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Through Jesus Christ
FEBRUARY 26, 2017

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 99:1-5, 9) & PRAYER OF APPROACH

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

People: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Leader: The LORD is great in Zion;

People: he is exalted over all the peoples.

Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name!

People: Holy is he!

Leader: The King in his might loves justice.

People: You have established equity;

Leader: you have executed justice

People: and righteousness in Jacob.

Leader: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!

People: Holy is he!

Leader: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

People: for the LORD our God is holy!

Leader: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen

O Worship The King

1 O worship the King all glorious above
And gratefully sing His power and His love
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

2 O tell of His might O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

3 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite
It breathes in the air it shines in the light
It streams from the hills it descends to the plain
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain

4 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail
In Thee do we trust nor find Thee to fail
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

5 O measureless might ineffable love
While angels delight to worship Thee above
The humbler creation though feeble their lays
With true adoration shall all sing Thy praise

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Here For You

1 Let our praise be Your welcome
Let our songs be a sign
We are here for You
We are here for You
Let Your breath come from heaven
Fill our hearts with Your life
We are here for You
We are here for You

*To You our hearts are open
Nothing here is hidden
You are our one desire
You alone are holy
Only You are worthy
God let Your fire fall down*

2 Let our shout be Your anthem
Your renown fill the sky
We are here for You
We are here for You

Let Your Word move in power
Let what's dead come to life
We are here for You
We are here for You

We welcome You with praise
We welcome You with praise
Almighty God of love
Be welcome in this place (repeat)

Let ev'ry heart adore
Let ev'ry soul awake
Almighty God of love
Be welcome in this place

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Hosanna

1 Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You
'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
Washed away

*Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus*

2 Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new
'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
Washed away

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CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

People: May the Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

People: May the Word of the Lord grow in your hearts.

Children: Thanks be to God!

People: Go in the peace of the Lord.

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

Scripture Reading

Micah 3:6-12 (p. 779)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Matthew 6:24-33 (p. 787)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: Balanced

Developing a Plan

Rev. Patrick Dominguez

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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: Heavenly Father, we humbly ask you to hear the prayers of your people: For Church of the Apostles, for our sister church, Redeemer Anglican, for our church plant, Christ Our Hope, in Wilmington, and for the Gikomero Church in Rwanda, that we would use the money, time and spiritual gifts you provide to advance the work of your kingdom.

People: Make us faithful stewards of all that you provide.

Leader: For the work of our mission partner Beyond Imagination;

People: That they would walk alongside those who need healing from relational, physical and emotional brokenness.

Leader: Lord, the eyes of all look to you, and you meet our needs at the proper time;

People: Give us godly wisdom and trust in you to meet our needs.

Leader: Lord, you are near to all who call on you. Hear us now as we offer our needs to you.

(You are invited to add your own intercessions silently or aloud.)

Leader: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:

People: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God:

CONFESSION OF SIN (said together)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare those who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; that we may live godly, righteous, and sober lives, to the glory of your holy name. 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: 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

Face To Face

1 Breath of heaven come and dwell in us
Our hearts renew
Fire of God illuminate
Enkindle flames of truth

*As we enter into this mystery
Overwhelmed by the power of your grace
Lead us on, great herald of our victory
To our home where we stand face to face*

2 Comforter come counsel us
And make us truly wise
Rouse our souls from sin's great sleep
That love may come alive

Holy Spirit come (Breath of heaven)
Holy Spirit come (Wind of God)
Holy Spirit come (Fire of heaven)
Holy Spirit come

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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.

A Cloud of Peace (Ode 35)

*A cloud of peace has risen
Over my head*

**A cloud of peace has risen
Over my head**

*My salvation, my salvation
My salvation, my salvation*

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Arise My Soul Arise

1 Arise my soul arise
Shake off thy guilty fears
The bleeding Sacrifice
In my behalf appears
Before the throne my Surety stands
Before the throne my Surely stands
My name is written on His hands

2 He ever lives above
For me to intercede
His all redeeming love
His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for all our race
His blood atoned for all our race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace

Arise (arise), Arise (arise), Arise
Arise my soul arise!
Arise (arise), Arise (arise), Arise
Arise my soul arise!
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

3 Five bleeding wounds He bears
Received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers
They strongly plead for me
Forgive him oh forgive they cry
Forgive him oh forgive they cry
Nor let that ransomed sinner die

4 The Father hears Him pray
His dear Anointed One
He cannot turn away
The presence of His Son
His Spirit answers to the Blood
His Spirit answers to the Blood
And tells me I am born of God

5 My God is reconciled
His pard'ning voice I hear
He owns me for His child
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh
With confidence I now draw nigh
And father Abba Father cry

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Ever Be

You will be praised You will be praised
With angels and saints we sing
worthy are You Lord
You will be praised You will be praised
With angels and saints we sing
worthy are You Lord

Your praise will ever be on my lips
Ever be on my lips
Your praise will ever be on my lips
Ever be on my lips

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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

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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.

Your Great Name We Praise

*Most holy most glorious the Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious Your great Name we praise*

Great Father of Glory pure Father of Light
Your angels adore You all veiling their sight
All praise we will render oh Father of Grace
Till one day in splendor we see face to face

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DISMISSAL

Leader: *Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.*
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Welcome Visitors and Newcomers

We are glad you are worshipping 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 a yellow Connection Card** (found under the seat in front of you) and place it in the offering basket. *Welcome!*

Sign Up For



The Pulse e-mail newsletter—
To receive our weekly e-newsletter with updates and announcements about what is going on at Apostles.

Simply fill out the Connection Card under the seat in front of you and drop it in the offering basket.



ApostlesLink.org—Our online communication tool connects you to ministries and members of the Apostles community.

For a login, e-mail Marsha Whyte:
marsha@apostles-raleigh.org

Find a Group

Interested in connecting deeper into the community here at Apostles? Consider joining a Community Group! Various men's and women's ministry groups meet throughout the week. Contact Curt for more information.

Curt Solomon
curt@apostles-raleigh.org



Student Ministry Small Groups happen Sundays at 5:30pm during the school year.
(6th - 12th grades)
Contact Chris for more information.

Chris Hendricks
chris@apostles-raleigh.org

Seek Prayer

The Apostles Prayer Ministry is a safe place to seek prayer for a variety of concerns.

You will find trained prayer teams and a prayer room in the back of the sanctuary, toward the right as you enter.

Discovering Apostles Class Saturday, March 4 9am—12pm

If you are considering membership at Church of the Apostles, or just want to learn more about who we are, plan to come to the next Discovering Apostles Class on March 4.

Child care available upon request.

To sign up, contact Marsha:
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919-782-0550

In his book, *Don't Waste Your Life*, John Piper said "If you are God, your work is to create out of nothing. If you are not God, but like God—that is, if you are human—your work is to take what God has made and shape it and use it to make Him look great." What better way to bring glory to the Lord than to offer Him the creative gifts he has bestowed upon us! To find out more please join us!

Apostles Visual Worship Arts Lunch Gathering
Sunday, March 19 | Fellowship Hall
Immediately after 11:00 service

If you would like to attend, please contact Jonathan Noël {**jonathan@apostles-raleigh.org** | 919-782-0550}.

What's Happening at Apostles

No Sunday School today! Sunday School will resume next week.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper ~ Join us on Tuesday, February 28 as we celebrate the last day before the beginning of the Lenten season. Meal will be served from 5-7pm so drop in anytime during that time to enjoy music together and breakfast for dinner! Donations to help cover the cost are appreciated. Please contact Mary Amundsen {ramundsen@aol.com} if you would like to help out.

Ash Wednesday Service ~ Wednesday, March 1 at 6:30pm. Child care is not provided, but children are welcome to participate in the service.

This Week @ Apostles

Sunday, February 26

- Worship Service:
8:30am & 11:00am
- *NO* Sunday School
- The Deal: 5:30-7pm

Monday, February 27

- Muffins 'n More: 10-11:30am
- Community Hope: 4:30-6:30pm
- Women in the Word (W): 7-9pm

Tuesday, February 28

- Tuesdays at Noon (W): 12-1pm
- Tuesday Praise & Prayer:
1:30-3:30pm
- Community Hope: 4:30-6:30pm
- Pancake Supper: 5-7pm

Wednesday, March 1

- Band of Brothers (M): 7-8am
(offsite)
- Sleepyheads (M): 7:15-8:15am
- Growing in Grace (W): 9:30-11am
- Community Hope: 4:30-6:30pm
- Ash Wednesday Service: 6:30pm

Thursday, March 2

- Men's Fraternity (M): 6:30-8am
- Blackwater Group (M): 7-8am
(offsite)
- Community Hope: 4:30-6:30pm

Friday, March 3

- Bedheads (W): 6-7am

Coming Soon @ Apostles

FEBRUARY

28 ~ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper | 5-7pm

MARCH

1 ~ Ash Wednesday Service | 6:30pm

4 ~ Discovering Apostles Class | 9am-12pm

10-12 ~ High School Retreat | Boone, NC

APRIL

15 ~ The Great Egg Hunt

Apostles Student Ministry

> **TONIGHT!** ~ The Deal & Small Groups: 5:30-7pm

> **March 5** ~ The Deal & Small Groups: 5:30-7pm

> **March 12** ~ *NO DEAL* (High School Retreat)

> **March 26** ~ NINE1NINE: SK80's Night!

SUMMER 2017

Middle School Great Escape ~ June 11-16 {Sign ups open!}

High School Mission Trip ~ July 9-15 {Sign ups open!}

Middle School IMPACT Week (local) ~ July 31 - August 4

Apostles Children's Ministry

Lessons for February 26

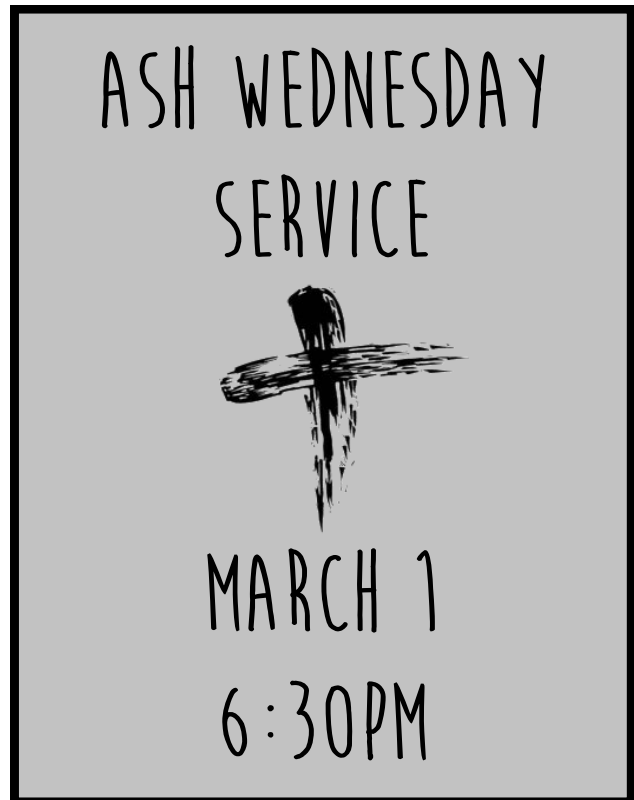
> **Nursery:** Jesus Loves Children {Matthew 19:13-15}

> **Kid's Time:** Jesus and His Friends in Emmaus {Luke 24: 13-25}

Welcome to Church of the Apostles

We pray that you know God's presence as you worship with us today.

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.



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