

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Supplication. Each January at APC, we invite the congregation to offer written prayers of thanksgiving and supplication. A time will be set aside during the worship service on January 25th to bring your written prayer requests forward and place them in a basket, consecrating them before the Lord. Prayer forms are available in the lobby. Prayers can also be submitted online through the form found in "APC Sign-Ups".

The Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study is in the midst of a 6-week study on Romans 8 entitled *If God Is For Us* by Trillia J. Newbell. 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.

Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 25 at 4:15pm for members to vote on Session's motion. Session has spent the last year in prayer and consultation regarding Pastor Tom's succession. Session has determined that the congregation should form a Pulpit Nominating Committee (PNC) in line with PCA BCO and APC by-laws. The purpose of the PNC will be to recommend a Senior Pastor candidate for congregational election. Session has established that the PNC will be an 11 member committee. Session has prayed over and is recommending an 11 person slate drawn from APC members who show clear spiritual fruit, know our DNA, and reflect our congregation. The following 11 people, who are all willing to serve, are proposed by Session: Elder Marc Allen, Deacon Alex Bolling, Elder Rob Fisher, Benton Gordon, Deaconess Patricia Kodjo, Lisa Popadich, Tracy Powell, Lynn Streett, Dorothy Taft, Elder Chris Weld, and David Williams. Please direct questions or inputs to RE Brian Field, Clerk of Session (brian.j.field@gmail.com). Please pray for wisdom, unity, and over these proposed nominees.

Join the Youth Choir this Spring! Youth Choir welcomes students in grades 1-8, singing with treble/unchanged voices. Rehearsals begin on Sunday, February 1. For more information and to register, please sign up using "APC Sign-Ups". Please contact Emily Kinch (emily.s.kinch@gmail.com) with any questions.

Our next Inquirers Class is February 6th and 7th. If you are interested in membership or in gaining a deeper understanding of APC, we invite you to attend this class. You will receive an introduction to Christianity, the PCA, and the specific vision/mission and philosophy of ministry at APC. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. Sign up in "APC Sign-Ups".

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 - December 31, 2025

Giving: \$2,503,486.58.
Budget: \$1,630,000.00
Difference: \$873,486.58
Percentage: 154%

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality

This Week: TBD

Nursery

This Week (9am): Erin and Ryan Furgerson, Lina Gentry, Evelyn Heil, Jodie Kirk, Whitney Klinke, Tommy and Emily Ribaric, Margaret Veenstra

This Week (11am): Stacey Diack, Bryn Elliott, Sara Eppright, Drew and Sally Lindsay, Kathy McGee, Kimberly Signer

Next Week (9am): Kari Adams, Femi Adeniji, Joe Cho, Adam and Hannah Davis, Lisa Fleischaker, Reb Maylum, Amy Murr, Evan Root, Margaret Veenstra

Next Week (11am): Flora Chipana, Kirsten Etherton, Kathryn Johnson, Kathy McGee, Stephanie and Ellie Olsen, Allison Rivera

Children's Church

9am: Nathan and Amanda Leamer, Stephanie Olsen

11am: Raymond and Veronica Ng

Tech Team

Chris Blackburn, Beth Disselkoen, Pete Olsen, Amanda Petelik

Greeters

9am: Matt Coombs, Graeme Furgerson, the Murr family, Clayton Thompson

11am: Pierre Jolly, Cynthia Oviatt, Clayton Thompson

KEY EQUIPPING

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 and Shant Boyajian, 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.

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 | Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions *John 1:3-4*

³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
O You rescue the souls of men

*You are the One that we praise; You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for
O our hearts always hunger for*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost our way
O we’ve hopelessly lost our way

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne
O we’re falling before Your throne

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■ prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Clayton Thompson (9am); Brent Disselkoen (11am)

1 John 5:1-13 (pg. 961)

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶ This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹ If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs 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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O the Deep, Deep Love

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me is the current of Your love,
leading onward, leading homeward to Your glorious rest above.

*O the deep, deep love— all I need and trust
is the deep, deep love of Jesus.*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore:
how He came to pay our ransom through the saving cross He bore;
how He watches o’er His loved ones, those He died to make His own;
how for them He’s interceding, pleading now before the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! far surpassing all the rest;
it’s an ocean full of blessing in the midst of every test.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, mighty Savior, precious Friend!
You will bring us home to glory, where Your love will never end.

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■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | Hannah Davis (9am); Greg Thomas (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

Mark 12:18-34 (pg. 797)

The Sadducees Ask About the Resurrection

¹⁸ And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying, ¹⁹ “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁰ There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no offspring. ²¹ And the second took her, and died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. ²² And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died. ²³ In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife.”

²⁴ Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? ²⁵ For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. ²⁶ And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? ²⁷ He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong.”

The Great Commandment

²⁸ And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” ²⁹ Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” ³² And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. ³³ And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴ And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions

“Fruitless Religion”

Series: The Gospel According to Mark

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and pow’r.
He is able, He is able; He is willing, doubt no more.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God’s free bounty glorify:
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you; ‘tis the Spirit’s rising beam.

I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.

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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 | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor