

Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ
NOVEMBER 4, 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.

Holy God We Praise Your Name

1 Holy God, we praise Your name;
Lord of all, we bow before You.
Saints on earth your rule acclaim;
All in heav'n above adore You.
Infinite Your vast domain;
Everlasting is Your reign.

2 Hark, the glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

3 Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name You,
Though in essence only one;
Undivided God, we claim You,
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

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.

All Creatures Of Our God And King

1 All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

*O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia*

2 All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him Alleluia
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him

3 He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him Alleluia
Then who shall fall on bended knee
All creatures of our God and King

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

St. Francis of Assisi | William Henry Draper | Jonathan Baird | Ryan Baird |
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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 3:1-15

(p. 46)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL READING

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

John 8:48-59

(p. 869)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

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

MESSAGE

Exodus: I Have Come Down to Rescue Them

I AM Has Sent Me

Rev. Eric. J. Bolash

King Of Heaven

1 Jesus let Your kingdom come here
Let Your will be done here in us
Jesus there is no one greater
You alone are Savior
Show the world Your love

*King of heaven come down
King of heaven come now
Let Your glory reign
Shining like the day
King of heaven come*

2 We are children of Your mercy
Rescued for Your glory
We cry Jesus set our hearts towards You
That ev'ry eye would see You lifted high

*King of heaven come down
King of heaven come now
Let Your glory reign
Shining like the day
King of heaven come
King of heaven rise up
Who can stand against us
You are strong to save in Your mighty name
King of heaven come*

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A CELEBRATION OF THE COVENANT OF BAPTISM

*A baptismal covenant will be made today on behalf of
Wesley Pfohl Flynt, presented by Andrew and Becca Flynt {8:30}
Lakiesha Flores, presented by Shea and Julie Tisdale {8:30}
Ashton Carter West, presented by Carlos and TaRay West {11:00}
Mason Kai West, presented by Carlos and TaRay West {11:00}*

COVENANT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of the Candidates by Parents

Parents: We present NN to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Leader: Today, on behalf of these children, you shall make a vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that these children are taught, as soon as they are able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. They must come to put their trust in Jesus, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of their souls. When they have embraced all these, having become a disciple of Jesus, they are to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that they may claim the Faith for their own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his Kingdom. Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Parents: I am, the Lord being my helper.

Leader: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

Leader: Do you renounce the Devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents / Candidate: I renounce them.

Leader: Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents / Candidate: I renounce them.

Leader: Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Parents / Candidate: I renounce them.

Leader: Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Parents / Candidate: I do.

Leader: Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Parents / Candidate: I do.

Leader: Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Parents / Candidate: I will, the Lord being my helper.

Leader: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

Leader: Let us join with these candidates to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People: I do. I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People: I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; He was conceived by 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.

Leader: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

** The phrase "holy catholic Church" refers to the Church worldwide.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Let us now pray for these candidates who are to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death and open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit and send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns with you now and forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER WATER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE BAPTISM

Leader: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his Covenant of Faith.

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

People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND OFFERING

Who You Say I Am

1 Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

*Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am*

2 Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

*Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am*

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

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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?

Leader: Is Christ among us?

Leader: Is the Spirit here?

Leader: This is our God.

Leader: We are his people.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the
Lord our God.*

People: He is.

People: He is.

People: He is.

People: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: We are redeemed.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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.

Unable to come forward? Please inform an usher to request that Communion be brought to you.

Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

We Long To See You

Almighty God, we long to see you;
Open our hearts and make them pure.
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy;
Come teach our souls to love your truth.

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And Can It Be

1 And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain!
For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

2 He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!

*Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

3 Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

4 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: Scott Roley ©1994 Scott Roley Music.

Stronger

1 There is Love that came for us
Humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness
You rose again victorious

2 Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me

*You are stronger, You are stronger
Sin is broken, You have saved me
It is written, Christ is risen!
Jesus, You are Lord of all*

3 No beginning and no end
You're my hope and my defense
You came to seek and save the lost
You paid it all upon the cross

So let Your Name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher, Be lifted higher

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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.

All Creatures Of Our God And King (reprise)

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three in One

*O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia*

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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: Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord!
People: 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:

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Community

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

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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.

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The Vine 20's + 30's Fellowship

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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

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

Outreach

A great way to get involved is by connecting with one of our local Mission Partners:

Beyond Imagination
Camp Oak Hill
Community HOPE of the Y
CORRAL Riding Academy
FOCUS Student Ministry
Gateway
Gideon International
Hope Reins
House of Hope
Jobs for Life
JusticeMatters
Loaves and Fishes Ministry
Neighbor To Neighbor
NeighborHealth Center
North Raleigh Ministries
YoungLife {Raleigh}
SafeFamilies of Raleigh
The Encouraging Place
Women's Prison Ministry

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What's Happening at Apostles

Pub Theology | November 5 | 7pm ~ Tap into a time of different views and different brews with Pastor Jay Traylor at Lynnwood Brewing Concern {1053 E. Whitaker Mill Rd.}. We'll talk life, philosophy and faith. Members and guests welcome!

Men's Fall Fellowship | Saturday, November 10 ~ Join us from noon-5:30pm at Umstead Park, Crabtree Creek Shelter! We'll have lunch, a corn hole tournament, hear a message from David Horner {former lead pastor, Providence Baptist Church} and worship time. **Cost: \$10 | Guests: No Charge**
SIGN UP HERE: apostles-raleigh.org/mensministry

This Week

Sunday, November 4

- Worship Services: 8:30am + 11am
- Sunday School: 10am
- The Deal: 6-8pm

Monday, November 5

- Women in the Word (W): 7-8:45pm
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm
- Pub Theology: 7pm
(Lynnwood Brewing Concert)

Tuesday, November 6

- Tuesday at Noon (W): 12-1:30pm
- Tuesday Prayer & Praise: 1:30-2:30pm
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm

Wednesday, November 7

- Band of Brothers (M): 7am
- Sleepyheads (M): 7:15am
- Growing in Grace (W): 9:30-11:30am
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm
- Potluck, Prayer & Praise: 5:50pm

Thursday, November 8

- Men's Fraternity (M): 6:30-8am
- Blackwater Group (M): 7-8am
(offsite)
- Bible Study @ The Cardinal (W): 11am-12pm
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm

Friday, November 9

- Women's Fellowship: 6-9pm

Saturday, November 10

- Men's Fall Fellowship: 12-5:30pm
(Umstead Park)

Coming Soon

NOVEMBER

- 17 ~ Discovering Apostles Membership Class | 9am-12pm
The Vine Chili Cookoff
- 16-17 ~ Kelly Minter's Cultivate {Greensboro, NC}
- 18 ~ Guatemala Mission Trip Interest Meeting

DECEMBER

- 1 ~ Greening the Church
- 9 ~ Women's Retreat Bake Sale

Student Ministry

NOVEMBER

- 4 ~ The Deal | 6-8pm
- 11 ~ The Deal | 6-8pm
- 18 ~ The Deal | 6-8pm
- 25 ~ *NO* Deal

Join us for The Deal tonight! The Deal is for all students 6th-12th grade, and meets in the youth room upstairs. We will be continuing our discussion on the foundations of Christianity through our Youth Alpha Series. We encourage you to think and pray about who you might invite to join us for this series.

Children's Ministry

Lessons for November 4, 2018

- **Nursery:** Be Happy With What You Have {Exodus 20:17}
- **Kids Time:** Deborah Obeys God {Judges 4:1-16}

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

POTLUCK PRAYER PRAISE

Wednesday, November 7

5 : 3 0 D I N N E R | 6 : 3 0 W O R S H I P

Beginning November 7, Potluck, Prayer & Praise will be the first Wednesday of each month! 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.

LAST NAME, please bring:

A-I: main dish

J-R: side dish

S-Z: dessert

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