

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ*
JANUARY 19, 2014
11:00AM

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

2 Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side
The Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

3 And tho' this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph thru us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

4 That word above all earthly pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thru Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

Our Great God

1 Eternal God unchanging
Mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love
Unfailing in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight
Around Your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night
In praise to You alone

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God
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2 Lord we are weak and frail
Helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your angels
Hold us in Your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy
His pleasure is our harm
Rise up O Lord and he will flee
Before our sov'reign God

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.

Before The Throne Of God Above

1 Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

2 When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

3 Let ev'ry creature in the sea
And ev'ry flying bird
Let ev'ry mountain
Ev'ry field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars
In all the universe
Sing praises to the living God
Who rules them by His Word

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3 Behold Him there the Risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of Glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

4 I bow before the cross of Christ
And marvel at this love divine
God's perfect Son the sacrifice
That made righteous in God's eyes
This rivers depths I cannot know,
But I can glory in it's flood
The Lord most high has bowed down low
And poured on me His glorious love
And poured on me His glorious love

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SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 15:1-18 (p. 50-51)

MESSAGE

“Warrior”

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" in the Creed means the Church worldwide.*

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;*

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.)

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CONFESSION OF SIN (said together)

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus 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.

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

People: And also with you.

WELCOME and OFFERING

Our God

1 Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

2 Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

*Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power
Our God our God*

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
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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.

Just As I Am

1 Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

2 Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many conflicts, many doubts
Fightings and fears within, without
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind
Sight, riches, healing of the mind
Yea, all I need in Thee to find
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because Thy promise I believe
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

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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 defense
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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Mighty To Save

*Savior
He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave*

Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King Jesus
Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (said together)

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING – Ephesians 3:14-19

May the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, out of his glorious riches, strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And may you, being rooted and established in love, have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Build Your Kingdom Here

*Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray*

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

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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 of this church. Our next class will be held on Saturday, January 18 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 Ford Jordan if you have any questions (ford@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 new 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 @ Apostles

The following are some events taking place at Apostles. If you would like more info, please visit our website.

Sunday, January 19

Worship Services—8:30am & 11am

Adult & Children's Sunday School—10-10:50am

Monday, January 20

Church offices closed-MLK, Jr. Holiday

Women in the Word—7-9pm: Rooms 202-205

Tuesday, January 21

Women's Bible Study—

Wednesday, January 22

Sleepyheads Bible Study—7:15-8:15am: Rm 208

GiG Bible Study—9:30-11:30am

Thursday, January 23

Men's Fraternity—6:45-8:00am

January Sermon Series:

Series:

"Who Is God?"

Join us for our January series as we consider this important question. We will look at popular cultural conceptions of God and compare and contrast them with biblical depictions, some which are comforting and others disturbing. This series will help us grapple with our own conceptions of God so that we understand and experience more fully His purposes in our lives.

Adult Sunday School Begins Today!

How then shall we live?

Led by Brent Burgess, Alpesh Patel & Curt Blazier
Room 201

That The World May Know

Led by John Farwell
Room 204

Jesus and Money

Led by Sam Bass & Taylor Waren
Room 203

Sermon on the Mount

Led by Eric Bolash & Owen Kelly
Room 205

Apostles Children's Ministry

Announcement—Meeting for all Kids Time and Big Time volunteers next Sunday, January 12, during the Sunday School hour.

Nursery—This week's lesson is Mark 3:13-17; John baptizes Jesus. The memory verse for January is "Teach me your way, O Lord." Psalm 86:11

January Mission Focus—Missions Focus: Backpack Buddies with North Raleigh Ministries. Please bring canned food, boxed meals, individually wrapped snacks (granola bars, crackers, etc.), or shelf-stable boxes of 100% juice or milk. These items are packed into the backpacks of children who don't have adequate nutrition on weekends.

Kids Time—This week's lesson is: Jesus is Tempted in the Wilderness, Luke 4. Our memory verse for January is John 15:13-14 (#5 on Seeds of Faith CD).

Sunday School—Sunday School starts this Sunday! We would love for your children to join us at 10am for a hands-on Bible lesson with other kids their age! PreK-3rd grade are beginning a study of Jesus' Parables. The lesson this week is "The Parable of the Feast That the Invited Guests Refused to Attend" from Luke 14:12-24. 4th and 5th grade will begin a study of Philippians using Inductive Bible Study methods.

Big Time—We have Big Time on the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month at both services. The lesson this week is Jesus is Baptized, Matthew 3. Our memory verse for January is John 15:13-14 (#5 on Seeds of Faith CD).

Getting Involved at Apostles

Children's Sunday School—Sundays at 10am—For ages birth through 5th grade (begins again January 19th)

Adult Sunday School—Sundays at 10am—Begins again January 19

Student Ministry Small Groups—Sundays at 6pm—Church of the Apostles—Contact curt@apostles-raleigh.org or kara@apostles-raleigh.org

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

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

Women's Ministry

<http://apostles-raleigh.org/womens-community-groups/>

Women's Retreat—February 7-9—Blockade Runner, Wrightsville Beach—Register online: <http://apostles-raleigh.org/womens-retreat/>

GIG (Growing in Grace) Bible Study—

Wednesdays | 9:30am-11:30am

Study of the books of 1 John, & Esther

Cost of \$10 for the notebook and study material.

If you would like to register, visit our website.

Contact Susan Blazier at susanblazier@yahoo.com

or 919-280-6302.

*childcare is full for this semester, but we will start registration for fall 2014 in late May.

Muffins & More—2nd & 4th Mondays | 10am-11:30am | Begins again January 13

Contact: Sue Barclay (suebarclay@juno.com, 783-5043) or Cheryl Andrassy (candrassy@nc.rr.com, 781-4370). No childcare is provided.

Women in the Word—Mondays | 7pm-9pm | Begins again January 13

Contact Prissy Stufflebeam (prissyst@nc.rr.com, 876-0429) or Elizabeth Nichols

(enicholsslp@gmail.com or 266-1930)

"Breaking Free" by Beth Moore—Tuesdays | 12:30-2:00 PM | Study of "Breaking Free" by Beth Moore (*updated version) | Begins Jan 14
Contact Liz Rickner | eb2926@nc.rr.com | 919-301-8569

Men's Ministry

<http://apostles-raleigh.org/mens-community-groups/>

Blackwater Group—Thursdays | 7am-8am

Location: Ragsdale-Liggett Conference Room:

2840 Plaza Place, Suite 401, Raleigh 27612

Contact Eric Bolash | 919-368-

5234 | eric@apostles-raleigh.org

Sleepy Heads—Wednesdays | 7:15am-8:15am

Location: Church of the Apostles, Room 201

Contact Ed Bailey | 919-832-7305

| bailey@redeagle-co.com

Men's Fraternity—Thursdays | 6:45am-8:00am

Location: Church of the Apostles, Room 204

Contact Barney Ford (608-239-8182

| cbf1945@gmail.com) & Bruce Berger (919-783-5900 | bruceberger@mac.com)

Band of Brothers Group—Wednesdays | 7am

Location: Panera Bread at Crabtree Mall

Contact Curt Blazier | curtblazier@gmail.com

Branch & Vine Relationship—Tuesdays | 7pm

Contact Frank Andrassy | 919-649-5480

Women's Retreat

Women's Retreat—February 7-9

We will be at the Blockade Runner, Wrightsville Beach again this year. Our speaker is Sally Breadlove. You can find out more information and register online by visiting our website:

<http://apostles-raleigh.org/womens-retreat/>

*The deadline to sign up with the lower, great rates is January 26. After that, the rates will go up!

The Vine Community

Vine Community Group

The Vine Community Group will hold its first meeting of 2014 on Tuesday, January 7th at 7:30pm at the Jordan's house (702 E Hargett St). This semester we'll be continuing our study through the book of James. Please take a few minutes to read James 3:1-18 (chapter 6 in our study guides) in advance of Tuesday night. We look forward to being back together again.

Apostles Student Ministry

January 19: Donut Hour 10am

January 19: The DEAL 11 am

January 19: NO Small Groups

February 2: Super Bowl Parties (MS at Burgesses' at 6pm and ends at halftime; HS at McAdams' at 6:15pm)

Middle Schoolers, mark your calendars for Feb 22-23 for our overnight trip to WV for Snow Tubing.

Sign up for Snow Tubing: https://apostles-raleigh.ccbchurch.com/form_response.php?id=44

"The Deal" Student Worship in Youth Room

At 11:00am the first three Sundays of the month The Deal worship kicks off. This is a full-blown worship experience designed to engage the mind and heart of junior and senior high students. This service not only employs technology, drama, and creativity, but is also designed and led by students.

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. Then either place it in the offering basket, or, after the service, take it to the Connections Table for a complimentary gift bag. We invite you to use the card to inform us of any prayer requests or questions about Church or 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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