

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

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 – Thursday Morning Bible study begins Thursday, September 10th! We meet weekly from 9:45-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme this year is ROOTED. Rooted in Christ, in Who He is, in the prayers He prayed, in the community He loves, and in the hope only He brings. Well-watered roots, planted in good soil, tended by a loving Gardener lead to strong plants, steady in the storms, fruitful in season and out. We will start with a study on the names of God using Michael and Rachel Ann Craddock’s book *Knowing His Great Name* available through the PCA Bookstore or on a Thursday morning for a suggested \$10 donation. Please let Lynn Streett (lynn.streett79@gmail.com) know if you need nursery care. We look forward to having you with us!

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> Popadich CFG
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> Drew Black, Laura Erickson, Nathan Fleischaker, Kristi Hellmuth, Maria Myers, Tom Petelik, Carmen Rives, Staci Root, Amy Wells-Morgan, Sarah Williams <i>This Week (11am):</i> Bryn Elliott, Erin Furgerson, Caitlin Jolly, Emily Reece, Matt and Will Roberts <i>Next Week (9am):</i> Kari Adams, Drew Black, Caralyn Chism, Adam Davis, Kirsten Etherton, Lisa Fleischaker, Reb Maylum, Drew Black, Joe Mugg, Rose Shukrallah <i>Next Week (11am):</i> Stacey Diack, Juliet Edem, Andy, Rebecca and Bethany Schad
Children’s Church	<i>9am:</i> Mark and Kari Adams, Tommy and Emily Ribaric <i>11am:</i> Raymond and Veronica Ng
Tech Team	Ben Crowley, Oge Ezeokoli, Victoria Kodjo, Bailey Rolland
Greeters	<i>9am:</i> Caralyn Chism, Juliet Edem, Ryan Furgerson, Lynn Streett <i>11am:</i> Maggie Cho, Kristi Hellmuth, Jodie Kirk

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 - Tonight* 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.

The Healing Hearts Special Elective has been postponed for this semester; we apologize for any inconvenience.

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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.

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APC Sign-Ups



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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 | Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate

Psalm 16:7-11

⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. ⁸ I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the risen King who delight to bring Him praise;
come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Rejoice, rejoice, let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;
come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight;
for His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through every age: “Our God is all in all!”

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading | Sifa Balagizi (9am); Christine Brittle (11am)

Psalm 42 (pg. 439)

¹ As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.

² My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.

When shall I come and appear before God?

³ My tears have been my food
day and night,
while they say to me all the day long,
“Where is your God?”

⁴ These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I would go with the throng
and lead them in procession to the house
of God
with glad shouts and songs of praise,
a multitude keeping festival.

⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation ⁶ and my God.

My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.

⁷ Deep calls to deep
at the roar of your waterfalls;

all your breakers and your waves
have gone over me.

⁸ By day the LORD commands his steadfast
love,

and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

⁹ I say to God, my rock:

“Why have you forgotten me?
Why do I go mourning
because of the oppression of the enemy?”

¹⁰ As with a deadly wound in my bones,
my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me all the day long,
“Where is your God?”

¹¹ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

songs of praise

Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor

Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm.
When the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn,
in the suff’ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor— it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on.
When temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won,
deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused;
I will hold fast to the anchor— it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief.
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now, lift your eyes to Calvary:
This, my ballast of assurance; see His love forever proved!
I will hold fast to the anchor— it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death.
When these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath,
we will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure,
and the calm will be the better for the storms that we endure.
Christ, the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true!
We will hold fast to the anchor— it shall never be removed.

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My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

When the enemy surrounds and my heart grows faint within,
when the darkness overwhelms and my fears are pressing in,
I will trust in You, O Lord; in the silence I will wait; I will stand upon Your Word.

*You’re my solid rock and my salvation, my steadfast hope that won’t be shaken,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.*

You’re my stronghold and my shield, in the midst of every threat;
though the wicked never yield, they will vanish like a breath.
Yes, I know the outcome’s sure; Satan’s evil plans will fail; in Your power I’m secure.

*You’re my solid rock and my salvation, my steadfast hope that won’t be shaken,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.
You’re my comfort when I feel forsaken, my refuge and my sure foundation,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.*

This is love I can’t explain, this is mercy unreserved;
through Your sacrifice so great, I have peace that’s undeserved.
For the battle has been won, and I fear no shame or loss; now the sting of death is gone!

Pouring out our hearts before You, we will trust in You.
Perfect Savior, strong Defender, we will trust in You.

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congregational prayer | Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions

offertory prayer | Ruth Fisher (9am); Mike Saltsman (11am)

presentation of tithes and offerings

offertory

Your Words Are Wonderful (Psalm 119)

Lyrics on screen.

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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 18:1-15 (pg. 12)

¹ And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵ while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰ The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁵ But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.”

prayer for illumination

sermon | Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate

“Faith Trusts (Part 2)”

Series: Living By Faith: Lessons from Genesis

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response

My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

See previous entry or screen for lyrics.

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deacons’ fund offering

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 | Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries