

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

Baptisms - Last Call! If you would like to have your child or children baptized on **October 18th** please reach out to Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org by Tuesday, October 12.

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).

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!

Trunk or Treat on October 24th - Sign Up Now. Whether you're bringing a little one, or simply wanting to see the joy on families' faces as they move from trunk to trunk, this is a great outreach event so invite your friends and neighbors. For those that attend APC, sign up to host a trunk or volunteer! Not sure what kind of trunk to make or want to get really creative? Think about signing up to host a trunk with your CFG! Sign up in the weekly emails or "APC Sign-Ups."

Lost and Found - Pick up your belongings by today or they will be donated.

Thanksgiving Service on November 22nd at 5pm. Please join us for an evening of testimonies and giving thanks as we reflect on the many answered prayers we have seen this year. This time of sharing will be followed by a potluck. Please bring a dish to share that will feed many people.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	<i>This Week:</i> Christine Brittle
Nursery	<i>This Week (9am):</i> Nathan Fleischaker, Evelyn Heil, Andrew Hobold, Jo Porwoll, Alanna Syzpura, Brenna Zimmerman <i>This Week (11am):</i> Sifa Balagizi, Andrew Hobold, Stephanie Olsen, Carmen Rives <i>Next Week (9am):</i> Leslie Bridge, Brian Field, Matti Jamison, Catherine Marks, Rocky Ward, Isaac Williams, More Volunteers Needed <i>Next Week (11am):</i> Stacey Diack, Kendra Howard, Dan Johnson, More Volunteers Needed
Children's Church	<i>Children's Church is not meeting this week.</i>
Tech Team	Chris Blackburn, Liz Crowley, Pete Olsen, Amanda Petelik
Greeters	9am: Mike and Vicki Gutshall, Lindsay Hutter, Victoire and Victoria Kodjo 11am: Marc and Shannon Allen, Kristi Hellmuth, Joe and Joan Leotta

KEY EQUIPPING

Key Equipping is not meeting tonight due to the holiday; join us at 5pm next week!
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.

Missions Partner Information.
Today, Carrie Brown, one of APC's supported missionaries, will be sharing. You can find more information below.



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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

- **call to worship** | Joel Acevedo, Pastor of International Outreach and Mercy Psalm 17:6-8
 - ⁶ I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words.
 - ⁷ Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.
 - ⁸ Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

- **song of praise**
How Firm a Foundation (#94, vv. 1-4, 6)
How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word. What more can He say than to you He has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed, for I am your God, and will still give you aid; I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

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- **prayer of adoration**

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

- **scripture reading** | Andy Schad (9am); Nathan Leamer (11am) Isaiah 54:1-5 (pg. 575)
 - ¹ “Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who have not been in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than the children of her who is married,” says the LORD.
 - ² “Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes.
 - ³ For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities.
 - ⁴ “Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.
 - ⁵ For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

- **songs of praise**
He Who Is Mighty
O the mercy our God has shown to those who sit in death’s shadow. The sun on high pierced the night; born was the Cornerstone. Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born.

He who is mighty has done a great thing; taken on flesh, conquered death’s sting, shattered the darkness and lifted our shame. Holy is His name.

O the freedom our Savior won; the yoke of sin has been broken. Once a slave, now by grace no more condemnation. Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born.

Now my soul magnifies the Lord; I rejoice in the God who saves; I will trust His unfailing love; I will sing His praises all my days.

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- **Till the Whole World Hears**
We’ve heard the greatest song that ever has been sung of Christ, who died to bring us life and make His glory known This gospel we believe; His mercy crowns our days Our only hope— no other name can save!

We will sing till the whole world hears: Redemption has come, our God has drawn near Perfect love on the cross revealed So we will sing till the whole world hears!

This symphony of grace has overwhelmed our curse, but songs of fear and sorrow still resound throughout the earth And so our voices join with saints who’ve gone before to testify that Christ alone is Lord!

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne: He is worthy! He is worthy! And unto the Lamb who was slain, forever proclaim: He is worthy! He is worthy! To Him be the honor, thanksgiving, and power, the blessing and glory and praise!

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- **missions partner testimony** | Carrie Brown, Young Life International

- **congregational prayer**

- **offertory prayer** | Yaovi Kodjo (9am); Katy Roberts (11am)

- **presentation of tithes and offerings**

Children’s Church is not meeting today due to the holiday weekend.

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

- **sermon scripture reading**
Genesis 21:8-21 (pg. 14)
 - ⁸ And the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹ But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, laughing. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac.” ¹¹ And the thing was very displeasing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹² But God said to Abraham, “Be not displeased because of the boy and because of your slave woman. Whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for through Isaac shall your offspring be named. ¹³ And I will make a nation of the son of the slave woman also, because he is your offspring.” ¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.
 - ¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she put the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, “Let me not look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Up! Lift up the boy, and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make him into a great nation.” ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰ And God was with the boy, and he grew up. He lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. ²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

- **prayer for illumination**

- **sermon** | Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate
“God’s Faithfulness in the Midst of a Troubled Home”
Series: Living By Faith: Lessons from Genesis

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

- **song of response**
Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (#679)
‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word; just to rest upon His promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more.

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood; just in simple faith to plunge me ‘neath the healing, cleansing flood.

Yes, ‘tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease; just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

I’m so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend; and I know that Thou art with me, will be with me to the end.

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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** | Shannon Allen, Director of Women’s Ministries