

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

Spiritual Leadership Interest Meeting - July 12. If you are interested in taking part in the Tuesday night Spiritual Leadership Class beginning on September 8th, please join us between the services in Room 114 on Sunday, July 12. This class is open to all but required for those considering standing for office, considering appointment as a deaconess, or wishing to lead a CFG.

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 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 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: Monday, July 6

- Tuesday, July 14
- Wednesday, July 22
- Thursday, July 30
- Friday, August 7

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."

Men's Lunch - Save the date! Men, please join us for lunch on July 25th. More details will be forthcoming.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week: Coombs CFG, Brenna Zimmerman

Nursery

This Week (9am): Joe Cho, Laura Erickson, Nathan Fleischaker, Lina Gentry, Alex Gesch, Matti Jamison, Kathy McGee, Nate and Maria Myers, Eleanor Nagy

This Week (11am): Femi Adeniji, Matt Coombs, Ryan Furgerson, Reb Maylum, Carmen Rives, Kimberly Signer

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

Next Week (11am): Stacey Diack, Tiffany Easter, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Gina Mitchell, Joe Mugg

Children's Church

Children's Church is not meeting today.

Tech Team

Liz Crowley, Oge Ezeokoli, Amanda Petelik, Keith Zimmerman

Greeters

9am: Matt Coombs, Juliet Edem, Zach and Katie Beth Hensley

11am: Maggie Cho, Peggy Locher, Cynthia Oviatt

KEY EQUIPPING

Sunday Nights from 5-7pm

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

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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 | Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Leader: ¹⁰Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: “Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

All: ¹¹ ***Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.***

Left: Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

Right: ¹² **Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.**

Leader: In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

All: ¹³ ***And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.”***

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Your Great Name We Praise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
not wanting or wasting, You rule us in might;
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,
Your clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

*Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise.*

All life comes from You, Lord, to both great and small;
in all life You live, Lord, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish, but quickly grow frail;
we wither and perish, but You never fail.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O Father of grace,
till one day in splendor we see face to face.

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Joan Leotta (9am); Jodie Kirk (11am)

Matthew 14:22-33 (pg. 770)

Jesus Walks on the Water

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them.

²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

²⁸ And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus.

³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life’s fearful path,
for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast; He will hold me fast,
for my Savior loves me so; He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight; Christ will hold me fast;
precious in His holy sight; He will hold me fast.
He’ll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost; He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died; Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life; He will hold me fast,
till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last.

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■ congregational prayer

■ farewell | the Humes family; Sarah Williams (9am); Delphin Kaduli (11am)

■ offertory prayer

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

Children’s Church is not meeting today.

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ sermon scripture reading

Genesis 12:10-20 (pg. 8)

Abram and Sarai in Egypt

¹⁰ Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. ¹¹ When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, “I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, ¹² and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. ¹³ Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake.” ¹⁴ When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. ¹⁵ And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh’s house. ¹⁶ And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

¹⁷ But the LORD afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram’s wife. ¹⁸ So Pharaoh called Abram and said, “What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? ¹⁹ Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go.” ²⁰ And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had.

■ prayer for illumination

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

“A Stumbling Faith”

Series: Living By Faith: Lessons From Genesis

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

■ prayer of confession

Loving, gracious, and merciful Father, You deserve all honor, glory, and praise, but we confess that we have sinned against You. We have dishonored Your name, stolen Your glory, and praised created things as though they were more wonderful than You. Forgive us and reorient our hearts. We have looked at what seems impossible and have trusted our judgment over Yours. Forgive us and restore our hope in Your promises. We have been overwhelmed by the worries of this world and have acted as though Your Holy Spirit is not with us. Forgive us and renew our joy. When we fear that our sin is too much, remind us of Your grace in Christ and the beautiful inheritance You have promised to us. We pray this in Christ’s holy name. Amen.

■ 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:

O Come, All You Unfaithful

O come, all you unfaithful, come, weak and unstable, come, know you are not alone.
O come, barren and waiting ones, weary of praying, come— see what your God has done.

Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.

O come, bitter and broken, come with fears unspoken, come, taste of His perfect love.
O come, guilty and hiding ones, there is no need to run— see what your God has done.

He’s the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon;

His promise is peace for those who believe.

He’s the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon;

His promise is peace for those who believe.

So come, though you have nothing, come, He is the offering,
come— see what your God has done.

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GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us, how high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written: Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven; the King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I’m Yours forever: Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free

Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me

You have broken every chain, there’s salvation in Your name:

Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise; Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, Yours is the victory

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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