

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

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.”

Covenant Fellowship Group Meet and Greet - Today! Covenant Fellowship Groups are APC’s small group ministry. Join us after each service today to meet group leaders and learn more about the different groups that meet throughout the week. Handouts with group information are available in the lobby.

APC Homecoming - September 19! Register Now! 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! **Virtual option also available on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. See webpage for more info and registration link.**

The Youth Choir (1st-8th grade, unchanged voices) is an opportunity to teach our children how and why we worship God through singing, and to help them serve, lead, and encourage APC through doing so. It currently operates seasonally in 5 to 6-week rehearsal cycles, each cycle preparing them to help lead worship on a Sunday. The next cycle is starting soon. Email Emily Kinch at emily.s.kinch@gmail.com with questions.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	<i>This Week:</i> Acevedo CFG, Allison Bolling, Laura Coit
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> Evelyn Heil, Christian Poole, Juliana Richardson, Evan Root, Rocky Ward, Evan and Maureen Ward <i>This Week (11am):</i> Flora Chipana, Frank Girgenti, Jodie Kirk, Jo Porwoll <i>Next Week (9am):</i> Femi Adeniji, Leslie Bridge, Rick and Sara Eppright, Whitney Klinke, Patricia Kodjo, Lynn Streett, Isaac Williams <i>Next Week (11am):</i> Jodie Kirk, Ellie Olsen, Angel Tinev, Ben and Kimberly Signer
Children’s Church	<i>9am:</i> Will and Catherine Marks, Emily Reece <i>11am:</i> Allison Rivera
Tech Team	Beth Disselkoen, Beth Marshall, Joey Rolland, Keith Zimmerman
Greeters	<i>9am:</i> Mike and Vicki Gutshall, Lindsay Hutter, Patricia Kodjo, Amy Weld <i>11am:</i> Marc and Shannon Allen, Pierre Jolly, Chris Nelms, Cynthia Oviatt, Mimi Vaughn

KEY EQUIPPING

Join us from 5-7pm on Sunday evenings.
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. Come worship, learn, eat, and have some fun with teens who are wrestling with what it means to chase not comfort, but meaning. You’ll be glad you came!

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.

Book of the Bible Class: 1 Samuel, taught by Elder Bryant Streett and Pastor Matt Roberts, Room 112 (new room!)
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 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 201 (new room!)
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.

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 - August 31, 2026
Giving: \$499,298.
Budget: \$500,000.
Difference: \$702.
Percentage: 99.86%

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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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Vision 2026 Webpage



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

| Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions

Psalm 95:1-7a

All:

¹ Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader:

³ For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands formed the dry land.

All:

⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

⁷ For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing:
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam; thou, silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless and worship Him in humbleness:
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed, washed by His blood, come and rejoice in His great love:
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin; cast all your burdens now on Him:
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow’r to reign; heaven and earth will join to say:
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and King:
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading

| Tom Petelik (9am); Maggie Cho (11am)

Mark 3:13-21; 31-35 (pg. 787)

¹³ And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. ¹⁴ And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach ¹⁵ and have authority to cast out demons. ¹⁶ He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); ¹⁷ James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); ¹⁸ Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

²⁰ Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

³¹ And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³² And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” ³³ And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴ And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of praise

Good and Gracious King

I approach the throne of glory; nothing in my hands I bring,
but the promise of acceptance from a good and gracious King.
I will give to You my burden, as You give to me Your strength;
come and fill me with Your Spirit as I sing to You this praise.

You deserve the greater glory! Overcome, I lift my voice—
to the King in need of nothing, empty handed I rejoice!
You deserve the greater glory! Overcome with joy, I sing—
by Your love, I am accepted; You’re a good and gracious King.

O what grace, that You would see me as Your child and as Your friend!
Safe, secure in You forever, I pour out my praise again.

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty, good and gracious, good and gracious!
Holy, holy, Lord Almighty, good and gracious King!

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Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come, behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King:
He, the theme of heaven’s praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the Light of life has come;
look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery: He, the perfect Son of Man,
in His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery: Christ the Lord upon the tree;
in the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption, see the Father’s plan unfold,
bringing many sons to glory—grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery: slain by death the God of life,
but no grave could e’er restrain Him; praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance; how unwavering our hope:
Christ, in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.

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■ congregational prayer

Elder Ryan Furgerson

■ offertory prayer

Dean VanderLey (9am); Jessica Newman (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

Colossians 3:12-17 (pg. 925)

¹² Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon

| Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions

“Our New Life Together”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Beneath the Cross

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I find a place to stand
and wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am;
for hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me, “Come.”
Beneath the cross of Jesus, my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, His family is my own;
once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown,
we follow in His footsteps, where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us, to be His perfect bride!
Beneath the cross of Jesus, we will gladly live our lives.

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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