

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

Service Fair Today! Join us after each service to meet representatives from different ministries. This is a great way to learn about the various opportunities to get connected, involved, and serve alongside others at APC.

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 - *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:
Thursday, July 30
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!

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	<i>This Week:</i> Allison Bolling, Laurianne Datchoua
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> Jamie Connelly, Kirsten Etherton, Alex and Heidi Gesch, Evelyn Heil, Ellie Olsen <i>This Week (11am):</i> Frank Girgenti, Jodie Kirk, Peggy Locher, Reb Maylum, Rachel Roseland, Alanna Szypura <i>Next Week (9am):</i> Shannon and Marc Allen, Adam and Hannah Davis, Rob Fisher, Lina Gentry, Will Marks, Katy and Will Roberts, Sarah Williams <i>Next Week (11am):</i> Catherine Chae, Phoebe Drybola, Jodie Kirk, Drew Lindsay, Allison Rivera, Clément Tendo
Children’s Church	<i>9am:</i> Adam Davis; Will and Catherine Marks <i>11am:</i> Elan Liang and Allison Rivera
Tech Team	Lauren Evans, Victoria Kodjo, Pete Olsen, Bailey Rolland
Greeters	<i>9am:</i> Joe Cho, Tiffany Easter, Juliet Edem, Benson and Nathan Fleischaker, Lindsay Hutter <i>11am:</i> Kristi Hellmuth, Joe and Joan Leotta, Becky and Lilee Mason, Chris Nelms

KEY EQUIPPING

Sunday Nights from 5-7pm
Key equipping opportunities have ended for the year and will resume in August.

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.

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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*
Psalms 71:14-15
¹⁴ But I will hope continually
and will praise you yet more and more.
¹⁵ My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,
of your deeds of salvation all the day,
for their number is past my knowledge.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise
Thanks and Praise
We are here together to lift our hearts as one;
we’re in our Father’s presence; His Spirit is with us.
We are here together to lift our hearts as one;
we’re in our Father’s presence; His Spirit is with us.

*It is good to lift the name of the Lord our God,
it is right to give Him thanks and praise,
for His heart is overflowing with love for us
and His mercy we can never contain.*

And each and every morning, we’ll tell of His great love,
of all His faithful mercies, and all that He has done.
For who can match His kindness? and who can count His works?
O let our praise continue till evening draws in close.

Glory, honor, wisdom, pow’r, and strength
to our Savior, Jesus, worthy of all praise!
O glory, honor, wisdom, pow’r, and strength
to our Savior, Jesus, worthy of all praise!

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading
John 10:1-15 (pg. 842)
I Am the Good Shepherd
¹ “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

songs of praise
Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?
Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm as I?
Was it for sins that I had done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!

*My God, why would You shed Your blood, so pure and undefiled,
to make a sinful one like me Your chosen, precious child?*

Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut his glories in,
when Christ the mighty Maker died for man the creature’s sin;
thus might I hide my blushing face while His dear cross appears,
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears.

But drops of grief can ne’er repay the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away; ‘tis all that I can do!
It was for sins that I have done You groaned upon the tree—
amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!

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He Leadeth Me (#600, vv. 1, 3-4)
He leadeth me: O blessèd thought!
O words with heav’nly comfort fraught!
Whate’er I do, where’er I be,
still ‘tis God’s hand that leadeth me.

*He leadeth me, He leadeth me;
by His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful foll’wer I would be,
for by His hand He leadeth me.*

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since ‘tis my God that leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done,
when, by Thy grace, the vict’ry’s won,
e’en death’s cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.

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congregational prayer

offertory prayer | *Stacey Diack (9am); Jon Erickson (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 14:8-16 (pg. 9)
⁸ Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out, and they joined battle in the Valley of Siddim ⁹ with Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against five. ¹⁰ Now the Valley of Siddim was full of bitumen pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some fell into them, and the rest fled to the hill country. ¹¹ So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. ¹² They also took Lot, the son of Abram’s brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way.

¹³ Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. These were allies of Abram. ¹⁴ When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵ And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. ¹⁶ Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people.

prayer for illumination

sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*
“Faith Recovers”
Series: Living By Faith: Lessons From Genesis

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response
Amazing Grace (#460)
Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
‘tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’ve first begun.

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deacons’ fund offering | *Deacon Brian Oviatt*
This monthly offering supports the APC diaconate’s sharing of the gospel through the provision of tangible personal needs in our church and community.

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 | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*