

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

Women of APC, join us for the following summer opportunities. *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.
The Heavenly Virtues - August 15 at 10am
See our website for more details. Questions? Please contact Ginger Horton at gthorton@gmail.com.

Morning Meditation - The Psalms, APC Classroom 114
7:30am-8:30am or 10:30am-11:30am; same content at both
The Psalms often mirror our human emotions, help ground us in gospel truth, and deepen our connection with God. Come linger in God’s word with us, turning it into a time of personal conversation with Him through prayer. We will focus on a different Psalm each week. Coffee and small breakfast bites provided. Virtual option for 7:30am only. Contact Shannon Allen for a link and with any questions - shannon.allen@alexandriapres.org.
Dates:
Friday, August 7

Annual Summer Social coming up on Sunday, August 9 at 6:30pm. Please register through “APC Sign-Ups” or Women’s Webpage.

Ministry Fair - August 16! Join us after each service to meet representatives from different ministries who can share what their ministry has planned for the new ministry year and how you may be served by their ministry.

Covenant Fellowship Group Meet and Greet - September 13! Covenant Fellowship Groups are APC’s small group ministry. Join us after each service on September 13 to meet group leaders and learn more about the different groups that meet throughout the week.

APC Homecoming - September 19! We hope you join us for a time of worship and thanksgiving as new and old APC-ers come together to celebrate APC’s 40th Anniversary. Worship will be followed by opportunities to meet others, hear from different ministries and enjoy a meal together. Find more details and sign-up in “APC Sign-Ups”. Feel free to pass on the word to anyone who may be interested in coming back to APC for this event!

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APC Sign-Ups



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SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	<i>This Week:</i> Christine Brittle and Catherine Chae
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> Shannon and Marc Allen, Adam and Hannah Davis, Rob Fisher, Lina Gentry, Will Marks, Katy and Will Roberts, Sarah Williams <i>This Week (11am):</i> Catherine Chae, Phoebe Drybola, Jodie Kirk, Drew Lindsay, Allison Rivera, Clément Tendo <i>Next Week (9am):</i> Leslie Bridge, Gus and Woodrow Coombs, Matti Jamison, Candace Kane, Drew Lindsay, Amy Murr, Nate Myers, Shanell Nieuwendorp <i>Next Week (11am):</i> Christine Brittle, Dan Johnson, Ben and Kimberly Signer, Margaret Veenstra
Children’s Church	<i>9am:</i> Madison Johnson and Brenna Zimmerman; Tommy and Emily Ribaric <i>11am:</i> Erin Furgerson
Tech Team	Fern Birtwistle, Hensley Gollopp, Connor Johnson, Bailey Rolland
Greeters	<i>9am:</i> Didier and Sifa Balagizi, Juliet Edem, Ryan Furgerson, Nate Kane, Lynn Streett <i>11am:</i> Maggie Cho, Sara Epwright, Becky and Lilee Mason, Mimi Vaughn

KEY EQUIPPING

Sunday Nights from 5-7pm - Resuming August 30th

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.

CFG Leader Meeting - August 23rd* in Room 201
*Please note this meeting is before children and youth activities resume for the year.

Book of the Bible Class: 1 Samuel, taught by Elder Bryant Streett, Room 114
Apart from the gospels, 1 Samuel is probably the most exciting book in the Bible and it’s loaded with real-life application. This 10-week discussion-focused class, led by Bryant Streett and potentially one other, will cover events from the birth of Samuel to the death of King Saul. Join us in recalling God’s faithfulness as we discuss Hannah, Eli and his wicked sons, battles with the Philistines, Israel asking for a King, Saul’s kingship, the Lord’s rejection of Saul as king, David’s anointing, David and Goliath, Saul’s jealousy/fear of David, Jonathan, Saul’s hunting of David and David’s grace toward Saul, Nabal and Abigail, and David living among the Philistines.

Foundational Class: The Westminster Confession, taught by Elder Aaron Renenger, Room 112
The Westminster Confession is perhaps the richest summary of reformed Christian doctrine the church has ever produced. Using R.C. Sproul’s Truths We Confess, this class will trace the Confession’s summary of topics such as the reliability of scripture, the attributes of God, the work of Christ, the Christian life, the role of the church, and much more. Whether you are newer to the faith or have spent years studying scripture, this class is designed to deepen your grasp of the doctrines that underline our reformed, Presbyterian faith and encourage you to root your faith more firmly in our God who saves.

Topical Class: Worship, taught by Pastor Tom Holliday, Sanctuary
The Bible is clear that worship is the one central activity that we will do throughout all eternity. Therefore, it ought to be our highest priority this side of heaven. We will take a close look at the goal and purpose of worship, the heart of worship, as well as the obstacles to the kind of worship our Lord seeks from us. We will consider both private and corporate worship and how the one fuels the other in our passion for God. I will also share materials that have been invaluable in my own growth and experience of worship. So, come and let’s learn together.

Special Elective: Healing Hearts, taught by Lay Counselor Dorothy Taft and Pastoral Associate Mike Powell, Room 201
If you or someone you love is carrying emotional pain, unprocessed grief, or deep hurts of the heart from loss, abuse, or difficult life events, prayerfully consider participation in the Healing Hearts small group (limited to 25 men and women). The curriculum, Healing the Wounds of Trauma: How the Church Can Help, blends proven mental health principles with biblical truths to address deep spiritual and emotional wounds. Questions? Ask Dorothy Taft or Pastoral Associate Mike Powell.

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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*
Galatians 2:20

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of praise**
Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me
What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to His.
O, how strange and divine; I can sing, “All is mine!”
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side the Savior He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need His power is displayed.
To this I hold: My Shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley He will lead.
O, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven— the future sure, the price it has been paid;
for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave!
To this I hold: My sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea.
O, the chains are released; I can sing, “I am free!”
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home;
and day by day I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus; all the glory evermore to Him!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat,
“Yet not I, but through Christ in me!”

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■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **scripture reading** | *Carolina Ahumada (9am); Matthew Horton (11am)*
Galatians 3:1-14 (pg. 914)

By Faith, or by Works of the Law?
¹ O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. ² Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? ³ Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? ⁴ Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? ⁵ Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— ⁶ just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

⁷ Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” ⁹ So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

The Righteous Shall Live by Faith

¹⁰ For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.”

¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” ¹² But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— ¹⁴ so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **prayer of confession**
(Please stand and read in unison.)
Dear Father, I am powerless to heal the wounds of my sin and guilt. I acknowledge that even religious observance cannot change me. Your Word says that my sacrifices and offerings can never fully sanctify me. Lord, I am utterly hopeless without You. But then I hear Christ’s voice say, “I have come to do Your will.” Dear Jesus, thank you for doing the will of Your Father, for living perfectly and dying sacrificially so that I can be cleansed from all evil and shame. It is because of You alone that I can now enter the throne room of Your grace, asking for pardon for all my sins. Dear Holy Spirit, teach me to regularly and boldly come before Your holy presence, so that I may daily receive mercy. I put my confidence not in my righteousness but in my great High Priest, who loves me and advocates for me. In His precious name I pray, Amen.

■ **song of confession**
Lord, Have Mercy
O God, we come before Your throne, and in our weakness we confess:
We go astray and sin each day; we cast ourselves upon Your grace.
O Lord, have mercy on us—sinners in need of grace.
Forgive us our transgressions and lead us in Your righteous ways.
God, lead us in Your righteous ways.

The blood You shed has paid our debt; Jesus, You’ve washed our sins away.
We trust Your grace, believe by faith; in You we have all righteousness.
O Lord, You’ve shown us mercy—sinners are washed as saints.
You’ve shown Your loving-kindness; sons of disgrace are righteous made.
Sons of disgrace are righteous made.

We fix our eyes on You, our prize: Jesus, the Author of our faith.
Till You return or bring us home, You strengthen us to run the race.
O Lord, forever faithful; all glory to Your name!
We have no other Savior, our great Redeemer, God and King.
Jesus—Redeemer, God and King.

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■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Nate Kane (9am); Becky Mason (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**
Genesis 15:1-21 (pg. 10)

God’s Covenant with Abram

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴ And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

⁷ And he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.” ⁸ But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹ He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰ And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. ¹³ Then the Lord said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. ¹⁴ But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. ¹⁵ As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. ¹⁶ And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, ¹⁹ the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, ²⁰ the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, ²¹ the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites.”

■ **prayer for illumination**

■ **sermon** | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions*
“Faith Trusts”
Series: Living By Faith: Lessons From Genesis

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:
We Receive
Beautiful Savior, fullness of heaven, though we have nothing, here we receive.
Jesus, You call us now to remember, You were the offering for all who believe.

You laid Your life on the table, broken like bread, poured out like wine, we sing what a wonderful Savior; Jesus our King, all that You give we receive.

Pardon and blessing, life everlasting, mercy unmeasured, how can it be?
You are the Giver, faithful forever; help us to treasure all we’ve received.

For the price You paid, we pour out our praises; For this feast of grace, we thank You, Jesus.

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GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of response**
And Can It Be (#455, vv. 1, 3-5)
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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**