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Through Jesus Christ
JANUARY 11, 2015

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, as we enter your courts to sing your praise, cause our souls to yearn for you, that you would be our strength, and that our hearts would be set on following you; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Everlasting God

Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
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You Never Let Go

1 Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle
Of the storms of this life
I won't turn back I know You are near

And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear

*Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go
Lord You never let go of me*

At this time, children 4k-5th grade (Kids Time and Big Time) are invited to go to the Kids Time Room for a presentation by Dan the Animal Man. The children will return prior to Communion.

This Is My Father's World

1 This is my Father's world
And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings and 'round me rings
Music of the spheres
This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought

2 This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise
This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair
In the rust'ling grass I hear Him pass
He speaks to me ev'rywhere

2 And I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth

Yes I can see a light
That is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You
Still I will praise You

3 This is my Father's world
O let me ne'er forget
And though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet
This is my Father's world
Why should my heart be sad
The Lord is King let the heavens ring
God reigns let the earth be glad
The Lord is King let the heavens ring
God reigns let the earth be glad

Maltbie Davenport Babcock

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel Reading

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Luke 13:1-9 (p. 738)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE **Sermon Series: Questions from a Hat**

"A Question of Evil"

The Rev. Patrick Dominguez

(There is a space for sermon notes on page 9.)

For your convenience, there are sound speakers available in the Lobby and in the BabyBeams nursery cry room that allow you to hear the service if you have a child who is crying or needs to be fed.

Sermon Notes

THE APOSTLES CREED (said together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church*, the Communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The phrase "holy catholic Church" means the Church worldwide.*

TIME OF PRAYER

CONFESSION OF SIN (said together)

Leader: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Gracious and compassionate Lord, slow to anger and abounding in love: We no longer keep silent, but humbly and plainly acknowledge our sins before you. Forgive our transgressions, cover our sins and remove all deceit from our hearts, that we would know the joy of your forgiveness and be taught in the way we should go; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Leader: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.**

**The absolution of sin is to be pronounced by a priest who symbolically stands in the authority of God to forgive the sins of those who truly repent (Matthew 16:19, John 20:23).*

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you;

People: And also with you.

WELCOME and OFFERING

Your Love Is Strong

1 Heavenly Father You always amaze me
Let Your kingdom come in my world and in my life
Give me the food I need to live through today
And forgive me as I forgive the people that wrong me
Lead me far from temptation
Deliver me from the evil one

2 I look out the window the birds are composing
Not a note is out of tune or out of place
I walk to the meadow and stare at the flowers
Better dressed than any girl on her wedding day
So why should I worry why do I freak out
God knows what I need You know what I need

*Your love is
Your love is
Your love is strong*

3 The kingdom of the heavens is now advancing
Invade my heart invade this broken town
The kingdom of the heavens is buried treasure
Would you sell yourself to buy the one you've found
Two things You told me that You are strong
And You love me, yes You love me

Our God in heaven
Hallowed be Thy name above all names
Your kingdom come Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us weary sinners
Keep us far from our vices
And deliver us from these prisons

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HOLY COMMUNION

*(All baptized and believing followers of our Lord Jesus Christ are invited to partake in Holy Communion regardless of denomination. It is our custom to use wine during communion. **If you prefer, you may receive grape juice** from the smaller chalices on the end of the serving lines. If it would not be authentic for you to receive Communion, you may remain in your seat and contemplate the prayers on the following page.)*

Leader: Is the Father with us?

People: He is.

Leader: Is Christ among us?

People: He is.

Leader: Is the Spirit here?

People: He is.

Leader: This is our God.

People: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Leader: We are His people.

People: We are redeemed.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and
praise.**

Leader continues in Eucharistic Prayer...

Leader: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (said together)

**Our Father who art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those
Who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the Kingdom
And the power and the glory
Forever and ever Amen**

*Unable to come forward? Please inform an usher to request that Communion be brought to you.
Gluten-free wafers available upon request.*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT TAKING HOLY COMMUNION

The Church of The Apostles welcomes all Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, to receive Holy Communion with us by coming forward to one of the communion stations at the front. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth.

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Thank you.

Prayer of Belief.

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Please come into my life through the power of your Holy Spirit. Thank you.

COMMUNION SONGS (Please join in singing during communion.)

A prayer team is available to pray with you at the back of the worship area.

Beautiful Things

1 All this pain
I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change
At all

2 All this earth
Could all that is lost ever be found
Could a garden come up from this ground
At all

*You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us*

3 All around
Hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found
In You

You make me new You are making me new
You make me new You are making me new

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Stronger

1 There is Love that came for us
Humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness
You rose again victorious

2 Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me

*You are stronger
You are stronger
Sin is broken
You have saved me
It is written
Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all*

3 No beginning and no end
You're my hope and my defence
You came to seek and save the lost
You paid it all upon the cross

So let Your Name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher
Be lifted higher

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Lord I Need You

1 Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

*Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You*

2 Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

(Bridge)

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

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CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty God, our Shepherd and King, we thank you for making yourself known to us in the proclamation of your word and in the sharing of your supper. Lead us by your Holy Spirit to follow your perfect way and be formed by your flawless word, making you known throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

*May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.
And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, now and forever. Amen.*

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

1 On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

2 All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

3 No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more

4 When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

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Sermon Notes

Welcome Visitors and Newcomers...

We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning. Below are a few ways that you can become more involved at Apostles. If you have questions this morning, you can fill out the yellow card under the chair in front of you .

Discovering Apostles Membership Class—This class includes teaching about Church of the Apostles and information about becoming a member. Our next class will be held January 10 from 9am-12noon. *If you have any questions, please contact Marsha at 782-0550 x29 or marsha@apostles-raleigh.org.*

Join A Community Group—Are you interested in connecting deeper into the community here at Apostles? Do you desire to have relationships in the church that go deeper than surface level conversations? Join a Community Group! *Please contact Lee Hilts (lee@apostles-raleigh.org).*

The Pulse Email Newsletter—If you would like to receive our weekly email newsletter with updates and announcements about what is going on at Apostles, simply fill out the yellow card under the seat in front of you with your email and drop it in the offering basket.

PEARUSA eNewsletter You can sign up for email updates about PEARUSA, the church movement of which Apostles is a vital part. Simply go to www.pearusa.org/newsletter-sign-up and enter your email address.

ApostlesLink.org—Are you a member or involved in the life of Apostles? Join our online communication tool: Apostles Link. *To get a login, email Julie at julie@apostles-raleigh.org.*

The Ebenezer: Apostles' Blog—Would you like to hear stories about how the Lord is working in and through the people and ministries of Apostles? Check out our blog! www.apostles-raleigh.org/blog/

This Week at Apostles

The following are some events taking place at Apostles. For more info, please visit our website.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

Worship Services—8:30am & 11:00am
Dan the Animal Man—10am

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

Muffins & More (Women)—10-11:30am: 208
Women in the Word (Women)—7-9pm: 201-205

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

Tuesdays at Noon (Women) - 12-1:30pm: 201
Prayer—2pm-4pm: Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

Growing in Grace (Women) - 9:30-11:30am

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

Men's Fraternity (Men) - 6am-8am

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Adult Sunday School classes start back at 10am on Sunday, January 18. It will be helpful to have an idea of how many people are planning to attend the classes. If you know which class you are interested in, please fill out one of the blue inserts in the bulletin today.

1 & 2 Peter - Our Scripture class will focus on these two letters from Peter to a people facing suffering and difficulty, which gives us the chance to consider how we face our own brands of trials in our day. *Led by Curt Solomon and Eric Oltman*

That The World May Know - The richness of the ancient world that lies behind the Bible opens our eyes to the depths of God and his word. *Led by John Farwell*

Foundations (To Be A Christian) - We think we know what a Christian is, but knowing Christ is more than just saying 'yes' to him. We will dive deep into the gospel, the Creeds, Baptism, Communion and the theology and practice of walking with Jesus. *Led by Eric Bolash and Owen Kelly*

Spiritual Formation - Following Jesus is a journey. And there are tools that help us walk with him such as prayer, fasting and even silence. Come and be further equipped for this journey. *Led by Frank Shell (*This is a 9-week class. When complete, any of the other classes will be happy for you to join them.)*

Apostles Children's Ministry

Dan the Animal Man! Invite friends and join us for a special visit from Dan the Animal man today at 10am. Dan will also share during Kids Time/Big Time. Kids 4K-5th grade will leave the service at the regular time and come to the Kids Time Room. They will be back in the service in time for Communion.

Facebook!- Come find us at www.facebook.com/cotakids to get weekly discussion questions to follow-up from Sunday lessons, stay up-to-date on Memory Verses, and make sure you don't miss any events or announcements!

Sunday School- Sunday School will resume next Sunday, January 18, at 10am. Don't miss it!

Children's Ministry Newsletter—This once/month newsletter has all the lessons for the month, upcoming dates to note, important announcements, and encouragement for child discipleship in your home. Don't receive it? *Email robin@apostles-raleigh.org to be added to the list.*

How to get involved at Apostles...

The Vine—Apostles 20s/30s Community—Contact curt@apostles-raleigh.org

Want to join a Community Group?—Contact lee@apostles-raleigh.org

Women's Bible Studies—<http://apostles-raleigh.org/womens-community-groups/>

Men's Bible Studies—<http://apostles-raleigh.org/mens-community-groups/>

Adult Sunday School Classes—<http://apostles-raleigh.org/adult-sunday-school/>

Now Hiring! - Two Positions on Staff

In mid-February, Julie Barnes will be stepping down from the staff after 10 years of dedicated service to our church to have a baby. We will miss her and are looking for two people to take her place! Her role will be split into two specific part time positions working in the areas of Communications and Building Administration. Detailed job descriptions can be found in the Pulse email newsletter.

If you are interested in applying, please contact Lee Hilts (lee@apostles-raleigh.org).

2015 Top Gun Men's Retreat

Top Gun Retreat Preview - Sunday January 18 Learn what's in store for the upcoming Top Gun retreat (March 26-29), get answers during Q&A, and register. The preview is on Sunday, January 18 from 12:30-1:30pm in room 208. *Lunch is provided, so please RSVP by Friday January 16 to Jim Hinkey at yojimmyh@gmail.com or 919-274-3779.*

Women's Ministry

2015 Women's Retreat—Sign up NOW! Ladies, the 2015 Women's Retreat is in Wilmington, NC February 6-8. We will hear from the engaging, encouraging, and entertaining Kim Hall (www.givenbreath.com) and worship with our very own Christa Wells (www.christawellsmusic.com). Spaces are filling up, so sign up ASAP! You can register online at <http://apostles-raleigh.org/womens-retreat/>

Women in the Word, the Monday night women's Bible Study begins their new study on Monday, January 12. Please join us for this exciting new study, The Storm Inside-by Shelia Walsh-a study based on 8 women of the Bible whose stories still speak today encouraging you that God is faithful enough to get you through the worst storms in life. We love welcoming new people to this class and have women of all ages, so feel free to bring friends, family members, and co-workers. Join us for light refreshments and an introduction to the study on 01/12/15. Workbooks are \$14 and will be available that evening. *For more information contact Elizabeth Nichols at enicholssl@gmail.com or 919-266-1930, or Prissy Stufflebeam at prissyst@nc.rr.com or 919-876-0429.*

Muffins 'n More will continue their year-long study of 1 Corinthians on Monday, January 12th. We are a group of committed women who meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month in Room 208 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Come join us! No childcare is provided. *Contacts: Sue Barclay (suebarclay@juno.com, 783-5043) and Cheryl Andrassy (candrassy@nc.rr.com, 781-4370).*

Apostles Student Ministry

10:00 Hour this week—please join us in the sanctuary for a special presentation of Dan the Animal Man!

11:00 "The Deal" meets in the youth room!

High School Small Groups meet as usual.

January 18th Middle Schoolers - join us for a middle school dinner at (the new!) Sam's pizza at North Hills 5:30-7pm!

Super Bowl Parties are Feb 1! Middle School @ The Curlins (ends at halftime) High School @ The McAdams (Bring \$5 for pizza and snacks, and a friend!!!)

Welcome to Church of the Apostles

We pray that you know God's presence as you worship with us today. The words to the songs and the order of service are printed in this bulletin.

Holy Communion is open to all who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Children are welcome to receive communion at their parent's discretion. It is our custom to use wine during communion. If you choose not to partake of the wine, you can receive grape juice from the smaller chalices on the end of the serving lines.

Please fill out a yellow Connection Card found under the seat in front of you and place it in the offering basket when it comes around. We invite you to use the card to inform us of any prayer requests or questions about Church of the Apostles.

Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. While our members and regular attendees will be participating, we do not want you to feel that it is required of you. Thank you for joining us today.

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