

## 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 •** 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

**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](mailto:lynn.streett79@gmail.com) if you need nursery care OR if you'd like to attend the virtual group that meets on Thursday evening.

**The Pulpit Nominating Committee will be holding Congregational Listening Sessions between the services on May 17th, 24th and 31st in room 007 off of the Fellowship Hall.** Please feel free to drop in and share any thoughts you may have with us.

**Prayer Breakfast this Saturday.** Join us every third Saturday for prayer - please note location change this week to Room 201. All ages are welcome to come and enjoy some pancakes and sausage from 8-8:30 and then stay to pray kingdom-centered prayers until you need to leave. We would love to pray with you. We are praying for Vision 2026, the future of APC, our city, and our world.

**Baptisms.** The next baptism is on June 21st. If you would like to have your child or children baptized, please reach out to Bailey Rolland at [bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org](mailto:bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org).

**Vacation Bible School - God's Sola System of Salvation - June 22-26.** This year's VBS is full of exciting twists and turns through the solar system as we learn the truths of the Reformation: *Sola Scriptura, Solus Christus, Sola Gratia, Sola Fide, and Soli Deo Gloria*. Rising Kindergarteners through rising 5th graders will experience the Gospel through "Sola System" songs, crafts, games, skits, and more! So don't wait... "3, 2, 1... Blast off! Register in "APC Sign-Ups."

**Want to experience the fun of serving at VBS (8:45 AM – 12:00 PM)?** Rising 6th graders through 17-year-olds are invited to sign up and join our VBS volunteer team! It takes a whole crew to make this week possible, and we also need an army of adults (ages 18 and older) to help lead and serve. Register in "APC Sign-Ups".

**For the safety of all children and youth, all adult volunteers must be Care & Safety certified with APC before serving.** Questions? Please contact [amanda.petelik@alexandriapres.org](mailto:amanda.petelik@alexandriapres.org).

## 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 - April 30, 2026**

Giving: \$3,633,665.

Budget: \$2,562,500.

Difference: \$1,071,165.

Percentage: 142%

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

### Hospitality

**This Week:** the Allen family, PROTAS

### Nursery

**This Week (9am):** Jonerik and Nikki Blank, Matt Coombs, Laurianne Datchoua, Alex and Heidi Gesch, Evelyn Heil, McKinzie Newman, Ben and Kimberly Signer

**This Week (11am):** Femi Adeniji, Bryn Elliott, Sarah Hess, Caitlin Jolly, Athena Selim, Margaret Veenstra

**Next Week (9am):** Amy Douglass, Amanda Petelik, Christian Poole, Jo Porwoll, Tommy and Emily Ribaric, Doug Shipley, Rose Shukrallah

**Next Week (11am):** Leslie Bridge, Stacey Diack, Juliet Edem, Kirsten Etherton, Kathryn Johnson, Reb Maylum

### Children's Church

**9am:** Mark and Kari Adams, Tommy and Emily Ribaric

**11am:** Allison Rivera

### Tech Team

Bruce Barham, Brent and Beth Disselkoen, Bailey Rolland

### Greeters

**9am:** Juliet Edem, Ryan Furgerson, Patricia Kodjo, Matt Roberts, Clayton Thompson

**11am:** Maggie Cho, Jodie Kirk, Peggy Locher, Matt Roberts, Clayton Thompson

## 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**

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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.

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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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# 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 | *Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries*

*Colossians 1:12-14*

<sup>12</sup> [Give] thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

**Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners (#498, vv. 1-3, 5)**

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, Lover of my soul;  
friends may fail me, foes assail me; He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

Jesus, what a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him,  
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing; He, my Strength, my vict’ry wins.

Jesus, what a Help in sorrow! While the billows o’er me roll,  
even when my heart is breaking, He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus, I do now receive Him; more than all in Him I find.  
He hath granted me forgiveness; I am His, and He is mine.

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### ■ prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### ■ scripture reading | *Carrie Brown (9am); Raquel Saltsman (11am)*

*Psalms 40 (pg. 438)*

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed is the man who makes  
the LORD his trust,  
who does not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after a lie!  
<sup>5</sup> You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts  
toward us;  
none can compare with you!  
I will proclaim and tell of them,  
yet they are more than can be told.

<sup>6</sup> In sacrifice and offering you have not  
delighted,  
but you have given me an open ear.  
Burnt offering and sin offering  
you have not required.

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, “Behold, I have come;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of  
me:

<sup>8</sup> I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart.”

<sup>9</sup> I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;  
behold, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, O LORD.

<sup>10</sup> I have not hidden your deliverance within  
my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and

your salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and  
your faithfulness  
from the great congregation.

<sup>11</sup> As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain  
your mercy from me;  
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will  
ever preserve me!

<sup>12</sup> For evils have encompassed me  
beyond number;  
my iniquities have overtaken me,  
and I cannot see;  
they are more than the hairs of my head;  
my heart fails me.

<sup>13</sup> Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me!  
O LORD, make haste to help me!

<sup>14</sup> Let those be put to shame and  
disappointed altogether  
who seek to snatch away my life;  
let those be turned back and brought to  
dishonor  
who delight in my hurt!

<sup>15</sup> Let those be appalled because of their  
shame  
who say to me, “Aha, Aha!”

<sup>16</sup> But may all who seek you  
rejoice and be glad in you;  
may those who love your salvation  
say continually, “Great is the LORD!”

<sup>17</sup> As for me, I am poor and needy,  
but the LORD takes thought for me.

You are my help and my deliverer;  
do not delay, O my God!

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ songs of praise

**How Long, O Lord**

O God, who hears our prayers, when will Your kingdom come?  
With souls weighed down with cares, we call to You alone.  
Our path is dimmed by tears, our world cries out in pain,  
we long for heaven’s peace; deliver us again.

*How long, O Lord, till You make things right?*

*How long, O Lord, till our faith is sight?*

*How long, O Lord, till Your kingdom comes? Lord Jesus, come!*

When will the sick be healed? When will our sadness end?  
When will Your light reveal the beauty of Your plan?  
When will our hatred cease? When will Your justice reign?  
When will Your enemies revere Your holy name?

You surely know our grief, our sorrows You endured;  
Your Spirit intercedes with groans too deep for words.  
Now make us sure in hope, steadfast until the end;  
we wait upon You, Lord, and trust Your sovereign hand!

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### ■ We Will Feast in the House of Zion

*We will feast in the house of Zion,*

*we will sing with our hearts restored:*

*“He has done great things,” we will say together;*

*we will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our God.  
We are not consumed by the flood—upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid.  
For the promised morning, O how long? O God of Jacob, be my strength!

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed; You are the faithful One.  
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together; bring shalom!

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### ■ congregational prayer | *Elder Brian Field*

### ■ offertory prayer | *Allison Bolling (9am); Kimberly Signer (11am)*

### ■ presentation of tithes and offerings

### ■ offertory | *Adult Choir (9am)*

**God So Loved the World**

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that who-so believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but that the world through Him might be saved.

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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

*Joshua 4 (pg. 169)*

<sup>1</sup> When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, <sup>2</sup> “Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, <sup>3</sup> and command them, saying, ‘Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests’ feet stood firmly, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.’” <sup>4</sup> Then Joshua called the twelve men from the people of Israel, whom he had appointed, a man from each tribe. <sup>5</sup> And Joshua said to them, “Pass on before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, <sup>6</sup> that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ <sup>7</sup> then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.”

<sup>8</sup> And the people of Israel did just as Joshua commanded and took up twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, just as the LORD told Joshua. And they carried them over with them to the place where they lodged and laid them down there.

<sup>9</sup> And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant had stood; and they are there to this day. <sup>10</sup> For the priests bearing the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan until everything was finished that the Lord commanded Joshua to tell the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua.

The people passed over in haste. <sup>11</sup> And when all the people had finished passing over, the ark of the LORD and the priests passed over before the people. <sup>12</sup> The sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh passed over armed before the people of Israel, as Moses had told them.

<sup>13</sup> About 40,000 ready for war passed over before the Lord for battle, to the plains of Jericho. <sup>14</sup> On that day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel, and they stood in awe of him just as they had stood in awe of Moses, all the days of his life.

<sup>15</sup> And the LORD said to Joshua, <sup>16</sup> “Command the priests bearing the ark of the testimony to come up out of the Jordan.” <sup>17</sup> So Joshua commanded the priests, “Come up out of the Jordan.” <sup>18</sup> And when the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD came up from the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests’ feet were lifted up on dry ground, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed all its banks, as before.

<sup>19</sup> The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they encamped at Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. <sup>20</sup> And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal. <sup>21</sup> And he said to the people of Israel, “When your children ask their fathers in times to come, ‘What do these stones mean?’ <sup>22</sup> then you shall let your children know, ‘Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.’ <sup>23</sup> For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we passed over, <sup>24</sup> so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever.”

### ■ prayer for illumination

### ■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

*“Stones of Remembrance” | Series: Celebrating 40 Years of God’s Faithfulness*

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of response

**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (#521)**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,  
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the 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

### ■ announcements | *Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries*