

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 دوچوم 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

Spiritual Leadership Interest Meeting TODAY! If you are interested in taking part in the Tuesday night Spiritual Leadership Class beginning on September 8th, please join us today between the services in Room 114. This class is open to all but required for those considering standing for office, considering appointment as a deaconess, or wishing to lead a CFC.

PNC survey results update. If you are interested in learning more, the PNC will be presenting a summary of the results from the recent congregational survey today in room 201 between the services.

LAST CALL 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." Register by July 14th!

Prayer breakfast this Saturday 8am. Breakfast at 8am, prayer from 8:30-9:30am. Join us in praying through the promise of the month, for Vision 2026, and for the pulpit nominating committee. All ages and prayer experience levels are welcome. All spoken and silent prayers are welcome!

Women's Ministry Summer Opportunities. Women of APC, join us for a summer of choose your own adventure(s)! New items will be periodically added.

Reading and Reflection in the fellowship hall lobby August 15th, 10am - 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 for community rich conversation and community.

The Heaven Virtues - August 15 at 10am

See our website for more details. Questions? Please contact Ginger Horton at ghorton@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: Tuesday, July 14

Wednesday, July 22

Thursday, July 30

Friday, August 7

Men's Lunch. Men, please join us for lunch on July 25th from 12-2pm. Scan "APC Sign-Ups" for more details on location and to register.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week: Allison Bolling, Dorothy Taft

Nursery

This Week (9am): Amy Douglass, Sharon Holliday, Shanell Nieuwendorp, Amanda Petelik, Juliana Richardson, Evan and Jeremy Root, Tracy Tendo, Rocky Ward

This Week (11am): Sifa Balagizi, Matt Coombs, Stacey Diack, Gina Mitchell, Joe Mugg

Next Week (9am): Leslie Bridge, Flora Chipana, Amanda Cho, Sue Edwards, Laura Erickson, Brian Field, Matti Jamison, Chris Popadich, Isaac Williams, Grace Young

Next Week (11am): Peggy Locher, Gina Mitchell, Will Roberts, Staci Root, Rose Shukrallah, Brenna Zimmerman

Children's Church

9am: Phoebe Drybola, Madison Johnson, Chelsea Swink, Brenna Zimmerman

11am: Stephanie Olsen

Tech Team

Bruce Barham, Fern Birtwistle, Beth and Brent Disselkoe

Greeters

9am: Marc and Shannon Allen, Mary Baird, Juliet Edem, Lindsay Hutter

11am: Sara Eppright, Kristi Hellmuth, Jodie Kirk

KEY EQUIPPING

Sunday Nights from 5-7pm

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

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 - June 30, 2026

Giving: \$4,224,348.

Budget: \$3,032,500.

Difference: \$1,191,848.

Percentage: 139%

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 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

songs of praise

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing—Alleluia, Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia, Amen!
let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia, Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia, Amen!
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia, Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end. Alleluia, Amen!

Come, sing of wondrous grace, Alleluia, Amen!
what love that took our place; Alleluia, Amen!
Jesus the Lamb was slain, bearing our sin and shame,
yet triumphed o'er the grave! Alleluia, Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia, Amen!
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia, Amen!
on heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore, "Alleluia, Amen!"

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Psalm 34 (Taste and See)

I sought the Lord, and He answered me
and delivered me from every fear.
Those who look on Him are radiant;
they'll never be ashamed, they'll never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from my enemies.
The Son of God surrounds His saints;
He will deliver them, He will deliver them.

*Magnify the Lord with me; come exalt His name together!
Glorify the Lord with me; come exalt His name forever!*

O taste and see that the Lord is good!
O blest is he who hides in Him!
O fear the Lord, O all you saints;
He'll give you everything, He'll give you everything.

Let us bless the Lord every day and night.
Never ending praise—may our incense rise.

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading | Vell Rives (9am); Pastor Matt Roberts (11am) Romans 8:1-17 (pg. 887)

Life in the Spirit

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

O My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
the bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears.
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands;
my name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

*O my soul, arise! Behold the risen Christ,
your great High Priest, your spotless Sacrifice.
O my soul, arise! God owns you as His child.
Shake off your guilty fears, my soul, arise!*

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"don't let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear.
He owns me as His child; I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

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missions partner testimony | Leslie Bridge, Cru

congregational prayer | Elder Rob Fisher

offertory prayer

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

Galatians 5:16-26 (pg. 916)

Keep in Step with the Spirit

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

prayer for illumination

sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

"Walking By the Spirit"

Series: Praying In and Living Out the Promises of God

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response

Help Us See Christ

Holy Spirit, Breath of God, Witness to all that Christ has done
Great Revealer, radiant Light, one with the Father and the Son

*Open our eyes, help us see Christ; may we behold His majesty
Open our eyes, Spirit we cry; show us the glory of our King!
Help us see Christ*

Holy Spirit, Voice of truth, speaking the Word of God to us
Sent from heaven to our hearts, that we might know the Father's love

Holy Spirit, Guarantee of the redemption Christ has won
Promised Helper, be our strength, until this race on earth is run

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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