

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ
FEBRUARY 8, 2015*

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, as we enter your courts to sing your praise, cause our souls to yearn for you, that you would be our strength, and that our hearts would be set on following you; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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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10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

1 The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

3 And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

1 How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary, rest.

**3 Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.*

**4 By Thee, my prayers acceptance gain,
Although with sin defiled;
Satan accuses me in vain,
And I am owned a child.*

5 Dear Name, the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place,
My never failing treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace!

6 Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,
Accept the praise I bring.

**Spoken*

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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 in the Youth Room. 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 READING

1 Corinthians 6:9-20 (p. 809)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

"A Question of Sexual Identity"

The Rev. Patrick Dominguez

(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. 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

Jesus Thank You

1 The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You the perfect Holy One crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

*Your blood has washed away my sin
Jesus thank You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied
Jesus thank You
Once Your enemy now seated at Your table
Jesus thank You*

2 By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near
Your enemy You've made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Lover of my soul I want to live for You

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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.

Blessed Be Our God (Forever and Ever)

Blessed be our God forever and ever
Blessed be our God forever and ever
Blessed be our God forever and ever
Amen

Glory to our God forever and ever
Glory to our God forever and ever
Glory to our God forever and ever
Amen

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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

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many conflicts, many doubts
Fightings and fears within, without

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

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because Thy promise I believe

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Your Grace Is Enough

1 Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

*So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God*

*Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

2 Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of heaven's vict'ry
And all Your people sing along

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

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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.

Arise O God

1 Arise O God and shine
In all Thy saving might
And prosper each design
To spread Thy glorious light
Let healing streams of mercy flow
Let healing streams of mercy flow
That all the earth Thy truth may know

2 Bring distant nations near
To sing Thy glorious praise
Let every people hear
And learn Thy holy ways
Reign mighty God assert Thy cause
Reign mighty God assert Thy cause
And govern by Thy righteous laws

*Arise arise arise
Arise O God arise
Arise arise arise
Arise O God arise
In all Thy saving grace
Arise*

3 To God the only wise
The one immortal King
Let hallelujahs ring
From every living thing
Let all that breath on every coast
Let all that breath on every coast
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

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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 8

Worship Services—8:30am & 11:00am

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Muffins & More (Women)—10am-11:30am: 208
Women in the Word (Women)—7-9pm: 201-205

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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 The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13).

BigTime-BigTime will be meeting today! Due to the content of today's sermon, BigTime will be meeting in the youth room to watch a movie about The Gospels.

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

Sunday School-No Sunday School this week! Please join us on February 15th at 10am.

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).*

CCDA Locked In Solidarity Prayer Gathering: A Call for Action—February 12

The gathering is an opportunity to partner with CCDA communities across the country to hold prayer vigils of lament, hope and stories as we seek the Lord regarding a Christian response to Mass Incarceration. This is a time to pray for our brothers and sisters who are incarcerated, their families, children, and loved ones. It also a time for activism—to demonstrate ways we can better support those while they are incarcerated and to embrace and welcome them back into our communities. As a community of believers, we are called to serve ALL God's children. God's word commands us to serve the poor. In Matthew 25: 35-36, it states, "I was in prison and you visited me". Hebrews 13:3, states, "Remember those in prison, as though in prison with them".

Let us come together, share information, and create opportunities for them to flourish.

For more information and to register, visit this website: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/ccda-locked-in-solidarity-prayer-gathering-a-call-for-action-tickets-15404267579>

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: No 10:00 Hour AND The Deal does not meet. Patrick has requested that our middle and high school students come to hear the sermon downstairs this week. We will be back for 10:00 and The Deal next week!

Small Groups meet as usual, please contact your small group leader with questions!

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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