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

Women – NEW Bible study starting Thursday morning, October 29th, from 9:45 to 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us as we dive into a study of the Psalms using *Turn Your Eyes* by Winfree Brisley and Sharonda Cooper. Never does Jesus ask us to ignore or minimize how the pressures of life impact us. Rather He invites us to turn to Him honestly with both our deepest needs and our deepest delights. 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).

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.

CPR/First Aid Certification Class. Join us Saturday, November 14, at 2 p.m. or 4 p.m. for a Red Cross Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED certification class at APC. The $50 class includes online learning and in-person practice and testing. Space is limited to 12 participants per session.
To register, email Hannah Stone at hannah.stone703@gmail.com for the online registration link.

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SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	***This Week:*** Consuelo Rosas
Nursery	***This Week (9am):*** Amy Douglass, Juliet Edem, Kirsten Etherton, Alex Gesch, Joe Mugg, Maria Myers, Doug Shipley, Lynn Streett ***This Week (11am):*** Kathy McGee, Andy and Bethany Schad, Margaret Veenstra ***Next Week (9am):*** Shannon Allen, Woodrow Coombs, Heidi Gesch, Matti Jamison, Patricia Kodjo, Nate Myers, Evan Root, **More Volunteers Needed** ***Next Week (11am):*** Dan Johnson, Emily Reece, Staci Root, Margaret Veenstra
Children's Church	***9am:*** Kari and Mark Adams; Tom and Amanda Petelik ***11am:*** Raymond and Veronica Ng
Tech Team	Fern Birtwistle, Hudson Diack, Brent Disselkoen, Beth Marshall
Greeters	***9am:*** Patricia Kodjo, Mimi Vaughn ***11am:*** Maggie Cho, Richard and Melinda Douglass, 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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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 | *Matt Roberts, Pastor of Church Planting*

Psalm 90:1-2, 12-16

Leader: 1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

All: 12 So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Leader: 13 Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

All: 14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Leader: 15 Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.

All: 16 Let your work be shown to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

songs of praise

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (#30, vv. 1-5, 7)
Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by Your flood, and lost in foll'wing years.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

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God, the Uncreated One
God, the uncreated One, the Author of salvation,
wrote the laws of space and time, and fashioned worlds to His design.
The One whom angel hosts revere hung the stars like chandeliers,
numbered every grain of sand, knows the heart of every man.
He is King forever, He is King forever, He is King forevermore.

God, our fortress and our strength, the rock on which we can depend,
matchless in His majesty, His power, and authority.
Unshaken by the schemes of man, never-changing, great I AM.
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall; He is faithful through it all.
Crown Him King forever, crown Him King forever, crown Him King forevermore.

Mighty God in mortal flesh, forsaken by a traitor's kiss.
The curse of sin and centuries did pierce the lowly Prince of Peace.
O lifted high, the sinless man; crucified, the spotless Lamb.
Buried by the sons of man; rescued by the Father's hand
to reign as King forever, reign as King forever, reign as King forevermore.

King eternal, God of grace, we crown You with the highest praise!
Heaven shouts and saints adore, "You're holy, holy, holy Lord!"
What joy in everlasting life: all is love and faith is sight,
justice rolls and praises rise at the name of Jesus Christ,
King of kings forever, King of kings forever, King of kings forevermore!

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading | *Matt Komar (9am); Mike Saltsman (11am)*

Hebrews 6:13-20 (pg. 944)

The Certainty of God's Promise
13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to
swear, he swore by himself, 14 saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." 15 And thus
Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. 16 For people swear by something
greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. 17 So
when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable
character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, 18 so that by two unchangeable
things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong
encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. 19 We have this as a sure and steadfast
anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, 20 where Jesus
has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order
of Melchizedek.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death
What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ, our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

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congregational prayer

offertory prayer | *Sarah Field (9am); Ginger Horton (11am)*

offertory | *Adult Choir*

When Morning Gilds the Skies
When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!

In heav'n's eternal bliss, the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!
The pow'rs of darkness fear, when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th'eternal song, through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

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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 21:22-34 (pg. 15)

22 At that time Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army said to Abraham, "God
is with you in all that you do. 23 Now therefore swear to me here by God that you will not
deal falsely with me or with my descendants or with my posterity, but as I have dealt kindly
with you, so you will deal with me and with the land where you have sojourned." 24 And
Abraham said, "I will swear."

25 When Abraham reproved Abimelech about a well of water that Abimelech's servants had
seized, 26 Abimelech said, "I do not know who has done this thing; you did not tell me,
and I have not heard of it until today." 27 So Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them
to Abimelech, and the two men made a covenant. 28 Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the
flock apart. 29 And Abimelech said to Abraham, "What is the meaning of these seven ewe
lambs that you have set apart?" 30 He said, "These seven ewe lambs you will take from my
hand, that this may be a witness for me that I dug this well." 31 Therefore that place was
called Beersheba, because there both of them swore an oath. 32 So they made a covenant at
Beersheba. Then Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army rose up and returned to
the land of the Philistines. 33 Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba and called there
on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God. 34 And Abraham sojourned many days in the
land of the Philistines.

prayer for illumination

sermon | *Matt Roberts, Pastor of Church Planting*

"Faith Rests"
Series: *Living By Faith: Lessons from Genesis*

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting
Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul,
for by Thy transforming power Thou hast made me whole.

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.

O how great Thy lovingkindness—vaster, broader than the sea:
O how marvelous Thy goodness, lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine,
know Thy certainty of promise, and have made it mine.

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art,
and Thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart—
satisfies its deepest longings; meets, supplies its every need;
compasseth me round with blessings—Thine is love indeed!

Ever lift Thy face upon me, as I work and wait for Thee;
resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face—
keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace.

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deacons' fund offering

This monthly offering supports the APC diaconate's sharing of the gospel through the provision of tangible personal needs in our church and community.

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*