

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 • Traducción 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

Memorial Service. Nate Pittman has gone home to be with the Lord. His memorial service is this Friday (5/22) at 1pm. The family invites you to join them in the sanctuary as they gather to remember Nate's life.

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.

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.

APC 40th Anniversary Events. We will have an interest meeting related to the 40 Days of Service on May 31st in Room 201 at 10:30am. You are invited to come ask questions and share ideas. More details about this and other events will be coming soon.

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.

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.

We are hiring a Communications Manager! The communications manager maintains and develops APC's communications both inside and outside the congregation through various means described below including website, social media, weekly emails, bulletins, and more. **Questions?** Contact Matt Coombs at matthew.coombs@alexandriapres.org.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week: Gladys Acevedo, Maureen Ward

Nursery

This Week (9am): Amy Douglass, Amanda Petelik, Christian Poole, Jo

Porwoll, Tommy and Emily Ribaric, Doug Shipley, Rose Shukrallah

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

Next Week (9am): Christine Brittle, Brian Field, Lisa Fleischaker, Emily Kinch, Patricia Kodjo, Maria Myers, Tom Petelik, Carmen Rives, Matt Roberts, Maureen Ward

Next Week (11am): Juliet Edem, Sarah Hess, Jodie Kirk, Gina Mitchell, Stephanie Olsen, Angel Tinev

Children's Church

9am: Madison Johnson and Brenna Zimmerman, Chris and Amy Weld

11am: Allison Rivera

Tech Team

Liz Crowley, Connor Johnson, Victoria Kodjo, Will Roberts, Keith Zimmerman

Greeters

9am: Lynn Streett, Clayton Thompson

11am: Sara Eppright, Joe and Joan Leotta, Chris Nelms, 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 - 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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unchanging truth. changing lives

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 | *Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate*

John 14:6-7

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a holy God.

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only;
cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God;
come and worship the holy God.*

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a holy God— only a holy God!

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading

Joshua 24:14-28 (pg. 186)

Choose Whom You Will Serve

¹⁴ “Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, ¹⁷ for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸ And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

¹⁹ But Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰ If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good.” ²¹ And the people said to Joshua, “No, but we will serve the Lord.”

²² Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” ²³ He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the Lord, the God of Israel.” ²⁴ And the people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey.” ²⁵ So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and put in place statutes and rules for them at Shechem. ²⁶ And Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone and set it up there under the terebinth that was by the sanctuary of the Lord. ²⁷ And Joshua said to all the people, “Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of the Lord that he spoke to us. Therefore it shall be a witness against you, lest you deal falsely with your God.” ²⁸ So Joshua sent the people away, every man to his inheritance.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ prayer of confession

Leader: O Lord our God, you have created us and bought us with a price, therefore we should wholly live to obey, trust, and love you.

All: But we have not obeyed you; we have treated ourselves as kings instead of you.

Leader: We have not trusted you, though your promises are great and precious and never fail.

All: We have not loved you, though you are infinitely good, and you are love itself.

Leader: We have not made you our full desire and delight; instead we have clung to idols that do not live.

All: We have sinned secretly and openly, half-consciously and deliberately, in attitude and in action, against your law and your love.

Leader: But now, O God, let your face shine upon us to give us pardon and freedom!

All: Plow your grace deep into us until we become a garden of holiness and joy in you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

■ assurance of pardon

1 John 3:1-3

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

² Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

■ songs of praise

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea—
a great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav’n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,
for God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high—with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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Be Thou My Vision (#642)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart— naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night; waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,
Thou my soul’s shelter, Thou my high tow’r: raise Thou me heav’nward, O pow’r of my pow’r.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise: Thou mine inheritance, now and always,
Thou and Thou only first in my heart; high King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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■ congregational prayer | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions*

■ offertory prayer | *Laura Carter (9am); Greg Thomas (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

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 (pg. 908)

¹⁶ What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

“I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

¹⁷ Therefore go out from their midst,
and be separate from them, says the Lord,
and touch no unclean thing;
then I will welcome you,

¹⁸ and I will be a father to you,
and you shall be sons and daughters to me,
says the Lord Almighty.”

^{7:1} Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

■ prayer for illumination

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

“Holiness and a God of Intimacy”

Series: Praying In and Living Out the Promises of God

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Take My Life, and Let It Be (#585)

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,
swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee,
filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every pow’r as Thou shalt choose,
every pow’r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne,
it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,
ever, only, all for Thee.

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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*