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 •** ترجمه موجود است 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

Nominations for the Office of Elder and Deacon and Suggestions for Session Appointment of Deaconesses. We are looking for men and women who are being visibly transformed by the gospel, filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom, and exhibit godly character as outlined in scripture. Pray now about what man or woman you would like to see in these leadership positions and then nominate or suggest them (does not require confirmation or approval from them and no names will be listed). The process is focused on inviting you to speak what's on your heart through God's leading to nominate and/or suggest men and women who will lead this church. You must be a member to nominate or suggest. **This is your opportunity - for more information or to submit a nomination and/or suggestion now, use the APC Sign-Ups QR Code or fill out a form located on the table as you enter the building.** Nominations and suggestions may be submitted until November 22.

Last call! Women's Tea and Testimonies - November 6. Come join us at 7pm in APC's Fellowship Hall for a casual evening of fellowship and worship as we enjoy time with one another and hear testimonies from a few of our women. Bring along a beloved teacup or coffee mug and a friend! Sign up in APC sign-ups.

Last call! Men's Breakfast - November 7. Men, high school aged and up, please join us at 8am for food and fellowship in the APC fellowship hall. We will also hear from Matt Allison, the Executive Director of Serge, a missions agency. Sign up in APC sign-ups.

Thursday morning Women's Bible Study is meeting from 9:45 to 11:30am in the Fellowhsip Hall. Come join us as we dive into a study of the Psalms using *Turn Your Eyes* by Winfree Brisley and Sharonda Cooper. We will study a different pairing of Psalms each week and focus on such themes as wisdom, thanksgiving, lament and trust, using the very songbook that Jesus Himself was so familiar with! We meet weekly from 9:45 AM-11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery is provided. Please contact Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

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).

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SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	***This Week:*** Acevedo CFG
Nursery	***This Week (9am):*** Shannon Allen, Woodrow Coombs, Heidi Gesch, Matti Jamison, Patricia Kodjo, Nate Myers, Evan Root ***This Week (11am):*** Dan Johnson, Emily Reece, Staci Root, Margaret Veenstra ***Next Week (9am):*** Augustus Coombs, Amy Douglass, Whitney Klinke, Laurie LeRoy, Amanda Petelik, Jeremy Root, Rachel Roseland, Doug Shipley, Kimberly Signer, **More volunteers needed** ***Next Week (11am):*** Stacey Diack, Kathryn Johnson, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Ben Signer, **More volunteers needed**
Children's Church	***9am:*** Mike and Raquel Saltsman, Bryant and Lynn Streett ***11am:*** Madison Johnson
Tech Team	Alaythia Black, Liz Crowley, Chris Popadich, Bailey and Joey Rolland
Greeters	***9am:*** Matt Coombs, Juliet Edem, Alejandro Rivas Moreno, Miriam Moreno-Coto, Ariel Sanchez, Mimi Vaughn ***11am:*** Kristi Hellmuth, Mimi Vaughn

KEY EQUIPPING

Join us from 5-7pm each Sunday!

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
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
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*

Psalm 48:9-10

9 We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.
10 As your name, O God,
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

Praise His Name (Psalm 148)
Reaches of heaven, starry heights, lights of the evening, dancing in silent skies
Brilliance of morning, breaking day, O let them praise Him, praise His name

O praise His name, O praise His name
Let all His wondrous works declare His praise

Mightiest mountains, peaceful plains, snowfall and fire, thundering ocean waves
Kings and their kingdoms, age to age, O let them praise Him, praise His name

King enthroned in majesty, all things made by His decree
Hear creation's melody, "Praise Him! Praise Him!"
Everything with life and breath, everywhere from east to west
Every heart raised from the dead, praise Him, praise Him
Angels echo the refrain, "Jesus, Lamb for sinners slain!"
Name above all other names, praise Him

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading

Isaiah 52:13-15, 53:1-12 (pg. 574)

He Was Pierced for Our Transgressions
13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.
14 As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human
semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— 15 so shall he sprinkle
many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told
them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

53:1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD
been revealed? 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of
dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that
we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and
acquainted with grief; Wand as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and
we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed
for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his
wounds we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—
to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so
he opened not his mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his
generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the
transgression of my people? 9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man
in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes
an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD
shall prosper in his hand. 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by
his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and
he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was
numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the
transgressors.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

How Deep the Father's Love for Us
How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom,
but I will boast in Jesus Christ—His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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sacrament of baptism *(9am)*

reception of new members

congregational prayer

offertory prayer

offertory | *Adult Choir (9am)*

Depth of Mercy
Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God His wrath forbear? Me, the chief of sinners, spare?
There for me the Savior stands, holding forth His wounded hands:
God is love! I know, I feel; Jesus weeps, and loves me still.

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song of preparation | *Worship Team (11am)*

The Gospel Song
Holy God, in love, became perfect Man to bear my blame.
On the cross He took my sin; by His death, I live again.

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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 22:1-19 (pg. 15)

1 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here
I am." 2 He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land
of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall
tell you." 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his
young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and
arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham lifted
up his eyes and saw the place from afar. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here
with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you."
6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he
took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac said
to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold,
the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 Abraham said, "God
will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them
together.

9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there
and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the
wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But
the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he
said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for
now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from
me."

13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught
in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt
offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will
provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

15 And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven 16 and said, "By
myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld
your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as
the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess
the gate of his enemies, 18 and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed,
because you have obeyed my voice." 19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they
arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

prayer for illumination

sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

"A Greater Sacrifice"
Series: *Living By Faith: Lessons from Genesis*

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

prayer of confession

Lord God, how can I approach you when my conscience assaults me with reminders of how I have polluted my body and soul— the very temple Your blood bought? In my weak faith, my sin often appears bigger than Your Son's single, long-ago sacrifice on the cross. Yet I confess that it is there I can put my uttermost hope: in Jesus, the great and perfect High Priest who came to call and sanctify an imperfect people for Himself.

Jesus, please enable me to shake off my guilty fears and draw near to You. How can I go on living with a troubled conscience when I see, with eyes of faith, all that You have done to save me, and all that You are now doing to intercede for me? Arise, O my soul! Even though I have sinned against the sovereign Lord, He has owned me as His child because of You, Jesus Christ, in whose Name I pray. Amen.

song of response

O My Soul, Arise
Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
the bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears.
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands;
my name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

O my soul, arise! Behold the risen Christ,
your great High Priest, your spotless Sacrifice.
O my soul, arise! God owns you as His child.
Shake off your guilty fears, my soul, arise!

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"don't let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear.
He owns me as His child; I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

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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*