

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ*
OCTOBER 27, 2013
11:00 AM

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

All Creature Of Our God And King

1 All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him alleluia
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

3 Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia
Alleluia

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Revelation Song

1 Worthy is the Lamb
Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song
To Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

*Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is
And is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You*

2 Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning
Rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor
Strength and glory
And power be to You
The only wise King

3 Filled with wonder
Awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power
Breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery

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Jennie Lee Riddle

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At this time, children 4k-2nd grade are invited to go to Kids Time. Kids Time is a dynamic worship service that caters to younger children and prepares them to participate in the main worship service. The children will return prior to Communion.

All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep
(We sing)

*Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come*

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading

James 4:1-12 (p. 855-856)

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 4:1-11 (p. 682-683)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: FaithWorks

"Want to fight?"

The Rev. Ford Jordan

(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 of the heavenly lights, maker of all things, we praise you for saving us by the blood of your Son and by his glorious resurrection.

People: We give you thanks for every good and perfect gift you provide.

Leader: We pray for those in your Church around the world who are facing persecution and all kinds of trials.

People: Give them faith in your power, hope in your resurrection and joy as they proclaim your gospel among those who do not yet believe.

Leader: Guard all those in positions of leadership against earthly wisdom born from envy and selfish ambition.

People: Give them wisdom that comes from heaven, which is pure, peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

Leader: In our relationships with each other, we ask you to make us into peacemakers.

People: Tame our tongues, that our words and deeds would honor you.

Leader: In our daily lives, lead us to religion that you accept as pure and faultless.

People: Let our faith in you produce compassionate deeds. Let us look after orphans and widows in distress and respond to brothers and sisters in their physical and spiritual needs.

Leader: Lord, your word reminds us that we do not have because we do not ask, and so we come to you now in faith, submitting our requests to you. (Please offer prayers for any needs you have, either silently or aloud.)

CONFESSION OF SIN (said together)

Leader: "Come near to God and he will come near to you....Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." (James 4:8,10)

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Most merciful God, we confess to you, before the whole company of heaven and one another, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed and in what we have failed to do. Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ. 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.

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

People: And also with you.

WELCOME and OFFERING

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

(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

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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.

Come Ye Sinners

1 Come ye sinners poor and needy
Weak and wounded sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity love and power

*I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in his arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
There are ten thousand charms*

2 Come ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh

3 Come ye weary, heavy-laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry 'til you're better
You will never come at all

4 Lo the incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him venture wholly
Let no other trust intrude

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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 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

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How Marvelous

1 I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

*How marvelous, how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous, how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me*

2 He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

3 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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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (said together)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

—Numbers 6:24-26, NIV

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

1 O Love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in Thee
I give Thee back the life I owe
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be

2 O Light that follow'st all my way
I yield my flickering torch to Thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
My brighter fairer be

3 O Joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to Thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

4 O Cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

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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, November 9 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.*

This Week @ Apostles

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

Sunday, October 27

Worship Services—8:30am & 11am
Sunday School—10-10:50am

Monday, October 28

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

Tuesday, October 29

Women's Bible Study—12:30-2pm
Prayer—2-4pm: Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 30

GiG Women's Bible Study—9:30-11:30am

Thursday, October 31

Men's Fraternity—6:45am-8am

Advent Choir Adults & Children

The Advent Choir for our Lessons and Carols service has begun rehearsals, but there is still time to join! Once again we will be joined by a children's choir ages 8-14. While you do need to be able to sing, having sung in a choir before is not a prerequisite. The Lessons and Carols service is scheduled for both services on Sunday morning, December 15.

Our rehearsal dates are as follows:

Wednesdays in Room 203
Children 6-7pm and Adults 7-8:30pm
November 6; 13; 20; December 4; 11;
and Saturday, December 14 from 9-12:00.
Please contact Jonathan Noël (jonathan@apostles-raleigh.org) or Marilee Vana (919-971-7890 or marileevana@gmail.com).

Crown Financial Ministries

Finances can be challenging, and even overwhelming at times. Our Lord knows this and has written into scripture thousands of verses that address many of the financial issues we face daily. The Crown Financial Ministries small group study is an excellent way to learn God's financial principles with others seeking to be faithful stewards of the resources He entrusts to us. The course covers broad topics such as unwavering hope, true riches, our choices, as well as specifics such as debt, savings, and investing. Sessions run for an hour and consist of a DVD presentation, discussion, reciting one of three memory verses, and daily readings designed to enrich group discussion and learning (about 15 minutes each day). Finally, there are practical applications that are designed to teach you how to do the things that derail most people when it comes to managing their finances. The next group will begin this October 6th (Sunday) at 4:00 PM in the church. Materials cost \$40. Couples may work from one set or buy two. Please reserve your spot with Taylor Waren at tcwaren@gmail.com.

Apostles Children's Ministry

Nursery—The lesson for this week is Genesis 13; Lot Chooses First. The verse is "Whatever you do, do your work for the Lord." Colossians 3:23.

October Mission Focus—The mission focus this month will be Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse.

Kids Time—This week's lesson is: "God Sends Help" – Pentecost, Acts 1-5, John 15. Memory Verse is 1st Timothy 4:14 - "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

Sunday School—The 4 year olds through 3rd grade report to the Kids Time room. 4th-5th go to room 208. This week's lessons: Peter's Unexpected Escape (from Prison) Acts 12: 1-17. Memory Verse is 1st Timothy 4:14 - "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

Big Time—We have Big Time on the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month at both services. Big Time is not meeting this week. Memory Verse is 1st Timothy 4:14 - "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

Getting Involved at Apostles

Adult Sunday School—Sundays at 10am—Visit the website for a lists of classes: <http://apostles-raleigh.org/adult-sunday-school/>

One Step at a Time—Led by Lauren & Brian Mann, & Robin Bolash—Room 205

In His Image—Led by Andy Alspaugh & Scott Garrison—Room 204

Parenting: Biblical Perspectives & Personal Experiences—Led by Billy & Cathy Williams, Jim & Ann Dotson—Room 201

Transformative Bible Study for Community Groups—Led by Ford Jordan & Eric Bolash—Room 203

Children's Sunday School—Sundays at 10am—For ages birth through 5th grade

Student Ministry Small Groups—Sundays at 6pm—Church of the Apostles

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 for Women—Wednesdays | 9:30am-11:30am
If you would like to register, visit our website.
Contact Susan Blazier
at susanblazier@yahoo.com or 919-280-6302.

Muffins & More—2nd & 4th Mondays | 10am-11:30am
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
Contact Prissy Stufflebeam (prissy@nc.rr.com, 876-0429) or Elizabeth Nichols (enicholssl@gmail.com or 266-1930)

"Breaking Free" by Beth Moore—Tuesdays | 12:30-2:00 PM | Begins October 1—Study of "Breaking Free" by Beth Moore (*newest updated version)
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

The Vine Community

Community Group

If you are in your 20s or 30s and looking for community at Apostles, please come and join us for the Vine Community Group every other Tuesday night as we study the book of James. We'll gather at the Jordan's house (702 E Hargett St) at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome. If you would like a study guide, they are available at church on Sunday. Contact Ford for more information (ford@apostles-raleigh.org).

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Come and join us on Tuesday evening, October 29th, for a night of fun and fellowship as we celebrate the arrival of fall by sharing a meal together (chili & cornbread) and carving up our pumpkins in advance of Halloween. There will be major awards given for the best carved pumpkin. Feel free to invite friends...this is a party. We hope to see you there. Send questions to Ford (ford@apostles-raleigh.org). Please Note - If you would like to participate in the pumpkin carving, you need to bring your own pumpkin and carving instruments.

Apostles Student Ministry

October 27 - Donut Hour 10am

October 27 - NO DEAL

October 27 - Small Groups meeting at normal times

Christmas Tree orders will be available the 1st weekend in November!

Fall Camp at Camp Harrison—November 22-24. This is open to all middle and high school students! Sign up today on the website! www.apostles-raleigh.org/students/

"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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