

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 ادوجوم 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

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".

The Pulpit Nominating Committee will be holding Congregational Listening Sessions between the services on May 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.

APC short-term mission trips. Several of our APC members will be traveling to serve the world this year. We have a team going to Paraguay (July 25-August 3) and a team going to Japan (November 13-22). Both of these teams are serving alongside missionaries who have a long-time relationship with APC. If you would like to support one (or both!) of these teams financially, scan the QR code "APC Sign-Ups" and click Donate. Be on the look out for future fundraising opportunities!

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week: Allison Bolling

Nursery

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

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

Next Week (9am): Mark Adams, Sifa Balagizi, Leslie Bridge, Carrie Brown, Woodrow Coombs, Alex Gesch, Nate Myers, Matt Roberts, Evan Root

Next Week (11am): Caitlin Jolly, Gina Mitchell, Staci Root, Kimberly Signer, Mary Mitchell Todd

Tech Team

Chris Blackburn, Fern Birtwistle, Anna Kirk, Pete Olsen

Greeters

9am: Juliet Edem, Lynn Streett, Clayton Thompson

11am: Maggie Cho, Kristi Hellmuth, Chris Nelms, Matt Roberts, Clayton Thompson

KEY EQUIPPING

No evening activities today due to the holiday weekend

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.

Adult equipping opportunities have ended for the year and will resume in August.

Announcements (contd.)

Women's Ministry Summer Opportunities. Women of APC, join us for a summer of choose your own adventure(s)!

Fort Hunt Park, Wednesday, June 3 between 9am-11am: Feel free to bring a picnic snack, a frisbee, or walking shoes to explore the trails. Children welcome. Questions? Please contact Katie Mugg at ktmugg@gmail.com.

Reading and Reflection in the fellowship hall lobby - On Reading Well by Karen Swallow Prior

Whether you're an avid reader or looking to go deeper in what it means to read well, we'd love to have you join us this summer for rich conversation and community. We'll meet three times through the course of the summer, so feel free to join us for one or all of these as we discuss:

The Cardinal Virtues - June 18 at 6pm

The Theological Virtues - July 10 at 12pm

The Heaven Virtues - August 15 at 10am

See our website for more details. Questions? Please contact Ginger Horton at gthorton@gmail.com.

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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 | Matt Roberts, Assistant Pastor of Church Planting

1 John 3:1a

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Rejoice

Rejoice in the Lord, now and always; sing it again, we rejoice!
Delight in the love He has shown us; gratefully lift up your voice.
His gentleness among us will join our hearts with praise.
We gather in His goodness, a family of grace.

*With each breath He’s given, praise the Lord!
In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord.
Throughout every season, I am sure
we have every reason to praise the Lord.*

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing, praying for all that you need.
Come with a song of thanksgiving; lay your requests at His feet.
His peace will fall upon us to guard our hearts and minds
in Christ, who reigns eternal, the Shepherd of our lives.

Rejoice in the Lord, now and always; tell of the good He has done.
Worship the Lord to remember all of the joy yet to come:
The hope that burns within us the dark cannot destroy.
With praise that’s never ending, we say again, “Rejoice!”

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Denise McMullen (9am), Becky Mason (11am)

Ezekiel 36:22-29a (pg. 678)

I Will Put My Spirit Within You

²² “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³ And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹ And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of praise

There is a Fountain Filled With Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel’s veins;
and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away:
washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E’er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its pow’r,
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:
be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

When this poor lisping, stamm’ring tongue lies silent in the grave,
then in a nobler, sweeter song I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save:
I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save, I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save;
then in a nobler, sweeter song I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save.

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Let Your Living Water Flow

Let Your living water flow over my soul!
Let Your Holy Spirit come and take control
of every situation that has troubled my mind.
All my cares and burdens onto You I roll,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus

Come now, Holy Spirit, and take control;
hold me in Your loving arms and make me whole;
wipe away all doubt and fear, and take my pride;
draw me to Your love and keep me by Your side,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
Father, Father, Father

Give your life to Jesus, let Him fill your soul;
let Him take you in His arms and make you whole.
As you give your life to Him, He’ll set you free;
you will live and reign with Him eternally!
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
Father, Father, Father
Spirit, Spirit, Spirit
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus

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■ farewell | Joe and McKinzie Newman (9am)

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

■ offertory prayer | Jeff Fearon (9am); Chelsea Swink (11am)

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ offertory | Adult Choir (9am)

Guide My Wayfaring Feet

I’m just a poor wayfaring stranger, a trav’ling through this world of woe,
but there’s no sickness, toil, or danger in that fair land to which I go.

Guide my feet, Lord, on this pilgrim way; guide my feet, Lord, on this pilgrim way;
guide my feet, Lord, on this pilgrim way; Lord, I don’t want to walk this way in vain.

I’m going there to meet my Savior, my Father; I’m going there no more to roam.
I’m only going over Jordan; I’m only going over home.

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There will be no children’s church today due to the holiday weekend.

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ sermon scripture reading

Romans 12:9-21 (pg. 891)

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

■ prayer for illumination

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

“40 Years of Transforming Communities”

Series: Celebrating 40 Years of God’s Faithfulness

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ deacons’ fund offering

This monthly offering supports the APC diaconate’s sharing of the gospel through the provision of tangible personal needs in our church and community.

■ song of response

Beneath the Cross

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I find a place to stand
and wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am;
for hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me, “Come.”
Beneath the cross of Jesus, my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, His family is my own;
once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown,
we follow in His footsteps, where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us, to be His perfect bride!
Beneath the cross of Jesus, we will gladly live our lives.

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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