

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

The Women’s Summer Social is this evening at 6:30pm in Springfield. Come join us! Please email Shannon at shannon.allen@alexandriapres.org if you need the address.

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!

Women’s Event, Reading and Reflection, Fellowship Hall Lobby

Over coffee and a light breakfast, let’s gather on Saturday, August 15th at 10am for our final discussion of Karen Swallow Prior’s book, On Reading Well, focusing on The Heavenly Virtues (Chapters 8-12). See Women’s webpage for more information.

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.

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 - July 31, 2026

Giving: \$284,018.
Budget: \$245,000.
Difference: \$39,018.
Percentage: 115.9%

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APC Sign-Ups



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Vision 2026 Webpage



SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	This Week: Allison Bolling, Sally Lindsay, Brenna Zimmerman
Nursery	This Week (9am): Leslie Bridge, Gus and Woodrow Coombs, Matti Jamison, Candace Kane, Drew Lindsay, Amy Murr, Nate Myers, Shanell Nieuwendorp This Week (11am): Christine Brittle, Dan Johnson, Ben and Kimberly Signer, Margaret Veenstra Next Week (9am): Drew Black, Joe Cho, John Connelly, Amy Douglass, Andrew Hobold, Will Marks, Joe Mugg, Maria Myers, Brenna Zimmerman Next Week (11am): Flora Chipana, Juliet Edem, Andrew Hobold, Laurie LeRoy, Bethany Tinev
Children’s Church	9am: Stephanie Olsen; Tommy and Emily Ribaric 11am: Erin Furgerson
Tech Team	Chris Blackburn, Anna Kirk, Joey Rolland, Justin Root
Greeters	9am: Adam and Hannah Davis, Juliet Edem, Tiffany Easter, Ryan Furgerson, Katy Roberts 11am: Maggie Cho, 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 - 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, 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 potentially one other, 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, 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. 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.

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*
Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:23-5:2
Leader: ^{15:6} And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.
All: ^{4:23} **But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone,** ²⁴ **but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord,** ²⁵ **who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.**
Leader: ^{5:1} Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
All: ² **Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (#521)
My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading | *David Williams (9am); Jo Lea Wigley (11am)*
John 5:1-9 (pg. 836)
¹ After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. ³ In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵ One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” ⁷ The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” ⁸ Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” ⁹ And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

testimony | *Jim Taft*

songs of praise
Pass Me Not
Pass me not, O gentle Savior; hear my humble cry:
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief,
kneeling there in deep contrition; help my unbelief.

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry:
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

Trusting only in Thy merit would I seek Thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit; save me by Thy grace.

Thou the Spring of all my comfort—more than life to me.
Whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heav’n but Thee?

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Wonderful, Merciful Savior
Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
O You rescue the souls of men

*You are the One that we praise; You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for
O our hearts always hunger for*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost our way
O we’ve hopelessly lost our way

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne
O we’re falling before Your throne

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congregational prayer | *Elder Matt Coombs*

This morning, we give thanks for the many answered prayers related to our missions team to Paraguay.

offertory prayer | *Kira Allison (9am); Austin Swink (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 16:1-16 (pg. 10)
Sarai and Hagar
¹ Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. ² And Sarai said to Abram, “Behold now, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her.” And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. ³ So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram’s wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. ⁴ And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. ⁵ And Sarai said to Abram, “May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the Lord judge between you and me!” ⁶ But Abram said to Sarai, “Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please.” Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her.

⁷ The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. ⁸ And he said, “Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?” She said, “I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai.” ⁹ The angel of the LORD said to her, “Return to your mistress and submit to her.” ¹⁰ The angel of the Lord also said to her, “I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude.” ¹¹ And the angel of the LORD said to her,

“Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son.
You shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has listened to your affliction.
¹² He shall be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against everyone and everyone’s hand against him, and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen.”

¹³ So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, “You are a God of seeing,” for she said, “Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.” ¹⁴ Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

¹⁵ And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. ¹⁶ Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

prayer for illumination

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

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response
Jesus, Strong and Kind
Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.
No one else can satisfy; I should come to Him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my strength; I should come to Him.

*For the Lord is good and faithful; He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus— Jesus, strong and kind.*

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my shield; I should come to Him.

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me,
and He showed me on that cross, He will come to me.

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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