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 •** תרגום זמין 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

Trunk or Treat on October 24th from 3-5pm - 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." Trunks should arrive by 2:30pm and be ready by 3pm.

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!

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.

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.

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APC Sign-Ups

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SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	***This Week:*** Drew and Sally Lindsay
Nursery	***This Week (9am):*** Leslie Bridge, Brian Field, Matti Jamison, Catherine Marks, Rocky Ward, Amy Wells-Morgan, Isaac Williams ***This Week (11am):*** Stacey Diack, Kendra Howard, Dan Johnson ***Next Week (9am):*** Amy Douglass, Juliet Edem, Kirsten Etherton, Alex Gesch, Joe Mugg, Maria Myers, Doug Shipley, Lynn Streett ***Next Week (11am):*** Kathy McGee, Andy and Bethany Schad, Margaret Veenstra
Children's Church	***9am:*** Kari Adams and Emily Reece; Tom and Amanda Petelik ***11am:*** Raymond and Veronica Ng
Tech Team	Lauren Evans, Anna Kirk, Bailey Rolland, Keith Zimmerman
Greeters	***9am:*** Juliet Edem, Lindsay Hutter, Chris Nelms ***11am:*** Maggie Cho, Jodie Kirk, Peggy Locher, Becky and Maelee Mason

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.

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 - September 30, 2026
Giving: $745,678.
Budget: $775,000.
Difference: -$29,322
Percentage: 96.2%

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unchanging truth. changing lives

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 98:1-3

1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his
holy arm have worked salvation for him. 2 The LORD has made known his salvation; he has
revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. 3 He has remembered his steadfast
love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation
of our God.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)
You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks,
You paint the evening sky with wonders.
The earth, it is Your throne; from desert to the sea,
all nature testifies Your splendor.

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Sing His greatness, all creation!
Praise the LORD! Raise your voice, you heights and all you depths from furthest east to west:
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

You reached into the dust; in love Your Spirit breathed;
You formed us in Your very likeness
to know Your wondrous works, to tell Your mighty deeds,
to join the everlasting chorus.

Let symphonies resound, let drums and choirs ring out,
all heaven hear the sound of worship.
Let every nation bring its honors to the King—
a roar of harmonies eternal!

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Sing His greatness, all creation!
Praise the LORD! Raise your voice, you heights and all you depths from furthest east to west,
you distant burning stars, all creatures near and far,
from sky to sea to shore, sing out forevermore:
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading | *Amanda Petelik (9am); Jodie Kirk (11am)*

Colossians 2:6-15 (pg. 924)

6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in
him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8 See
to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human
tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For
in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have been filled in him, who is
the head of all rule and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision
made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,
12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through
faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And you, who were
dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together
with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood
against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the
rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

sacrament of baptism

This morning we are pleased to baptize the following covenant children:
Anna Neema, Lauren Fadhili and Aaron Bwirabuchiza Balagizi, children of Didier and Sifa Balagizi
Charlotte Frasier Barry, daughter of Will and Cally Barry
William Everett Hellmuth Peirce, son of Reid Peirce and Lindsey Hellmuth Peirce
James Chester Hughbanks, son of Ridge and Adrienne Hughbanks
Samuel David Sauer, son of David and Dani Sauer

covenantal blessing

from the liturgy of the French Reformed Church

For you, little one(s), the Spirit of God moved over the waters at creation, and the Lord God made covenants with his people.

For you the Word of God became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

For you Jesus Christ suffered death, crying out at the end, "It is finished!"

And for you Christ triumphed over death, rose in newness of life, and ascended to rule over all.

songs of praise

His Mercy Is More
What love could remember no wrongs we have done;
omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum,
thrown into a sea without bottom or shore: Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more– stronger than darkness, new every morn:
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam, what Father so tender is calling us home;
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor: Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us; His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford: Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

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He Will Hold Me Fast
When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path,
for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast; He will hold me fast, for my Savior loves me so; He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight; Christ will hold me fast;
precious in His holy sight; He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost; He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died; Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life; He will hold me fast,
till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last.

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farewell | *Ridge and Adrienne Hughbanks (9am); Clément and Tracy Tendo (11am)*

congregational prayer

offertory prayer | *Femi Adeniji (9am); Peggy Locher (11am)*

offertory | *Adult Choir (9am)*

Children of the Heavenly Father
Children of the heav'nly Father, safely in His bosom gather;
nestling bird or star in heaven such a refuge ne'er was given.
God His own does tend and nourish; in His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; in His mighty arms He bears them.
Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord His children sever;
unto them His grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He knoweth.
Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them, pure and holy.

Words by Caroline Sandell Berg, 1855, trans. by Ernest W. Olson, 1925; Music Swedish folk tune TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, arr. by Robert Scholz; © 2000 Augsburg Fortress.

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 17:1-21 (pg. 11)

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am
God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, 2 that I may make my covenant between me
and you, and may multiply you greatly." 3 Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him,
4 "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 No
longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you
the father of a multitude of nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into
nations, and kings shall come from you. 7 And I will establish my covenant between me and you
and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to
you and to your offspring after you. 8 And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land
of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."

9 And God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring
after you throughout their generations. 10 This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me
and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 You shall be
circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and
you. 12 He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your
generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who
is not of your offspring, 13 both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your
money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant.
14 Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from
his people; he has broken my covenant."

15 And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah
shall be her name. 16 I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and
she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." 17 Then Abraham fell on his face
and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall
Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" 18 And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might
live before you!" 19 God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his
name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after
him. 20 As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and
multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. 21 But
I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year."

prayer for illumination

sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

"Trusting the Promises of God"
Series: *Living By Faith: Lessons from Genesis*

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response

By Faith
By faith, we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, our fathers roamed the earth with the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
of a holy city built by God's own hand– a place where peace and justice reign.

We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear,
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith, the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
to deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth.

By faith, this mountain shall be moved, and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.

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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*