

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ*
FEBRUARY 1, 2015

All People That On Earth Do Dwell

1 All people that on earth do dwell
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice
Him serve with fear His praise forth tell
Come ye before Him and rejoice

2 O enter then His gates with praise
Within His courts His praise proclaim
Let thankful songs your tongues employ
O bless and magnify His name

3 Because the Lord our God is good
His mercy is forev-er sure
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure

4 Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

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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.

Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven

1 Praise my soul the King of heaven
To His feet thy tribute bring
Ransomed healed restored forgiven
Evermore His praises sing
Alleluia alleluia
Praise the everlasting King

2 Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress
Praise Him still the same as ever
Slow to chide and swift to bless
Alleluia alleluia
Glorious in His faithfulness

3 Fatherlike He tends and spares us
Well our feeble frame He knows
In His hands He gently bears us
Rescues us from all our foes
Alleluia alleluia
Widely yet His mercy flows

4 Angels in the height adore him
You behold Him face to face
Saints triumphant bow down before Him
Gathered in from every race
Alleluia alleluia
Praise with us the God of grace

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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 yeah

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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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading

Genesis 1:26-2:3 (p. 1)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-23 (p. 833)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

"A Question of Science"

The Rev. Eric Bolash

(There is additional 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.*

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: Heavenly Father, we pray for your Church around the world to pursue justice and mercy, and to faithfully preach the good news of the gospel in this age.

People: Empower your Church to go into the world and make disciples until the day of your return.

Leader: Lord God, we ask you to use your Church to be a blessing to our city. Enable us to contribute godly service to government, commerce, education, arts and the media.

People: May your kingdom come and your will be done in our city.

Leader: We pray that you would provide for the poor, heal those who are sick, shield those who are in trouble and encourage those without hope.

People: By the power of your Spirit, use us to meet their needs.

Leader: We pray that we will be the salt of the earth and the light of the world among our friends, family, neighbors and co-workers.

People: Give us humility and boldness to share the good news of Christ with those around us.

Leader: Father, we give you thanks for your abundant provision and care in our lives.

People: We give you thanks for the blessings of family and friends, as well as every good gift you provide. And on this holy night, we thank you especially for the greatest gift of your Son Jesus Christ, who came into the world to save us; we pray in His name. Amen.

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

Behold Our God

1 Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

2 Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

*Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him*

3 Who has felt the nails upon His hand
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Men: You will reign forever

Women: Let Your glory fill the earth

Men: You will reign forever

Women: Let Your glory fill the earth

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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.

Thy Mercy

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

1 Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast

2 Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

3 Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I found

4 Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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Mighty To Save

1 Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

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

2 So take me as You find me

All my fears and failures

Fill my life again

I give my life to follow

Everything I believe in

Now I surrender

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There Is Power In The Blood

1 Would you be free from the burden of sin
There's power in the Blood
Would you o'er evil a victory win
There's power in the Blood
There's power in the Blood

There is power power

Wonder working power

In the Blood of the Lamb

There is power power

Wonder working power

In the precious Blood of the Lamb

2 Would you be free from your passion and pride

There's power in the Blood

Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide

There's power in the Blood

3 Would you be whiter much whiter than snow

There's power in the Blood

Sin stains are lost in its life-giving flow

There's power in the Blood

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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.

Mighty To Save (Reprise)

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

*Savior
You can move the mountains
God You are mighty to save
You are mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation
You rose and conquered the grave
Yes you conquered the grave
You rose and conquered the grave
You are mighty to save*

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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, FEBRUARY 1

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Women in the Word (Women)—7-9pm: 201-205

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Sleepy Heads Bible Study (Men)—7:15-8:15am: 208
Growing in Grace (Women) - 9:30-11:30am

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Men's Fraternity (Men)—6-8am

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Adult Sunday School classes meet at 10am.

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 as the Living Water (John 4:4-14, 39-42).

BigTime— This week in BigTime we are continuing to talk about Discipleship. Our text is Luke 10:25-37.

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: A King is Born (Birth of Christ).

1st and 2nd Grade: This is our last week of the 23rd Psalm! Next week we will begin to study New Testament stories.

3rd Grade: 3rd grade continues to learn uncommon and crazy stories from the New Testament- this week it's Jesus' Transfiguration (Matthew 17).

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/>

Now Hiring! - Two Positions on Staff

On February 17, 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).*

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 \$3,000. Applications are available on our website and are due ASAP. If you have any questions, contact Eric Bolash (eric@apostles-raleigh.org) or Teresa Kincaid (nanatgk@gmail.com).

Baptism on February 15

Our next baptism will be on Sunday, February 15. There will be a class for parents on Saturday, February 14, from 9-10am. We ask that at least one parent of the child being baptized be a member at Apostles. If you are interested in having your child baptized, please email Marsha at marsha@apostles-raleigh.org.

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.

Top Gun Men's Retreat

Ever wonder how to become more intimate with God and your own heart? Ever wonder why life seems to just keep going round and round? Ever wonder why your life lacks purpose? This retreat will give you the tools to understand and start changing those thoughts with God. Thu March 26 – Sun March 29 at Young Life's Rockbridge in Goshen, VA. Through February 15 there are 30 spots reserved for Apostles men. After this time, these spots will be released to other churches. The cost is \$300 and scholarships are available. You can register online at <http://www.zoweh.org/top-gun-spring-registration>. If you have any questions or want to inquire about a scholarship, contact Jim Hinkey at yojimmyh@gmail.com or 919-274-3779.

Apostles Student Ministry

This Sunday: Please join us this Sunday for the 10:00 Hour and The Deal! The high school speakers this week will be Eric and Elliott Olman about their experience in Nairobi!

Super Bowl Sunday! Both our middle and high school parties start at 6:30 pm...please bring \$5 for pizza! *Middle School Party* at the Curlins (5210 Landguard Dr. 27613)*ends at halftime and *High School Party* at the McAdams (700 Marlowe Rd. 27609)**feel free to stay to the end!

Middle School Overnight at Defy Gravity—February 27-28! Sign ups begin on Monday, Feb 2! For questions contact kara@apostles-raleigh.org.

High School Sea Kayaking April 10-12th in Morehead City!

Save the dates for Summer events!

The Great Escape (middle school) June 14-19 in Cleveland, Tennessee

High School Mission Trip to Ohio July 19-25h

IMPACT Week (middle school) August 3-7th

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 attenders 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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