

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.”

Koinonia Lunch – Today! 20s and 30s, join us for lunch today at the Ballston Quarter at 12:45pm. We would love to fellowship, enjoy great food and help you get connected with our Young Adult Ministry (Koinonia).

Women’s Fall Bible Studies – Thursday Mornings began on September 10th! Join us from 9:45-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall each week. 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. Come join us as we get to know who He is through *Knowing His Great Name* by Michael and Rachel Ann Craddock made available through the PCA Bookstore or on a Thursday morning for \$10. Please let Lynn Streett (lynn.streett79@gmail.com) know if you need nursery care.

Virtual option also available on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. See the women’s page on the website for more info and registration link.

Women’s Tuesday Evening Bible Studies run from October 13-November 17, 7:30-9:00pm in the Lower Lobby. Come as you can this fall to ponder ten of God’s attributes. Reading together from *None Like Him* by Jen Wilkin, we’ll try to understand who He is and in the process, discover who we are not. Questions? Contact Staci Root (staci.root@gmail.com) or Christina Renenger (crenenger@gmail.com).

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.

Save the date - Trunk or Treat on October 24th. More details coming soon.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	<i>This Week:</i> Christine Brittle, Luke Prestowitz, Sarah Stansfield
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> Femi Adeniji, Leslie Bridge, Rick and Sara Eppright, Whitney Klinke, Patricia Kodjo, Matt Roberts, Lynn Streett, Isaac Williams <i>This Week (11am):</i> Jodie Kirk, Ellie Olsen, Angel Tinev, Ben and Kimberly Signer <i>Next Week (9am):</i> Amy Douglass, Sue Edwards, Nathan Fleischaker, Heidi Gesch, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Tom and Amanda Petelik, Brenna Zimmerman <i>Next Week (11am):</i> Carrie Brown, Kirsten Etherton, Matt Roberts, Staci Root
Children’s Church	<i>9am:</i> Will and Catherine Marks, Tommy and Emily Ribaric <i>11am:</i> Allison Rivera
Tech Team	Chris Blackburn, Brent Disselkoen, Anna Kirk, Bailey Rolland
Greeters	<i>9am:</i> Juliet Edem, Nathan Fleischaker, Mimi Vaughn <i>11am:</i> Kristi Hellmuth, Joe and Joan Leotta

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.

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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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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** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*
Romans 15:5-7

⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of praise**
Psalms 34 (Taste and See)
I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from every fear.
Those who look on Him are radiant; they’ll never be ashamed, they’ll never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard me and saved me from my enemies.
The Son of God surrounds His saints; He will deliver them, He will deliver them.

Magnify the Lord with me; come exalt His name together!
Glorify the Lord with me; come exalt His name forever!

O taste and see that the Lord is good!
O blest is he who hides in Him!
O fear the Lord, O all you saints;
He’ll give you everything, He’ll give you everything.

Let us bless the Lord every day and night.
Never ending praise—may our incense rise.

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■ **prayer of adoration**

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **scripture reading** | *Stacey Diack (9am); Kathy McGee (11am)*
Colossians 1:3-14 (pg. 924)

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶ which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸ and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **song of praise**
All I Have Is Christ
I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way;
the sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will,
and if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross;
and I beheld God’s love displayed—You suffered in my place,
You bore the wrath reserved for me—now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah, all I have is Christ!
Hallelujah, Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, and live so all might see
the strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose,
and let my song forever be—my only boast is You.

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■ **missions partner testimony** | *Arielle Bateman, For the Nations*

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **the lord’s prayer**
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

■ **offertory prayer** | *Marc Allen (9am); Matt Roberts (11am)*

■ **presentation of tithes and offerings**

■ **offertory** | *Adult & Alumni Choir*
Good! (The Lord Is Good)
Our God is merciful, slow to anger. Our God is powerful; He cannot fail.
Our God is wonderful, perfect in all His ways. And most of all, the Lord is good.

He is rest for the weary, defender for the weak.
He’s salvation, righteousness, our hope, joy, and peace!
Hallelujah! He is everything we need. The Lord is good.

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■ **doxology (#731)**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

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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**
Ephesians 1:15-23 (pg. 917)
¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

■ **prayer for illumination**

■ **sermon** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*
“40 Years of Asking…”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **songs of response**
We Are Thankful
For goodness and for mercy that has surely followed us, and every blessing we could never earn, for all the gifts we cherish that are pictures of Your love, what could we ever offer in return?

Thank You, thank You, Father, thank You; You are always good.
Thank You, thank You, Father, thank You; You are always faithful, and we are thankful.

For sorrows and for trials that You send to shape our hearts,
and pain that keeps us clinging to Your grace,
for faith within the fire, or Your presence in the dark, what can we sing no matter what we face?

For pardon and forgiveness through our Savior’s sacrifice, and death that’s swallowed up in victory, for love that’s never failed us, and Your everlasting life, what will we say for all eternity?

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Crown Him with Many Crowns
Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side—
rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life who triumphed o’er the grave,
and rose victorious through the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring; and lives, that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of lords who over all doth reign,
who, once on earth th’incarnate Word for ransomed sinners slain,
now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing
their songs before Him day and night—their God, Redeemer, King.

Crown Him the Lord of heav’n, enthroned in worlds above;
crown Him the King to whom is giv’n the wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns, as thrones before Him fall;
crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all!

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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**