

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ*
NOVEMBER 3, 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.

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

2 Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

3 He breaks the power of cancelled sin
He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

4 He speaks and list'ning to His voice
New life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice
The humble soul believes

5 My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name

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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.

Holy Spirit

1 Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole

Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

2 Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude

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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Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

3 Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways

Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading

James 4:13-17 (p. 856)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Luke 12:13-21 (p. 737)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: FaithWorks

"God Willing and the Creek Don't Rise"

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 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

He Leadeth Me O Blessed Thought

1 He leadeth me O blessed thought
O words with heavenly comfort fraught
Whate'er I do where'er I be
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me

*He leadeth me He leadeth me
By His own hand He leadeth me
His faithful follower I would be
For by His hand He leadeth me*

2 Lord I would clasp Thy hand in mine
Nor ever murmur nor repine
Content whatever lot I see
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me

3 And when my task on earth is done
When by Thy grace the victory's won
E'en death's cold waves I would not flee
Since Thou through Jordan leadeth 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.

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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O The Deep Deep Love Of Jesus

1 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 Thy love
Leading onward leading homeward
To my glorious rest above

2 O the deep deep love of Jesus
Spread His praise from shore to shore
How He loveth ever loveth
Changeth never nevermore
How He watches o'er His loved ones
Died to call them all His own
How for them He intercedeth
Watches over them from the throne

3 O the deep deep love of Jesus
Love of every love the best
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing
'Tis a haven sweet of rest
O the deep deep love of Jesus
'Tis a heaven of heavens to me
And it lifts me up to glory
For it lifts me up to Thee

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The Stand

1 You stood before creation
Eternity in Your hand
You spoke the earth into motion
My soul now to stand

2 You stood before my failure
And carried the cross for my shame
My sin weighed upon Your shoulders
My soul now to stand

*So what can I say
And what can I do
But offer this heart O God
Completely to You*

3 So I'll walk upon salvation
Your Spirit alive in me
My life to declare Your promise
My soul now to stand

So I'll stand
With arms high and heart abandoned
In awe of the One who gave it all
I'll stand
My soul Lord to You surrendered
All I am is Yours

*So what can I say
And what can I do
But offer this heart O God
Completely to You*

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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

He Is Exalted

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

*He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high*

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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, November 3

Worship Services—8:30am & 11am
Sunday School—10-10:50am
Suzie's Celebration—4-6pm

Monday, November 4

Women in the Word—7-9pm: Room 201

Tuesday, November 5

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

Wednesday, November 6

GiG Women's Bible Study—9:30-11:30am
Advent Choirs—6-8:30pm

Thursday, November 7

Men's Fraternity—6:45am-8am

Saturday, November 9

Discovering Apostles Class—9am-12pm: FH

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).

Apostles Link Update

If you have logged into Apostles Link recently, you may have noticed that you can now see people's email addresses! Since we began using Apostles Link we have received a lot of feedback about not being able to see people's email addresses. Church Community Builder (the company that runs Apostles Link) has recently made some updates to their system and it is now an option to make email addresses visible. The *only* people who will be able to see your email address, and the only people's email addresses you will be able to see, are people who are part of one of your groups. This include ministry teams, community groups, and all of the Apostles members.

We made this change effective for everyone, but we also understand that not everyone may want their email address visible. While we do encourage you to keep this setting available on your account to foster communication amongst your group members, you are able to turn it off. Simply login to Apostles Link > Go to my profile > Update Privacy > Contact Email Dropdown > Church Leadership Only.

Apostles Children's Ministry

Nursery—The lesson for this week is Genesis 17 and 18; Isaac is born.

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

Kids Time—This week's lesson is: "A New Way to See": The Story of Paul, Acts 6-9, 12-28. Memory Verse is Psalm 46:1-2 "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea..."

Sunday School—The 4 year olds through 3rd grade report to the Kids Time room. 4th-5th go to room 208. This week's lesson: "Paul Preaches in Lystra", Acts 14: 8-20. Memory Verse is Psalm 46:1-2 "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea..."

Big Time—We have Big Time on the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month at both services. The lesson this week is "Quarreling"- Quarreling isn't always bad- in fact, if it's done the right way, quarreling can be good! Key Verse- 1 Corinthians 11: 1. Memory Verse is Psalm 46:1-2 "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea..."

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—Contact curt@apostles-raleigh.org or kara@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
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

Search and Rescue—Tuesdays | 6am
Location: Church of the Apostles, Room 201
Contact Jim Hinkey | 919-274-3779 | vojimmyh@yahoo.com

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).

Apostles Student Ministry

November 3—Donut Hour 10am

November 3—The DEAL 11am

November 3—Small Groups will meet 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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