

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.
• Translation available • Se ofrece traducción • Traduction disponible • تاسا دوجوم دمچرت Hear in Spanish, French, and Farsi 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

Matthew Smith and Indelible Grace Concert. Tonight at 5pm, Matthew Smith and Indelible Grace will play a concert at APC. This will help us kick-off APC's 40th anniversary year. After the concert, we hope you join us for cake in the Fellowship Hall. Doors will open to general seating for those who did not register at 4:40pm.

Seminar. At 3pm before the concert, Matthew Smith will be giving a seminar in Room 201 on emotionally honest worship. Registration not required for seminar, but if you did not reserve a seat to the concert, you will have to wait until 4:40pm to enter the concert.

Newcomer Dinner THIS SATURDAY, 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 now 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! You can RSVP in "APC Sign-Ups". Email flutermm@yahoo.com for more info.

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.

9am service attendees: If you are able, please consider joining us at the 11am service on May 10th to make room for 150+ visitors coming from Chattanooga Christian School during the first service.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

- Hospitality: This Week: Allison Bolling, Laurianne Datchoua, Rodney Veenstra
Nursery: This Week (9am): Shannon, Marc and Sarah Allen, Hannah Davis, Rob Fisher, Lina Gentry, Whitney Klinke, Jeremy Root, Sarah Williams, Brenna Zimmerman
This Week (11am): Frank Girgenti, Dan Johnson, Candace Kane, Jodie Kirk, Jessica Newman, Bethany Tinev
Next Week (9am): Jonerik and Nikki Blank, Matt Coombs, Laurianne Datchoua, Alex and Heidi Gesch, Evelyn Heil, Ben and Kimberly Signer
Next Week (11am): Femi Adeniji, Bryn Elliott, Sarah Hess, Caitlin Jolly, Athena Selim, Margaret Veenstra
Children's Church: 9am: Mark and Kari Adams, Tommy and Emily Ribaric
11am: Stephanie Olsen
Tech Team: Ben Crowley, Hudson Diack, Bailey Rolland, Justin Root
Greeters: 9am: Juliet Edem, Ryan Furgerson, Crissy and Emma Stubbs
11am: Maggie Cho, Cynthia Oviatt, Matt and Katy Roberts

KEY EQUIPPING Key Equipping Classes are not meeting tonight.

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.

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 | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor *Lamentations 3:22-24*

²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases
his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Great is Thy Faithfulness (#32)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Sharon Holliday (9am); Liz Crowley (11am)

Psalms 103 (pg. 470)

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and
mercy,

⁵ who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the
eagle’s.

⁶ The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast
love.

⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our
sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the
earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those
who fear him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions
from us.

¹³ As a father shows compassion to his
children,

so the LORD shows compassion to those
who fear him.

¹⁴ For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;

¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is from
everlasting to everlasting on those who fear
him,

and his righteousness to children’s
children,

¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in
the heavens,

and his kingdom rules over all.

²⁰ Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!

²¹ Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!

²² Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done;
omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum,
thrown into a sea without bottom or shore:
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more—
stronger than darkness, new every morn:
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam,
what Father so tender is calling us home;
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor:
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us;
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford:
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

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■ congregational prayer | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

■ offertory prayer | Rodney Veenstra (9am); Caitlin Jolly (11am)

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ offertory | Adult Choir (9am)

For All That Is

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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

Colossians 1:1-14 (pg. 924)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,

⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints,

⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word

of the truth, the gospel, ⁶ which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing

fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood

the grace of God in truth, ⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant.

He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸ and has made known to us your love in

the Spirit.

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may

be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to

walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work

and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according

to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father,

who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered

us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in

whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

“The Power of the Gospel!”

Series: Celebrating 40 Years of God’s Faithfulness

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:

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
the joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
sin would reduce me to utter despair;
but through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
and He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground
and weep to the praise of the mercy I’ve found.

Thy mercy in Jesus exempts me from hell;
its glories I’ll sing, and its wonders I’ll tell:
‘Twas Jesus my all, as He hung on the tree
and opened the channel of mercy for me.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
and the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
all praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

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GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
O You rescue the souls of men

*You are the One that we praise; You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for
O our hearts always hunger for*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost our way
O we’ve hopelessly lost our way

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne
O we’re falling before Your throne

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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