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Through Jesus Christ
JANUARY 18, 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.

O Worship The King

1 O worship the King all glorious above
And gratefully sing His power and His love
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

2 O tell of His might O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

3 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite
It breathes in the air it shines in the light
It streams from the hills it descends to the plain
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain

4 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail
In Thee do we trust nor find Thee to fail
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

5 O measureless might ineffable love
While angels delight to worship Thee above
The humbler creation though feeble their lays
With true adoration shall all sing Thy praise

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Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

*Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus*

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
Washed away

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At this time, children 4k-2nd grade are invited to go to Kids Time and kids 3rd-5th grade are invited to go to Big Time. Kids Time is a dynamic worship service and Big Time is an age appropriate discussion time. Both cater to younger children and prepare them to participate in the main worship service. The children will return prior to Communion.

Speak O Lord

1 Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness

*That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory*

2 Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity

*Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief*

3 Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity

*And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory*

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (p. 843)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Matthew 5:17-20 (p. 683)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: Questions from a Hat

"A Question of Interpretation"

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

O Great God

1 O great God of highest heaven
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forevermore

2 I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joy
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

3 Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your name through me

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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.

Eat This Bread

Leader:

*Eat this bread; drink this cup;
Come to me and never be hungry
Eat this bread; drink this cup;
Trust in me and you will not thirst*

Together:

**Eat this bread; drink this cup;
Come to me and never be hungry
Eat this bread; drink this cup;
Trust in me and you will not thirst**

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I Am The Bread Of Life

1 I am the Bread of life
You who come to Me shall not hunger
You who believe in Me shall not thirst
No one can come to Me
Unless the Father draw them

*And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day*

2 The bread that I will give
Is My flesh for the life of the world
And you who eat of this bread
You shall live forever, you shall live forever

3 I am the Resurrection, I am the Life
You who believe in me
Even if you die, you shall live forever.

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This Is Amazing Grace

*This is amazing grace this is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You would lay down Your life
That I would be set free
Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me*

1 Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

2 Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
And worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy worthy worthy

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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.

How Great Is Your Faithfulness

*The heavens ring
The saints all sing
Great is Your faithfulness
From age to age we will proclaim
Great is Your faithfulness
How great is Your faithfulness*

Now unto the King who reigns over all
And never changes or turns
Unfailing justice unfading grace
Whose promises remain
Yes Your promises remain

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DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God!

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 March 7 from 9am-12noon. *To sign up, 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 18

Worship Services—8:30am & 11:00am
Sunday School—10am

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Church Offices Closes—MLK Day
Women in the Word (Women)—7-9pm: 201-205

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

Tuesdays at Noon (Women)—12-1:30pm: 201
Praise & Prayer—1:45pm-3:45pm: Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

Sleepy Heads Bible Study (Men)—7:15-8:15am: 208

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

Men's Fraternity (Men)—6-8am

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Adult Sunday School classes start back at 10am 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 and meets in Room 201*

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 and meets in Room 204*

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 and meets in Room 203*

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.) Meets in Room 205*

Apostles Children's Ministry

KidsTime—This week we are talking about Jesus calling his first disciples, and what it means for us to be a disciple of Jesus (Luke 5:1-11, 27-32).

BigTime— We are starting a 2 month series on What is a Disciple? Our text for today is Luke 5:27-32.

Facebook- Go to www.facebook.com/cotakids to find family discussion questions to bring the KidsTime and BigTime lessons home!

Sunday School- Sunday School resumes this week! Children in PreK-3rd grade will meet in the KidsTime room for a snack and large-group time. 4th and 5th grade meet upstairs.

PreK and Kindergarten: Big Picture Story Bible: God's Promise Remains (God's presence with Israel through a period of Exile).

1st and 2nd Grade: We have just a few weeks left to finish up the 23rd Psalm!

3rd Grade: Uncommon stories from the New Testament

4th and 5th Grade: We're beginning a study of Jesus' Ministry as read in the book of Mark.

Missions Focus: We're learning about our church partnership with Rwanda this semester. Stay-tuned for how you can be involved at home!

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/>

Prayer & Praise Night

Join us Sunday, January 25, from 6pm-7pm in the Sanctuary for a service of Prayer and Praise. There will be no childcare, but children are welcome to participate in the service.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Join us on Tuesday, February 17, for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We will serve the meal from 5pm-7pm so drop in anytime during those two hours to enjoy breakfast for dinner as we celebrate the last day before the beginning of the Lenten season. There will be gluten-free and gluten-filled pancakes available along with bacon. There is no specified cost, but there will be a basket for voluntary donations to help cover the cost of the dinner.

Rwanda Partnership Trip 2015—July 16-25

Rwanda, Here We Come! Please pray about joining this year's team. We will travel from July 16-25, and the trip will be led by Eric Bolash & Curt Solomon. The primary purpose will be to build deeper relational connections through prayer. We will also look further into how we can partner with the Anglican church's Healthy Mom's Project. And, we hope to be taught to sing a Rwandan praise song!

The trip cost is approximately \$3000. Applications are available on our website and are due January 25.

If you have any questions, contact Eric Bolash (eric@apostles-raleigh.org) or Teresa Kincaid (nanatgk@gmail.com).

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. 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 - TODAY, 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

Women in the Word—Studying The Storm Inside, by Shelia Walsh. We love welcoming new people to this class and have women of all ages. Workbooks are \$14. Contact Elizabeth Nichols (enicholssp@gmail.com | 919-266-1930) or Prissy Stufflebeam (prissyyst@nc.rr.com | 919-876-0429).

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

Apostles Student Ministry

January 18th

- 10:00 Hour for both Middle and High School Meetings! Middle Schoolers are in the youth room, and High School meets in Room 206. Robin Bolash is our HS Guest Speaker this week!
- The Deal Meets at 11:00 in the Youth Room!
- 5:30-7:00pm Middle School Night at Sam's Pizza at North Hills!
- High School Small Groups meet as usual!

Sign ups for Winter/Spring Retreat's coming soon!

- Middle School—Overnight at Defy Gravity February 27-28th
- High School—Sea Kayaking Trip April 10-12th

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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