

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

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." **Please register by Wednesday, June 3rd.**

The Pulpit Nominating Committee will be holding their last Congregational Listening Session between the services today in room 007 off of the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to drop in and share any thoughts you may have with them.

APC 40th Anniversary Events - 40 Days of Service. Elder Bryant Streett is holding a meeting today between the services (10:30 AM) upstairs in room 201 related to the 40 Days of Service this summer. So, if you have ideas about what APC could be doing in our local community or you'd like to participate in what we're doing, please join him. If you can't make the meeting, but are still interested, please email him at bryant.streett@gmail.com or fill out the form found in "APC Sign-Ups."

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. Register your kids or volunteer now. This is a great opportunity for outreach and to invite neighborhood children. 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 Kindergarten 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". **Registration closes on June 7 for both kids and volunteers.** **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!

Join us for The Glorious Mess Level 1a workshop. Hosted at New Hope Church in Lorton, VA on Saturday, July 18 from 9am-4:30pm. It all begins with The Glorious Mess, a dive into the paradox of human life. As people, we can be such a mess and yet through Christ, we can gloriously reflect His light. We are essentially...a Glorious Mess. Find more details and payment information in the weekly emails or "APC Sign-Ups."

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week: Consuelo Rosas

Nursery

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

This Week (11am): Brian Field, Caitlin Jolly, Gina Mitchell, Staci Root, Mary Mitchell Todd

Next Week (9am): Jonerik Blank, Chase Chesser, Jamie Connelly, Rick and Sara Eppright, Nathan Fleischaker, Kristi Hellmuth, Andrew Hobold, Evan and Maureen Ward

Next Week (11am): Catherine Chae, Juliet Edem, Laura Erickson, Andrew Hobold, Drew and Sally Lindsay

Children's Church

9am: Will and Catherine Marks, Stephanie Olsen

11am: Mike and Raquel Saltsman

Tech Team

Ben Crowley, Lauren Evans, Beth Marshall, Brittany Payton

Greeters

9am: Adam Davis, Juliet Edem, Mike and Vicki Gutshall, Nathan Fleischaker, Lindsay Hutter

11am: Pierre Jolly, Chris Nelms, Matt Roberts, Zahra Sharifi

KEY EQUIPPING

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 (cont'd.)

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.

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*

1 John 4:13-14

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Come Praise and Glorify

Come praise and glorify our God, the Father of our Lord!
In Christ He has in heav’nly realms His blessings on us poured;
for pure and blameless in His sight He destined us to be,
and now we’ve been adopted through His Son eternally.

*Te daremos la gloria por Tu gracia, bondad y amor.
Te daremos la gloria— ieres el Salvador!*

Come praise and glorify our God, who gives His grace in Christ;
in Him our sins are washed away, redeemed through sacrifice.
In Him God has made known to us the myst’ry of His will:
that Christ should be the Head of all, His purpose to fulfill.

Come praise and glorify our God, for we’ve believed the Word,
and through our faith we have a seal, the Spirit of the Lord.
The Spirit guarantees our hope until redemption’s done,
until we join in endless praise to God, the Three in One.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | *Elder Chris Weld*

John 17:20-26 (pg. 849)

²⁰ “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,
²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of praise

Father, How Sweet

Father, how sweet must be the pleasure You find in Your eternal Son;
for long before You made the heavens, both You and He rejoiced as one;
and long before You formed the angels, before You made the day and night,
Jesus exulted in Your presence, and He was all of Your delight.

Father, what love You’ve shown to rebels, that You would send Your Son so dear
into this world of grief and trouble to bring unworthy sinners near.
We’ll never fathom how it pained You when You supplied the offering,
to rescue those who had disdained You, to watch Your dear Son suffering.

Jesus, it fills our hearts with wonder, that You would leave Your heav’nly place
to take on flesh, to thirst and hunger, to save the ones who spurned Your grace.
You came to forfeit every mercy, to die, that mercy we would find;
and then You hung alone in darkness, so in our hearts Your grace would shine.

Jesus, in glory You’ve ascended, never again to leave Your throne;
because of You, we are befriended, received and welcomed as God’s own.
Father, how sweet now is Your pleasure in us, Your daughters and Your sons.
We will delight in You forever; in Jesus, You have made us one.

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There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer—Jesus, God’s own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit till Your work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
there I’ll serve my King forever, in that holy place.

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

■ farewell | *Jeff Fearon (9am)*

■ offertory prayer | *Tracy Powell (9am); Sara Eppright (11am)*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ offertory | *Adult Choir*

Good! (The Lord Is Good)

Our God is merciful, slow to anger. Our God is powerful; He cannot fail.
Our God is wonderful, perfect in all His ways. And most of all, the Lord is good.

He is rest for the weary, defender for the weak.
He’s salvation, righteousness, our hope, joy, and peace!
Hallelujah! He is everything we need. The Lord is good.

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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

Ephesians 4:1-6 (pg. 918)

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“Celebrating 40 Years of Unity”

Series: Celebrating 40 Years of God’s Faithfulness

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me, give me faith for what I cannot see,
give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do—
love enough to cover every sin in each thought and deed and attitude,
kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace; breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth, giving life to all that God has made,
show Your power once again on earth; cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

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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