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.
- **Se ofrece traducción al español cada domingo durante el servicio de la 9am.**
  Para más detalles acercarse a alguno de los ujieres.
  Spanish translation is available 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

Call to Prayer— January 2026 Begins Tonight. As we embark on a New Year, the elders invite you to join them in APC-wide prayer opportunities: Sunday, January 4 at 5pm; Wednesday, January 7 at 7:30pm; and Saturday, January 10 at 9am. All ages are welcome! Nursery is only provided on Sunday, January 4th.

Women of APC – Come join us at our New Year's Brunch! Saturday, January 10th, 10:30am-12pm, APC room 201 – Quite often the change of the calendar page from December to January brings the consideration of change in our personal lives over the year ahead. The reality is the view of our future has control of our present. As we start off this new year, let us spend some time considering the things above and things to come, while enjoying food and fellowship with one another. Please register through the APC Women's webpage or "APC Sign-Ups." Please contact Shannon Allen at shannon.allen@alexandriapres.org with any questions.

The Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study would like to invite you to join us, January 15th, as we begin a 6-week study on Romans 8 entitled *If God Is For Us* by Trillia J. Newbell. What a joy to soak in the precious promises of God replete in this one beautiful chapter! We meet weekly from 9:45am-11:30am. Nursery care is provided. If you need childcare, please contact Lynn Streett at lynn.streett79@gmail.com.

Communicants Class for Children and Teens: The class will be led by Pastor Tom and held on Thursdays from 5:00-6:00pm at APC and run for eight weeks starting January 15th. Parents, please talk with your child/teen and prayerfully consider whether or not they are ready to join the church as a communicant member. To find out more information or preview the workbook, please contact Elder Mark Adams at mark.philip.adams@gmail.com. Sign-up in "APC Sign-Ups."

South Asia Missions Trip Parents and Caregivers Night Out Fundraiser - January 10th from 5-8pm. The short term missions team (STM) will host a Parents and Caregivers Night Out fundraising event at APC for parents that would like a date night. Please drop off your children ages 0-12 at 5 pm (or later) and pick them up by 8 pm. During the babysitting, the STM will provide a light dinner, story time/discussion on missionary work, and a G-rated movie. Register in "APC-Sign-ups."

Newcomer Fellowship Dinner, Saturday, January 17th, 6-8pm. If you've recently started attending APC, we would love the chance to get to know you more! Please join us for food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. You'll have a chance to meet church officers and staff, ask questions and learn more about the ministry God is building here. Sign up in "APC Sign-ups".

Seeking Donations of Cars. The Deacons and Deaconesses are assisting several individuals in the APC congregation who would greatly benefit from receiving a donated car for their use. If you have a used vehicle in good working condition with a few years of life left on it that you are willing to donate, please contact apcdeaconsanddeaconesses@alexandriapres.org. Your donation will be tax-deductible and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	***This Week:*** TBD
Nursery	***This Week (9am)*:** Jon and Nikki Blank, Amber Cookey, Ryan and Amy Douglass, Heidi and Alex Gesch, Sharon Holliday, Amy Wells-Morgan, Brenna Zimmerman ***This Week (11am)*:** Catherine Chae, Gina Mitchell, Jo Porwoll, Andy, Rebecca and Bethany Schad, Bethany Tinev ***Next Week (9am)*:** Laura Erickson, Matti Jamison, Drew Lindsay, Catherine Marks, Joe and McKinzie Newman, Tom Petelik, Juliana Richardson, Susanna Root, Maureen Ward, Sarah Williams ***Next Week (11am)*:** Cindy Cai, Dan Johnson, Laurie LeRoy, Staci Root, Rose Shukrallah, Angel Tinev, Mary Mitchell Todd
Children's Church	**9am***:* Chris and Amy Weld **11am:** Stephanie Olsen
Tech Team	Ben Crowley, Joey Rolland, Justin Root, Brittany Payton
Greeters	***9am:*** Tiffany Easter, Lindsay Hutter, Lynn Streett, Lynette Vanderschaaf ***11am:*** Richard and Melinda Douglass, Sara Eppright, Kristi Hellmuth, Jodie Kirk, Chris Nelms

KEY EQUIPPING

Begins Sunday, January 11th

Spring Key Equipping Opportunities: Sunday Nights from 5pm to 7pm
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.
Connect each week in community with your peers — the schedule includes games, worship, small group discussions, a short devotion at a teen level, and dinner.

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. Classes offered:

Foundational Track - "Walking in the Spirit (WitS)," led by Pastor Tom and Sharon Holliday, Room 201 (Registration is closed)
This is a 10-week in-depth study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Each class will consist of an hour of teaching followed by an hour of small group interaction, as well as reflection and homework during the week. Since each week builds upon the previous week, we ask that you commit to being present in at least 8 of the 10 weeks.

Biblical Track - "The Book of Romans," led by Elder Aaron Renenger, Room 112 (Open to all)
Martin Luther once described his experience upon reading the Book of Romans, and finally grasping its message, like this: "I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise." Join us as we explore the core tenets of Christianity as set forth in Romans, including the depravity of man, salvation by grace through faith, reconciliation with God, Christian freedom, and Christian living.

Connect with APC | **APC Sign-Ups** | **Give to APC** | **Vision 2026 Webpage**

Sign-ups for all events can be found in the QR Code above titled, "APC Sign-Ups."

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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*

Isaiah 46:3-4

3 "Listen to me, O house of Jacob,
all the remnant of the house of Israel,
who have been borne by me from before your birth,
carried from the womb;
4 even to your old age I am he,
and to gray hairs I will carry you.
I have made, and I will bear;
I will carry and will save.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

All of Our Tomorrows

This spinning world, by Your own hand, hurls ever on around the sun;
the seasons march at Your command; the old departs, the new year comes.
And though celestial is Your gaze, You search and care for all our ways.
We offer up to You this day and all of our tomorrows.

May zealous youth and cautious age determine not the steps we choose;
Great Shepherd, guide us through each day—O, how we want to follow You.
Come, Living Way, our way make clear; let perfect love drive out our fear;
be Thou our vision—now and here, and all of our tomorrows.

When winter makes us reminisce of warmer days so distant now,
of cherished saints the sun once kissed whose beauty passed behind the clouds,
let all our fond and longing tears remind us we are pilgrims here.
We trust You, Sovereign of our years, with all of our tomorrows.

Hands to the plow, we're pressing on and running hard to win the prize,
empowered by the love of God with grace before and grace behind.
For lo, what hope before us stands: You finish all that You began;
eternal joy is in Your hands, and all of our tomorrows.

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading | *Amy Weld (9am); Katy Roberts (11am)*

Psalm 63:1-7 (pg. 449)

My Soul Thirsts for You

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

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.

5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
6 when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
7 for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of praise

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, greatest Treasure of my longing soul.
My God, like You there is no other; true delight is found in You alone.
Your grace— a well too deep to fathom; Your love exceeds the heavens' reach;
Your truth— a fount of perfect wisdom, my highest good and my unending need.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, strong Defender of my weary heart;
my sword to fight the cruel deceiver, and my shield against his hateful darts.
My song, when enemies surround me; my hope, when tides of sorrow rise;
my joy, when trials are abounding; Your faithfulness— my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, gracious Savior of my ruined life;
my guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders, in my place You suffered, bled, and died.
You rose— the grave and death are conquered! You broke my bonds of sin and shame!
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, May all my days bring glory to Your name.

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congregational prayer

offertory prayer | *Vell Rives (9am); Nathan Leamer (11am)*

presentation of tithes and offerings

offertory

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

Ephesians 3:14-21 (pg. 918)

Prayer for Spiritual Strength

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven
and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be
strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in
your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength
to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all
the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according
to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

prayer for illumination

sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

"Our Prayer for the New Year"

Series: Praying In and Living Out the Promises of God

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:

Come, O Sinner

Come, O sinner; come and see Christ the Lord upon a tree.
See the crown of thorns adorn the King who labors to breathe in agony.
Come, O sinner; come and see what our God became to set us free.

Come, O sinner; come and mourn, for He calls your sin His own.
Do you feel the weight of justice served? He suffers the wrath that you deserve.
Come, O sinner; come and mourn, for He bears the curse for all you've done.

O, the wonder of this awesome scene where our Savior bleeds!
O, the power of the love of God; come and stand in awe.

Come, O sinner; come rejoice: Mercy fills this place of scorn,
for He dies to save His enemies, that all who draw near may know His peace.
Come, O sinner; come rejoice: Through the death of Christ, death is destroyed!

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GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

song of response

I Stand Amazed [How Marvelous]

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
and wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

For me it was in the garden He prayed, "Not My will, but Thine";
He had no tears for His own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine.

How marvelous, how wonderful—and my song shall ever be—
how marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own;
He bore my burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,
'twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.

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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*