.**
Seminar. At 3pm before the concert, Matthew Smith will be giving a seminar in Room 201 on emotionally honest worship. Any are welcome to attend (but if you do not reserve concert seats, you will have to wait between the ending of the seminar and 4:40pm to enter the concert).

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".

Benefit Recital, May 9th. APC member and flutist Becky Mason invites her APC family and community to "Flute in Flight- A Benefit Recital for The Market Project" on Saturday, May 9th, at 3pm here at APC. Enjoy an afternoon of beautiful and exciting music with a dessert reception to follow, all while supporting this important nonprofit organization that works to create jobs in Uganda that support survivors of domestic violence, armed conflict, and human trafficking. Free to attend; however, donations will be gladly accepted on behalf of The Market Project. Children welcome! RSVP's not required but are encouraged: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/7zjn7en>
Email fluterm@yaho.com for more info.

Pulpit Nominating Committee Survey. Please check your APC Wednesday email for information about the survey the Pulpit Nominating Committee has requested you participate in - they want to hear from you! We ask that you prayerfully fill it out and submit it to the committee no later than Wednesday, April 29th. The survey is best done from a computer, but you can also scan the QR below and/or take it from a mobile device.

PNC Survey



SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week: Sarah Stansfield, Brenna Zimmerman

Nursery

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

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

Next Week (9am): Drew Black, Nikki Blank, Kendra Howard, Madison Newman, *More Volunteers Needed!*

Next Week (11am): Christine Brittle, Matti Jamison, Dan Johnson, Gina Mitchell, Allison Rivera, Rose Shukrallah

Children's Church

9am: Nathan and Amanda Leamer, Tom and Amanda Petelik

11am: Phoebe Drybola and Chelsea Swink

Tech Team

Chris Blackburn, Beth Marshall, Pete Olsen, Brittany Payton

Greeters

9am: Joe Cho, Matt Coombs, Juliet Edem, Patricia Kodjo, Lynn Streett, Clayton Thompson

11am: Pierre Jolly, Jodie Kirk, Ariel Sanchez, Clayton Thompson

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.

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

May 17th - Shepherding Large Group for all APC Shepherds

Announcements cont'd:

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.

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 | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor* *Psalms 148:13-14*

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.
Praise the LORD!

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Praise His Name (Psalm 148)

Reaches of heaven, starry heights
Lights of the evening, dancing in silent skies
Brilliance of morning, breaking day
O let them praise Him, praise His name

O praise His name, O praise His name
Let all His wondrous works declare His praise

Mightiest mountains, peaceful plains
Snowfall and fire, thundering ocean waves
Kings and their kingdoms, age to age
O let them praise Him, praise His name

King enthroned in majesty, all things made by His decree
Hear creation’s melody, “Praise Him! Praise Him!”
Everything with life and breath, everywhere from east to west
Every heart raised from the dead, praise Him, praise Him
Angels echo the refrain, “Jesus, Lamb for sinners slain!”
Name above all other names, praise Him

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *David Williams (9am); Peggy Locher (11am)*

1 Peter 2:4-10 (pg. 953)

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

⁸ and

“A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting without hope, without light,
till from Heaven You came running; there was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
from a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, Three in One
God of glory, majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross;
for even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side;
knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died.

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath
till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
for the souls of all who’d come to the Father are restored.
And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame;
now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free
for the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me.

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■ sacrament of baptism (11am)

■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | *Candace Kane (9am); Maggie Cho (11am)*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ offertory | *Adult Choir*

Revelation 19:1

Hallelujah! Salvation and glory, honor and power unto the Lord our God!
For the Lord our God is mighty; yes, the Lord our God is omnipotent;
the Lord our God, He is wonderful!

(Alto) All praises be to the King of Kings, and the Lord our God— He is wonderful!

(Soprano) Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah— He is wonderful!

(Men) Hallelujah! Salvation and glory, honor and power— He is wonderful!

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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

Hebrews 12:18-29 (pg. 949)

A Kingdom That Cannot Be Shaken

¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor* *“Acceptable Worship”*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of response

Holy, Holy, Holy (#100)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Worthy Is the Lamb

Thank You for the cross, Lord; thank You for the price You paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame, in love You came and gave amazing grace.
Thank You for this love, Lord, thank You for the nail-pierced hands.
Washed me in Your cleansing flow, now all I know is Your forgiveness and embrace.

Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne!
We crown You now with many crowns, You reign victorious!
High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God, the Treasure of heaven crucified—
Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb!

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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 | *Bailey Rolland (9am); Matt Coombs (11am)*