## 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.
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  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. Please pray about the men and women you believe God may be calling to serve APC in leadership. **Church members** are invited to nominate men for Elder and Deacon, and suggest women for appointment as Deaconesses. The process is focused on inviting you to speak what's on your heart through God's leading. **Submit nominations and suggestions through the APC Sign-Ups QR Code, or via paper forms at the church entrance by November 22.**

**Thursday morning Women's Bible Study is meeting from 9:00–11:45 a.m. 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. 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 9:45–11:45 a.m. 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, 7:30–9:00 p.m. 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).

**Thanksgiving Service on November 22, 5:00 p.m.** 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 on November 14.** Join us Saturday, November 14, at 2:00 p.m. or 4:00 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

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| **Hospitality** | ***This Week:*** Acevedo CFG, Shannon Allen, Maureen Ward |
| **Nursery** | ***This Week (9am):*** Augustus Coombs, Amy Douglass, Nathan Leamer, Catherine Marks, Amanda Petelik, Jeremy Root, Rachel Roseland, Doug Shipley, Ben and Kimberly Signer<br>***This Week (11am):*** Stacey Diack, Kathryn Johnson, Laurie LeRoy, Drew and Sally Lindsay<br>***Next Week (9am):*** Kari Adams, Caralyn Chism, Jamie Connelly, Shanell Nieuwendorp, Emily Ribaric, Juliana Richardson, Rachel Roseland **More Volunteers Needed**<br>***Next Week (11am):*** Cindy Cai, Emily Reece, Bethany Tinev, Margaret Veenstra, **More Volunteers Needed** |
| **Children's Church** | ***9am:*** Amanda Freeman, Amy Weld; Bryant and Lynn Streett<br>***11am:*** Madison Johnson |
| **Tech Team** | Brent Disselkoen, Connor Johnson, Bailey Rolland, Justin Root |
| **Greeters** | ***9am:*** Matt Coombs, Juliet Edem, Patricia Kodjo, Mimi Vaughn<br>***11am:*** Kristi Hellmuth, Jodie Kirk, Cynthia Oviatt |
| **Duty Deacon** | Alex Bolling |
| **Duty Deaconess** | Patricia Kodjo |

## 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 (Final Week)**
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 63:1-4*

1 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
3 Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
4 So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

### song of praise

**Christ Our Treasure**
Lord, our feet have wandered all the earth unsatisfied
Drinking from a sea of emptiness has left us dry
So we turn our eyes to

*Christ our Treasure, there is none like You*
*Precious Jesus, there is none like You*

Living Water, Word of Life, You are forever true
Every blessing, joy abounding here in knowing You
So we fix our eyes on

Grace for the guilty, help for the needy—Jesus, You satisfy our souls
Strength for the weary, hope for the grieving—Jesus, You satisfy our souls
Healer of sickness, fountain of goodness—Jesus, You satisfy our souls
Faithful Provider, gracious Redeemer—Jesus, You satisfy our souls
Mighty in power, awesome in splendor—Jesus, You satisfy our souls
Author, Perfecter, Keeper, Sustainer—Jesus, You satisfy our souls

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### prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### scripture reading | *Stuart Yikona (9am); Chelsea Swink (11am)*

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11, 58 (pg. 903)*

**The Resurrection of Christ**
1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received,
in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I
preached to you—unless you believed in vain.
3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our
sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the
third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the
twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom
are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the
apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least
of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the
contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is
with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work
of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

### song of praise

**Christ Is Mine Forevermore**
Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with Him,
yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, His love is sure,
for Christ has paid for every failing: I am His forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood;
through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven, and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted; Christ completes His work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way;
one with Christ, I will encounter harm and hatred for His name.
But mine is armor for this battle strong enough to last the war,
and He has said He will deliver safely to the golden shore.
And mine are keys to Zion's city, where beside the King I walk,
for there my heart has found its treasure: Christ is mine forevermore.
Come rejoice now, O my soul, for His love is my reward;
fear is gone and hope is sure: Christ is mine forevermore!

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### congregational prayer | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions*

*This morning, we pray for our missions team to Japan from November 13-22:*
*Chris Blackburn, Rob Coit, Laura Coit, Chris Ingle, Mike Powell, Tracy Powell, Kingston Powell, Rebecca Schad, and Bethany Schad*

### offertory prayer | *Amy Weld (9am); Mark Locher (11am)*

### offertory | *Adult Choir*

**Abide with Me**

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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 23:1-20 (pg. 15)*

1 Sarah lived 127 years; these were the years of the life of Sarah. 2 And Sarah died at Kiriath-
arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and Abraham went in to mourn for Sarah and
to weep for her. 3 And Abraham rose up from before his dead and said to the Hittites, 4 "I
am a sojourner and foreigner among you; give me property among you for a burying place,
that I may bury my dead out of my sight." 5 The Hittites answered Abraham, 6 "Hear us, my
lord; you are a prince of God among us. Bury your dead in the choicest of our tombs. None
of us will withhold from you his tomb to hinder you from burying your dead." 7 Abraham
rose and bowed to the Hittites, the people of the land. 8 And he said to them, "If you are
willing that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me and entreat for me Ephron the
son of Zohar, 9 that he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he owns; it is at the end
of his field. For the full price let him give it to me in your presence as property for a burying
place."
10 Now Ephron was sitting among the Hittites, and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham
in the hearing of the Hittites, of all who went in at the gate of his city, 11 "No, my lord, hear
me: I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it. In the sight of the sons of my
people I give it to you. Bury your dead." 12 Then Abraham bowed down before the people
of the land. 13 And he said to Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, "But if you
will, hear me: I give the price of the field. Accept it from me, that I may bury my dead
there." 14 Ephron answered Abraham, 15 "My lord, listen to me: a piece of land worth four
hundred shekels of silver, what is that between you and me? Bury your dead." 16 Abraham
listened to Ephron, and Abraham weighed out for Ephron the silver that he had named in
the hearing of the Hittites, four hundred shekels of silver, according to the weights current
among the merchants.
17 So the field of Ephron in Machpelah, which was to the east of Mamre, the field with the
cave that was in it and all the trees that were in the field, throughout its whole area, was
made over 18 to Abraham as a possession in the presence of the Hittites, before all who went
in at the gate of his city. 19 After this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field
of Machpelah east of Mamre (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan. 20 The field and the
cave that is in it were made over to Abraham as property for a burying place by the Hittites.

### prayer for illumination

### sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

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

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

### sacrament of the lord's supper

***Explanation, Invitation, Participation***
*All baptized Christians who are members in good standing of a church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ are invited to participate. Children who have been admitted into the church as communicant members are invited to participate as well. If you have any questions, please ask one of our pastors or elders.*

*Members will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup. You will receive the elements from the pastors and elders standing up front in your section of the Sanctuary, and then take the bread and cup back to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand and a server will bring the elements to your seat. We will take the elements together as prompted by the pastor.*

*During the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, you are invited to sing or meditate on the following song:*

**The Church's One Foundation**
The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is His new creation by water and the Word:
from heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

So, Lord, she stands before Thee, forevermore Thine own.
No merit is her glory, her boasting this alone:
that she who did not choose Thee came, chosen, at Thy call,
never to leave or lose Thee or from Thy favor fall.

As she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
so hath she sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

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## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

### song of response

**When We See Your Face**
Though the dark is overwhelming, and the brightest lights grow dim,
though the Word of God is trampled on by foolish men,
though the wicked never stumble and abound in every place,
we will all be humbled when we see Your face.

And the enemies we're fighting, those without and those within,
will be underneath our feet to never rise again.
All our sins will be behind us, through the blood of Christ erased,
and we'll taste Your kindness when we see Your face.

*We will see, we will know like we've never known before.*
*We'll be found, we'll be home, we'll be Yours forevermore.*

All the waiting will be over, every sorrow will be healed,
all the dreams it seemed could never be will all be real;
and You'll gather us together in Your arms of endless grace
as Your bride forever, when we see Your face.

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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