

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

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." **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."

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. You will receive an introduction to Christianity, the PCA, and the specific vision/mission and philosophy of ministry at APC. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. Sign up in "APC Sign-Ups".

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week: Gladys Acevedo, Suyapa Martinez, Miriam Moreno Coto

Nursery

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

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

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

Next Week (11am): Catherine Chae, Kathryn Johnson, Andy, Rebecca and Bethany Schad, Margaret Veenstra

Children's Church

Children's Church is not meeting due to the Easter holiday.

Tech Team

Brent Disselkoe, Hudson Diack, Anna Kirk, Justin Root

Greeters

9am: Mary Baird, Mike Gutshall, Ginger Horton, Lindsay Hutter, Ariel Sanchez, Clayton Thompson

11am: Pierre Jolly, Chris Nelms, Cynthia Oviatt, Clayton Thompson

KEY EQUIPPING

Key Equipping is not meeting this evening.

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:

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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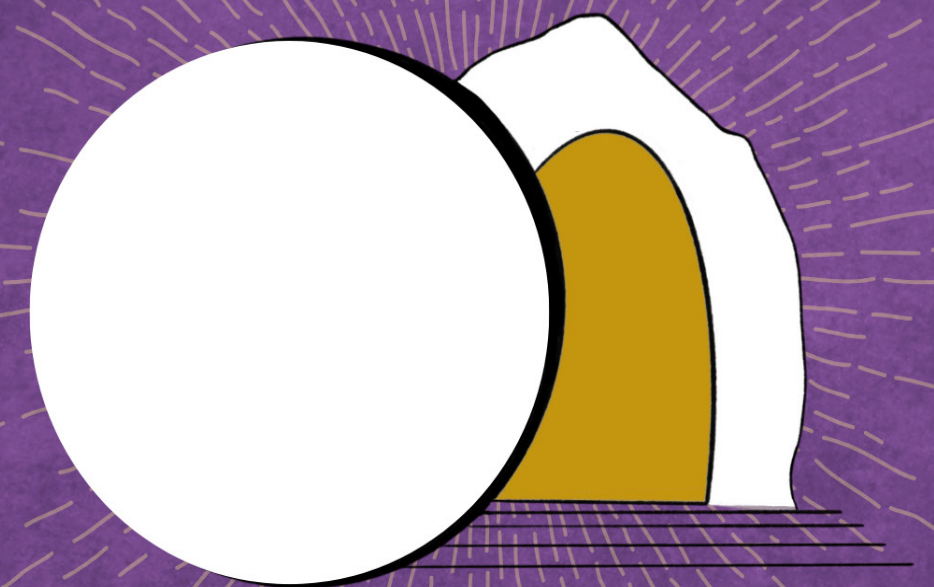


Sign-ups for all events can be found in the QR Code above titled, "APC Sign-Ups."

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April 5, 2026

Easter 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.

■ processional | *Dorothy Taft, bagpipes*

■ call to worship and acclamation | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

Isaiah 25:8-9

⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
⁹ It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (#277)

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today,” Alleluia! sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia! where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia! ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav’n! Alleluia! Praise to Thee by both be giv’n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia! hail, the Resurrection, Thou! Alleluia!

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Pastor Josh and Stacey Diack (9am); Pastor Matt and Katy Roberts (11am)*

1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 11-20, 54-58 (pg. 903)

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ... ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” ⁵⁵ “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ testimony | *Madison Johnson*

■ songs of praise

The Power of the Cross

O to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us,
took the blame, bore the wrath— We stand forgiven at the cross.*

O to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; “Finished!” the victory cry.

O to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.

*This, the pow’r of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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Christus Victor (Amen)

O Most High, King of the ages, great I AM, God of wonders:
By the blood You have redeemed us, led us through mighty waters.
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation—

*Now to the Lamb upon the throne
be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle You have won; Hallelujah!
With every tribe and every tongue
we join the anthem of the angels in the triumph of the Son; Hallelujah, Amen!*

O Most High dwelling among us, Son of man sent for sinners:
By Your blood You have redeemed us; spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
who lived, who died, who rose victorious—

O Most High, King of the nations, robed in praise, crowned with splendor:
On that day who will not tremble, when You stand Christ the Victor
who was, and is, and is forever—

Amen, Amen, Amen

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■ affirmation of faith | *the Apostles’ Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | *Elder Matt Coombs*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ offertory | *Adult Choir*

Joy to the Heart

Look there! the Christ, our Brother, comes resplendent from the gallows tree,
and what He brings in His hurt hands is life on life for you and me.

*Joy! joy! joy to the heart all in this good day’s dawning!
Joy! joy! joy to the heart all in this good day’s dawning!*

Good Jesus Christ, inside His pain, looked down Golgotha’s stony slope
and let the blood flow from His flesh to fill the springs of living hope.

Good Jesus Christ, our Brother, died in darkest hurt upon the tree
to offer us the worlds of light that live inside the Trinity.

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Due to the Easter holiday and spring break, children’s church is not meeting today. Should it be necessary, families are invited to make use of our simulcast in Room 112.

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ sermon scripture reading

Mark 16:1-8 (pg. 802)

The Resurrection

¹ When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“A Natural Response to a Supernatural Event”

Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save,
till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
for every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the power of Christ in me;
from life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I’ll stand!

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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