

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City*  
*Through Jesus Christ*  
**NOVEMBER 25, 2018**

We're glad you're here! This kind of worship service may be new for you. Everything that the congregation says is in **bold** in these pages. Feel free to join in, or just listen. If you have kids, they are welcome to stay through the entire service, or you can bring your infants to the nursery. We also offer children's worship for elementary ages. They'll be dismissed after the singing, and will return before Communion.

**Sing Praise To The Lord (Psalm 150)**

1 Sing praise to the Lord! Praise him in the height;  
Rejoice in his word, you angels of light.  
You heavens, adore him by whom you were made,  
And worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

2 Sing praise to the Lord! Praise him on the earth  
In tuneful accord, you saints of new birth.  
Praise him who has brought you  
his grace from above;  
Praise him who has taught you to sing of his love.

3 Sing praise to the Lord! All things that give sound,  
Each jubilant chord, re-echo around.  
Loud organs, his glory tell forth in deep tone,  
And trumpets, the story of what he has done.

4 Sing praise to the Lord! Thanksgiving and song  
To him be outpoured all ages along!  
For love in creation, for heaven restored,  
For grace of salvation, sing praise to the Lord!

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**ACCLAMATION & OPENING PRAYER**

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

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

**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.**

## Your Name

1 As morning dawns and evening fades  
You inspire songs of praise  
That rise from earth to touch Your heart  
And glorify Your name

*Your name is a strong and mighty tower  
Your name is a shelter like no other  
Your name, let the nations sing it louder  
'Cause nothing has the power to save  
But Your name*

2 Jesus, in Your name we pray  
Come and fill our hearts today  
Give us strength to live for You  
And glorify Your name

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## The Lion And The Lamb

1 He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord almighty

*Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power  
and fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb,  
the Lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before  
the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before  
the Lion and the Lamb*

2 So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
Our God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord almighty

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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

Exodus 5:22-6:12

(p. 48)

*One of the characteristics of our worship is the abundance of **Scripture**. We encounter God through his inspired, authoritative Word.*

*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 11:28-30

(p. 8792)

*During the **Gospel** reading, we stand to honor Christ because the Gospels represent Christ's presence in the Church through his Word.*

*Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

## MESSAGE

**Exodus: I Have Come Down to Rescue Them**

*I Will Free You*

Rev. Jay Traylor

## 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: Father, we pray for your people throughout the world.*

**People: Bless our leaders, bishops and pastors; and all churches that praise your name.**

*Leader: Lord Jesus we pray for peace and for goodwill among the nations.*

**People: Bless the peoples of the world and guide them in the ways of justice and truth.**

*Leader: We pray for all who serve you, carrying the gospel into the world, and especially for the ministry of FOCUS in various high schools around our city;*

**People: That students would learn to follow Christ and be witnesses to their peers.**

*Leader: God of all compassion we pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.*

**People: Lead us to care for all who are vulnerable.**

*Leader: Father, you are a God who delights in bringing lost children home.*

**People: Let us rejoice in your salvation and gladly tell others of your great love for them.**

*Leader: I invite you to lift up your own prayers and needs, either silently or out loud. If aloud, please speak clearly for all to hear so that we might agree with you in prayer.*

*Leader: Grant to us, Lord, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right;*

**People: And guide us, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN (said together)

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Many people kneel during the **Confession of Sin** as a sign of humility and repentance before God. Confession and repentance are the means God gives us for receiving the forgiveness made possible through Jesus Christ.*

**Leader:** *The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you forgiveness of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*During the **Absolution** the priest declares God's forgiveness as promised in the Bible for all who confess and turn away from their sins. (1 John 1:9)*

**Leader:** *The peace of the Lord be always with you;*  
**People:** **And also with you.**

*The **Peace** reminds us that we must reconcile with one another before we receive Holy Communion (Matthew 5:23). "Peace be with you" or "God's peace" are some of the phrases used as we greet one another.*

## WELCOME & OFFERING

### Man Of Sorrows

1 Man of sorrows Lamb of God  
By His own betrayed  
The sin of man and wrath of God  
Has been on Jesus laid

2 Silent as He stood accused  
Beaten mocked and scorned  
Bowing to the Father's will  
He took a crown of thorns

*Oh that rugged cross my salvation  
Where Your love poured out over me  
Now my soul cries out hallelujah  
Praise and honor unto Thee*

3 Sent of heaven God's own Son  
To purchase and redeem  
And reconcile the very ones  
Who nailed Him to that tree

Now my debt is paid  
It is paid in full  
By the precious blood  
That my Jesus spilled  
Now the curse of sin  
Has no hold on me  
Whom the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed

4 See the stone is rolled away  
Behold the empty tomb  
Hallelujah God be praised  
He's risen from the grave

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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.**

**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

*We welcome 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.*

### ***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.*

*A prayer team is available to pray with you at the back of the worship area.*

## Holy God

1 Creating, commanding, transcendent Adonai  
Defending love, destroying sin, the Warrior Divine

*Holy, holy, holy God*  
*Holy, holy, holy God*

2 Forgiving, redeeming, from every tribe and tongue  
Arising first, the nail scarred Lamb, Salvation's Champion

3 Romancing, pursuing, reclaiming to restore  
Releasing hearts, transforming lives, the Lion's mighty roar

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## How Deep The Father's Love For Us

1 How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

2 Behold the man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

3 I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

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## Give Thanks To God

*1 He sent His son to die, and rise again to save us*  
**His never ending love is steadfast and sure**  
*He's broken our chains and given us freedom*  
**Give thanks to God for He is good**

*2 In Him we are alive and have joy everlasting*  
**His never ending love is steadfast and sure**  
*He casts out all fear and fills us with courage*  
**Give thanks to God for He is good**

*3 When storms come and rage*  
*His peace overwhelms us*  
**His never ending love is steadfast and sure**  
*The Lord is our refuge when trouble surrounds us*  
**Give thanks to God for He is good**

*4 He's always pouring out His abundant provision*  
**His never ending love is steadfast and sure**  
*For the depths of His riches and incredible wisdom*  
**Give thanks to God for He is good**  
**Give thanks to God for He is good**

**Give thanks to God for He is good**  
**Give thanks to God for He is good**

**We thank You God for You are good**  
**We thank You God for You are good**

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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 shine on you, and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.*

## The Solid Rock

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand*

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*Our service begins with a **processional** where the cross and the clergy “process” into the sanctuary and ends with a **recessional**. Traditionally, the entire congregation processed in together. While that is no longer done, the symbolism remains. We remind ourselves and each other that we follow the cross of Christ into the presence of God to worship him. Then we are sent out into the world, following Christ, to love God and our neighbor.*

## DISMISSAL

*Leader:*

**People:**

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

# WELCOME!

We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning. We want to get to know you! Connect Cards can be found under the seats in the sanctuary. Turn in completed cards in the lobby for a free gift as a thank you for joining us.

## Connect



We want to keep you connected to the life of Apostles! To be added to *The Pulse* contacts, fill out a yellow connection card and drop in the offering basket. You will receive our weekly e-newsletter and other important church-wide announcements.



Our online communication tool connects you to ministries and members of the Apostles community. For more info contact Marsha Whyte:

[marsha@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:marsha@apostles-raleigh.org)

## Community

Interested in connecting deeper into the community here at Apostles? Consider joining a Community Group! Contact Jay for more information.

*Jay Traylor*

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### The Deal + Small Groups (6th - 12th grades)

happen Sundays from 6-8pm during the school year. Contact Emily for more information.

*Emily Gebbie*

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### The Vine

20's + 30's Fellowship

[cotavine@gmail.com](mailto:cotavine@gmail.com)

## 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 at the back of the sanctuary.

[apostles.raleigh.org/  
prayerministry](http://apostles.raleigh.org/prayerministry)

## Serve

There are several ways to connect and serve in the life of Apostles. Take a look at our Ministry Teams and find out how you can get involved. If there is an area or gifting that you have that you do not see listed, we want to know about it!

[apostles-raleigh.org/church](http://apostles-raleigh.org/church)

## Financial Update

**Unlike many churches and ministry organizations,** Church of the Apostles has never operated its general budget based on pledges. The \$1,695,050 operating budget established for this year is based on prayer, guidance from historical experience, and the wisdom of our Finance Team and Leadership Council. Praise God for the wisdom He gives our leadership and for members who continue to give sacrificially and consistently.

# What's Happening at Apostles

**Advent Wreath Making | Sunday, December 2 at 10am {between services}** ~ Create an advent wreath to enjoy at home! Suggested \$10 donation covers costs of candles materials.

**Potluck, Prayer & Praise | Wednesday, December 5** ~ The evening will begin with a potluck dinner at 5:30 in the fellowship hall, followed by a time of prayer and praise in the sanctuary at 6:30.

**A-I:** side dish | **J-O:** dessert | **P-Z:** main dish

**Women's Retreat Bake Sale | Sunday, December 9!** Please *bring a goodie* you'd like to donate, labeling the contents. All baked goods can be dropped off the day of the sale. **Buy a goodie:** The bake sale will be open after both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Consider grabbing a treat for a friend, neighbor or Christmas gift! Proceeds will go toward scholarships for the Women's Retreat in March. **Questions:** Jane Speight {[janespeight2@gmail.com](mailto:janespeight2@gmail.com)}.

## This Week

### Sunday, November 25

- Worship Services: 8:30am + 11am
- Sunday School: 10am
- \*NO\* Deal

### Monday, November 26

- Muffins 'n More (W): 10-11:30am
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm
- Women in the Word (W): 7-8:45pm

### Tuesday, November 27

- Tuesday Prayer & Praise: 1:30-2:30pm
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm

### Wednesday, November 28

- Band of Brothers (M): 7am
- Sleepyheads (M): 7:15am
- Growing in Grace (W): 9:30-11:30am
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm
- Abiding Prayer: 7-8pm

### Thursday, November 29

- Men's Fraternity (M): 6:30-8am
- Blackwater Group (M): 7-8am (offsite)
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm

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(M) Men | (W) Women

## Pride For Parents Gift Drive

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy or article of clothing for the Pride for Parents Christmas Store. **Pride for Parents** is a ministry that provides new items for local low-income families to purchase at reduced costs. There will be a drop off area in the lobby. Items will be collected through **December 9th**. Volunteers are needed in the Pride for Parents Store! Contact the Volunteer Coordinator for more information: {[pride4parents@gmail.com](mailto:pride4parents@gmail.com)}.

## Student Ministry

### NOVEMBER

25 ~ \*NO\* Deal

### DECEMBER

2 ~Christmas Party

## Children's Ministry

### Lessons for November 25, 2018

- **Nursery:** An Angel Visits Mary {Luke 1:26-56}
- **Kids Time:** Give Thanks to the Lord {Psalm 69:30; 136:1}

**First Communion Class | December 2 | 4-5:15pm** ~ Contact Stacey for details!

# Advent

HOPE | LOVE | JOY | PEACE

## December 2nd

Advent Wreath Making {10am}

## December 5th

Potluck, Prayer & Praise {5:30pm}

## December 9th

Women's Retreat Bake Sale

## December 12th

Women's Christmas Coffee & Dessert {7pm}

## December 16th

Christmas Pageant {10am}

## December 24th

Christmas Eve Services  
{3pm, 5pm, 11pm}

## December 25th

Morning Prayer Service {10am}

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