

Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ
FEBRUARY 9, 2014
11:00AM

OPENING PRAYER

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

All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
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And crown Him Lord of all

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

3 Let every kindred every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
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And crown Him Lord of all

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

Psalm 103:1-5 (ESV)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: And all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: And forget not all his benefits

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity

People: Who heals all your diseases

Leader: Who redeems your life from the pit

People: Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy

Leader: Who satisfies you with good

People: So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Jesus Name Above All Names

1 Jesus name above all names
Beautiful Savior glorious Lord
Emmanuel God is with us
Blessed Redeemer living Word

2 Jesus loving Shepherd
Vine of the branches Son of God
Prince of Peace Wonderful Counselor
Lord of the universe Light of the world

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SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 2 (p. 188)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series:

The Gospel According to Ruth

"We Are Refugees"

The Rev. Patrick Dominguez

(There is a space for sermon notes on page 9.)

For your convenience, there are sound speakers available in the Lobby and in the BabyBeams nursery cry room that allow you to hear the service if you have a child who is crying or needs to be fed.

Sermon Notes

THE APOSTLES CREED (said together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church*, the Communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The phrase "holy catholic Church" in the Creed means the Church worldwide.*

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

People: That we all may be one.

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

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

Leader: We pray for our mission partner, Neighbor To Neighbor, in their efforts to cultivate life-changing relationships resulting in communities of hope, justice, and compassion in our city.

People: Empower them with your Holy Spirit to love their neighbors with grace, love and joy to the glory of your Name.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

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

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

*Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
(Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.)*

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CONFESSION OF SIN (said together)

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

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

Leader: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

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

People: And also with you.

WELCOME and OFFERING

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

1 Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness, of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul,
For by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.

2 O, how great Thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea!
O how marvelous Thy goodness, lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine,
Know Thy certainty of promise, and have made it mine.

*Jesus, I am resting, resting, in the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness, of Thy loving heart.*

3 Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art,
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies it's every need,
Compasseth me round with blessings; Thine is love indeed!

4 Ever lift Thy face upon me, as I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace.

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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 Will Sing Of My Redeemer

1 I will sing of my Redeemer
And His wondrous love to me
On the cruel cross He suffered
From the curse to set me free

2 I will tell the wondrous story
How my lost estate to save
In His boundless love and mercy
He the ransom freely gave

*Sing O sing of my Redeemer
With His blood He purchased me
On the cross He sealed my pardon
Paid the debt and made me free*

3 I will praise my dear Redeemer
His triumphant power I'll tell
How the victory He giveth
Over sin and death and hell

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There Is A Redeemer

1 There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

2 Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
O for sinners slain

*Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done*

3 When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place

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I Was Lifted Up Into The Light (Ode 21)

1 I was lifted up into the light
The God of my salvation
I put off darkness, and put on light
My Light and my Salvation
He released me from my chains
The God of my salvation
And he showed me great compassion
My Help and my Salvation
And I was near Him
And lost myself in praise
Glory to God in the highest
Amen

Glory to God **Alleluia!**
In the highest **Alleluia!**
To the Light of the World
And our Salvation
Glory to God **Alleluia!**
In the highest **Alleluia!**
To the Light of the World
And our Salvation
Amen

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2 I passed before the Lord Most High
The God of my salvation
I served before Him in the light
My Light and my Salvation
And healing went before Him
The God of my salvation
And we fellow-shipped in purity
My Help and my Salvation
And I was near Him
And lost myself in praise
Glory to God in the highest
Amen

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (said together)

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

BENEDICTION

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Be Unto Your Name

1 We are a moment You are forever
Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor You are eternal
Love everlasting reigning on high

*Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name
Be unto Your name*

2 We are the broken You are the healer
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You blessing Your name

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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, March 8 from 9am-12noon. *If you have any questions, please contact Marsha at 782-0550 x29 or marsha@apostles-raleigh.org.*

Join A Community Group—Are you interested in connecting deeper into the community here at Apostles? Do you desire to have relationships in the church that go deeper than surface level conversations? Join a Community Group! *Please contact Ford Jordan if you have any questions (ford@apostles-raleigh.org).*

The Pulse Email Newsletter—If you would like to receive our weekly email newsletter with updates and announcements about what is going on at Apostles, simply fill out the yellow card under the seat in front of you with your email and drop it in the offering basket.

PEARUSA eNewsletter You can sign up for email updates about PEARUSA, the church movement of which Apostles is a vital part. Simply go to www.pearusa.org/newsletter-sign-up and enter your email address.

ApostlesLink.org—Are you a member or involved in the life of Apostles? Join our new online communication tool: Apostles Link. *To get a login, email Julie at julie@apostles-raleigh.org.*

The Ebenezer: Apostles' Blog—Would you like to hear stories about how the Lord is working in and through the people and ministries of Apostles? Check out our blog! www.apostles-raleigh.org/blog/

This Week @ Apostles

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

Sunday, February 9

Worship Services—8:30am & 11am
NO Sunday School Today

Monday, February 10

Women in the Word—7-9pm: Rooms 202-205
Muffins & More—10-11:30am: Room 208

Tuesday, February 11

Women's Bible Study—12:30-2:00: Room 201

Wednesday, February 12

Sleepyheads Bible Study—7:15-8:15am: Rm 208
GiG Bible Study—9:30-11:30am

Thursday, February 13

Men's Fraternity—6:45-8:00am

Adult Sunday School

Please come and join any of our Adult Sunday School classes!

How then shall we live?

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

That The World May Know

Led by John Farwell
Room 204

Jesus and Money

Led by Sam Bass & Taylor Waren
Room 203

Sermon on the Mount

Led by Eric Bolash & Owen Kelly
Room 205

Baptism Information

Our next baptism will be on Sunday, February 16. There will be a class for parents on Saturday, February 15, from 9am-10:30am. 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.*

Apostles Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School—Mark your calendars! VBS dates are June 23-27 for 3yo-4th grade. Registration has begun- sign-up online today!

First Communion Class—This class will be held on February 23 from 3:30-5:00pm. All children 6 and older are invited to attend with their parents.

This class helps equip parents to assist their children in understanding the purpose and significance of Communion and teaches the specifics so when they take Communion in worship it will be a meaningful experience. At least one parent is expected to attend the class with the child or children. *Please contact Robin Floch, robin@apostles-raleigh.org or 782-0550.*

Children's Ministry Newsletter—Don't receive the newsletter? Email robin@apostles-raleigh.org to be added to the list.

Nursery—The nursery lesson for this week is from Mark 10:13-16; Jesus loves the children. The memory verse for February is "O God you are my God, I will earnestly seek you." Psalm 63:1.

February Mission Focus—2 more weeks to bring donations for Backpack Buddies with North Raleigh Ministries- we're collecting shelf-stable individually wrapped healthy snacks, breakfast bars, 100% juice boxes, and boxed dinners for kids in Raleigh without food on the weekends.

Kids Time—The lesson this week is "Jesus has power over sickness and death" (Matthew 9:18-26). The February memory verse is Matthew 6:31-34.

Sunday School—PreK-3rd grade studies the Parable of the Talents: Matthew 25:14-30. God wants us to do our best with the talents he gives us. Fourth and fifth grade continues to study the book of Philippians with Inductive Bible Study Methods.

Big Time—We have Big Time on the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month at both services. The lesson this week is Jesus resists temptation in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). Our memory verse for February is Matthew 6:31-34.

Getting Involved at Apostles

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

Adult Sunday School—Sundays at 10am

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

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

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

Women's Ministry

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

GIG (Growing in Grace) Bible Study—

Wednesdays | 9:30am-11:30am

Study of the books of 1 John, & Esther

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

If you would like to register, visit our website.

Contact Susan Blazier at susanblazier@yahoo.com or 919-280-6302.

*childcare is full for this semester, but we will

start registration for fall 2014 in late May.

Muffins & More—2nd & 4th Mondays | 10am-

11:30am | Begins again January 13

Contact: Sue Barclay (suebarclay@juno.com,

783-5043) or Cheryl Andrassy (candrassy@nc.rr.com,

781-4370). No childcare is provided.

Women in the Word—Mondays | 7pm-9pm |

Begins again January 13

Contact Prissy Stufflebeam (prissy@nc.rr.com,

876-0429) or Elizabeth Nichols

(enicholsslp@gmail.com or 266-1930)

"Breaking Free" by Beth Moore—Tuesdays |

12:30-2:00 PM | Study of "Breaking Free" by

Beth Moore (*updated version) | Begins Jan 14

Contact Liz Rickner | eb2926@nc.rr.com | 919-

301-8569

Men's Ministry

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

Blackwater Group—Thursdays | 7am-8am

Location: Ragsdale-Liggett Conference Room:

2840 Plaza Place, Suite 401, Raleigh 27612

Contact Eric Bolash | 919-368-

5234 | eric@apostles-raleigh.org

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

Location: Church of the Apostles, Room 201

Contact Ed Bailey | 919-832-7305

| bailey@redeagle-co.com

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

Location: Church of the Apostles, Room 204

Contact Barney Ford (608-239-8182

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

5900 | bruceberger@mac.com)

Band of Brothers Group—Wednesdays | 7am

Location: Panera Bread at Crabtree Mall

Contact Curt Blazier | curtblazier@gmail.com

Branch & Vine Relationship—Tuesdays | 7pm

Contact Frank Andrassy | 919-649-5480

The Ebenezer Blog

Have you checked out "The Ebenezer" lately?

"The Ebenezer" is the blog for Church of the Apostles where we highlight and share stories about how the Lord is working in and through the people and ministries of Church of the Apostles.

Here are a few helpful hints for the blog:

1. You can view the blog through our website

here: <http://apostles-raleigh.org/blog/>

2. "Like" our [Church of the Apostles Facebook](#)

[page](#) and the updates will show up in your

Facebook news feed.

3. You can also type your email address into the field "Follow By Email" on the right side of the blog. Click on "Submit" next to it and you will receive email updates when we update the blog.

4. You can "bookmark" the page and visit it easily whenever you like.

5. Finally, as you hear accounts of how God is working in and through the lives of people and ministries at Apostles, let us know! We would love to share it with everyone. *Simply email blog@apostles-raleigh.org with the information.*

Apostles Student Ministry

February 9—No Donut Hour

February 9—The DEAL 11 am

February 9—Next HS and Confirmation 6-7pm

February 9—Regular small groups and The IT will meet

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

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

"The Deal" Student Worship in Youth Room

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

Welcome to Church of the Apostles

We pray that you know God's presence as you worship with us today. The words to the songs and the order of service are printed in this bulletin.

Holy Communion is open to all who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Children are welcome to receive communion at their parent's discretion. It is our custom to use wine during communion. If you choose not to partake of the wine, you can receive grape juice from the smaller chalices on the end of the serving lines.

Please fill out a yellow Connection Card found under the seat in front of you. Then either place it in the offering basket, or, after the service, take it to the Connections Table for a complimentary gift bag. We invite you to use the card to inform us of any prayer requests or questions about Church or the Apostles.

Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. While our members and regular attendees will be participating, we do not want you to feel that it is required of you. Thank you for joining us today.

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