

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

Ministry Fair - Today! 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!

Women of APC, stay tuned for information regarding upcoming Bible studies starting this fall as well as opportunities to share testimonies and be in fellowship with one another.

Koinonia (Young Adult) Karaoke! Join us on Friday, August 21st at 6:30pm at the home of some of our members for a great opportunity to have fun with friends, sing (or not sing) your favorite songs and enjoy plenty of snacks. Check the GroupMe or email bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org for more details.

Newcomer Fellowship Dinner, Saturday, September 12th, 6-8pm. If you’ve recently started attending APC, we would love the chance to get to know you more! Please join us for a free dinner and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. You’ll have a chance to meet church officers and staff, ask questions and learn more about the ministry God is building here. Sign up in “APC Sign-ups.”

Our next Inquirers Class is September 25th and 26th. If you are interested in membership or in gaining a deeper understanding of APC, we invite you to attend this class. You will receive an introduction to Christianity, the PCA, and the specific vision/mission and philosophy of ministry at APC. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. Sign up in “APC Sign-Ups.”

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	<i>This Week:</i> Luke Prestowitz, Sarah Stansfield
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> Drew Black, Joe Cho, John Connelly, Amy Douglass, Andrew Hobold, Will Marks, Joe Mugg, Maria Myers, Brenna Zimmerman <i>This Week (11am):</i> Flora Chipana, Juliet Edem, Andrew Hobold, Laurie LeRoy, Bethany Tinev <i>Next Week (9am):</i> Drew Black, Laura Erickson, Nathan Fleischaker, Kristi Hellmuth, Tom Petelik, Carmen Rives, Staci Root, Amy Wells-Morgan, Sarah Williams <i>Next Week (11am):</i> Bryn Elliott, Erin Furgerson, Kathryn Johnson, Caitlin Jolly, Matt and Will Roberts
Children’s Church	<i>9am:</i> Mark and Kari Adams, Erin Furgerson <i>11am:</i> Raymond and Veronica Ng
Tech Team	Liz Crowley, Lauren Evans, Beth Marshall, Pete Olsen
Greeters	<i>9am:</i> the Fleischaker family, Ryan Furgerson, Crissy and Emma Stubbs <i>11am:</i> Maggie Cho, Joe and Joan Leotta, Cynthia Oviatt

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 and Pastor Matt Roberts, 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 Matt Roberts, 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 and Pastor Josh Diack, 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. *Registration required.* 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.

Connect with APC



APC Sign-Ups



Give to APC



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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 | Matt Roberts, Pastor of Church Planting

Psalm 27:4-8

Leader: One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
**All: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.**

Leader: For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
**All: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.**

Leader: And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

**All: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
You have said, “Seek my face.”
My heart says to you,
“Your face, LORD, do I seek.”**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (#53, vv. 1-3, 5)
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth;
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been
granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do
if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
gladly fore’er we adore Him!

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading | Annie Kowieski (9am); Gina Mitchell (11am)

Isaiah 43:1-7 (pg. 565)

¹ But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴ Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵ Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.

⁶ I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,

⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

songs of praise

Jesus Paid It All
I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small;
child of weakness, watch and pray; find in me thine all in all.”

*Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find—Thy pow’r, and Thine alone,
can change the leper’s spots, and melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim;
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save!” my lips shall still repeat.

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See How He Loves Us

King of heav’n, robed in light, sovereign of all, angels adore Him,
came and set His crown aside; emptied Himself, leaving His glory— see how He loves us!

Son of Man, robed in flesh; bearing our grief, knowing our weakness,
yet despised in our eyes; pitied and poor, living among us— see how He loves us!

*Jesus, only Jesus, humble and holy; Lord, we adore You!
Jesus, only Jesus; O how marvelous, O how wonderful Your love.*

Lamb of God, crucified; suffered alone, dying He saved us.
Laid within a sinner’s grave; ever He lives, risen to raise us— see how He loves us!

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congregational prayer | Elder Rob Fisher

offertory prayer

presentation of tithes and offerings

offertory | Worship Team

I Will Not Leave You Comfortless

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recognition of children’s church graduates

This morning, we are pleased to welcome the following 3rd graders who will be joining us for the remainder of the service for the first time:

Anna Balagizi, Henry Carter, Madeline Donnan, Lillian Filcik, Leo Jolly, Charley Klinke, Renee Kodjo, Jojo Leamer, Victoria Marks, Della Newman, Gabe Saltsman, Max Signer, Emma Swink, William Todd and Ellie Williams

If anyone is missing from this list, we apologize.

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

Romans 8:31-39 (pg. 888)

God’s Everlasting Love

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

prayer for illumination

sermon | Matt Roberts, Pastor of Church Planting

“The Promise of Victory”

Series: Praying In and Living Out the Promises of God

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus (#535)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me is the current of Thy love,
leading onward, leading homeward to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore:
how He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
how He watches o’er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;
how for them He intercedeth, watcheth o’er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! love of every love the best;
‘tis an ocean vast of blessing, ‘tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! ‘tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

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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