

## JANUARY 12, 2020

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 sent out after the singing, and will return before Communion.

### **Psalm 29 (Your Great Name We Praise)**

1 Ascribe to the Lord, all you ones of great might;  
Ascribe to the Lord glory, strength in your sight.  
2 Ascribe to Him glory, and His name adore;  
In splendor of holiness, worship the Lord.

3 The voice of the Lord is above the great sea;  
He thunders in glory; o'er waters is He!  
4 The voice of the Lord, full of power and might;  
His voice is majestic and flaming in light.

*Most Holy, Most glorious, the Ancient of Days  
Almighty, victorious, Your Great Name we praise*

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars in two;  
The cedars of Lebanon, He does subdue.  
6 The Lord makes all Lebanon skip like a deer.  
Mount Hermon is like a young ox when He's near.

7 The voice of the Lord strikes with flashing of light.  
8 His voice shakes the desert of Kadesh with might.  
9 The voice of the Lord strips the forests all bare;  
And all in His temple, His glory declare.

10 The Lord sits enthroned o'er the flood – He is King.  
The Lord on His throne sits forever as King.  
11 The Lord gives His people His strength without cease.  
The Lord is the One who will bless them with peace.

## ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Leader: Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.*

**People: From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

**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.**

## 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

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## 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 (x2)

*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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## SENDING OF THE CHILDREN

**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 READINGS

Isaiah 42:1-9 (p. 588)  
Hebrews 1:5-2:4 (p. 967)

*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 3:13-17 (p. 784)

*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

### Hebrews: A Call To Commitment

*The Danger of Drift*

Rev. Art Going

## 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 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: Jesus calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Washed clean by the waters of baptism, let us pray that we may live the life to which he has called us. Lord Jesus, eternal Word, proclaimed as the Christ by John the forerunner, hear us as we pray for all who proclaim your word ...  
Lord of truth,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Leader: Lord Jesus, baptizing with the Spirit and with fire, strengthen us to withstand all the trials of our faith ...  
Lord of truth,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Leader: Lord Jesus, bringing forgiveness to all who repent, teach your Church dependence on your grace ...  
Lord of truth,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Leader: Lord Jesus, fulfillment of the promises of old, give hope to all who suffer or are ignored ...  
Lord of truth,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Leader: Lord Jesus, beloved Son of the Father, anoint us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit ...  
Lord of truth,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Leader: Lord Jesus, bringer of hope, share with all the faithful the riches of eternal life ...  
Lord of truth,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father makes us and all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory. Amen.*

## CONFSSION OF SIN

*We have come together as God's family to pray for the recovery of the unity of Christ's Church and for the renewal of our common life. The Lord is full of gentleness and compassion. In penitence and faith let us ask his forgiveness of our sins.*

**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: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

### **Christ Is Mine Forevermore**

1 Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings

*But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore*

2 Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good

*But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me*

3 Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His name

*But mine is armor for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore*

*And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore*

Come rejoice now O my soul  
For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore

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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:** Lift up your hearts.

*The **stole** worn by the priest symbolizes Jesus taking up the towel for service.*

**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 with the Prayer of Consecration.

**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 and dairy -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.*

## Psalm 130 (From The Depths Of Woe)

1 From depths of woe I raise to Thee  
The voice of lamentation  
Lord turn a gracious ear to me  
And hear my supplication  
If Thou iniquities dost mark  
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark  
O who shall stand before Thee

2 To wash away the crimson stain  
Grace grace alone availeth  
Our works alas are all in vain  
In much the best life faileth  
No man can glory in Thy sight  
All must alike confess Thy might  
And live alone by mercy

3 Therefore my trust is in the Lord  
And not in mine own merit  
On Him my soul shall rest  
His word upholds my fainting spirit  
His promised mercy is my fort  
My comfort and my sweet support  
I wait for it with patience

4 What though I wait the live-long night  
And till the dawn appeareth  
My heart still trusteth in His might  
It doubteth not nor feareth  
Do thus O ye of Israel's seed  
Ye of the Spirit born indeed  
And wait till God appeareth

5 Though great our sins and sore our woes  
His grace much more aboundeth  
His helping love no limit knows  
Our utmost need it soundeth  
Our shepherd good and true is He  
Who will at last our Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow

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## There is One Lord

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
There is one God who is Father of all.

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Tune: Jacques Berthier

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## His Mercy Is More

1 What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

2 What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

3 What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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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.**

## COMMISSIONING

## BENEDICTION

*Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.*

## On Jordan's Stormy Banks

*I am bound, I am bound  
I am bound for the promised land  
I am bound, I am bound  
I am bound for the promised land*

1 On Jordan's stormy banks I stand  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land  
Where my possessions lie

2 All o'er those wide extended plains  
Shines one eternal day  
There God the Son forever reigns  
And scatters night away

3 No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore  
Sickness sorrow pain and death  
Are felt and feared no more

4 When shall I see that happy place  
And be forever blessed  
When shall I see my Father's face  
And in His bosom rest

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## DISMISSAL

**Leader:** *We have come to Christ, the living water. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*  
**People:** **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

# 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 connect 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:

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## Community

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

Eric Bolash  
[eric@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:eric@apostles-raleigh.org)



### The Deal + Small Groups

6th - 12th Grades

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

Paul Morales  
[paul@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:paul@apostles-raleigh.org)



### The Vine

Young-ish Adult Fellowship  
Contact Jessie Nordstrom for more information.

Jessie Nordstrom  
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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](http://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](http://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

Gateway Women's Care

Gideon International

Hope Reins

House of Hope

International Friends NCSU

Jobs for Life

JusticeMatters

Neighbor To Neighbor

NeighborHealth Center

YoungLife {Raleigh}

Refugee Hope Partners

SafeFamilies of Raleigh

The Encouraging Place

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

# What's Happening at Apostles

**Traylor Family Celebration Potluck | January 12 | 5-7pm** ~ Join us tonight for a potluck meal and celebration as we send off the Traylor family with love! **POTLUCK SIGN UP:** [apostles-raleigh.org/potluck](http://apostles-raleigh.org/potluck)

**Rwanda Partnership Trip** ~ There will be an informational meeting on January 19 {10am} for anyone interested in the Rwanda Partnership Trip this summer {July 17-25, 2020}. This trip will be an opportunity to build new and strengthen existing relationships with our Rwandan brothers and sisters at Church of Gikomero, our sister church, and the Shyogwe Diocese. Contact Teresa Kincaid with any questions: [teresa@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:teresa@apostles-raleigh.org).

**Choosing Courage + Love in a World Divided | January 30 | 7pm** ~ Division is nothing new and yet many of us feel ill-equipped to bridge the numerous divides in our current culture. Join us for a evening of discussion as we hear from two authors, Amy Julia Becker and Natasha Sistrunk Robinson, who have spent a lot of time on this topic, and reflecting on what Jesus means when he calls us to "love our neighbors"--regardless of our own social, ethnic, religious, or cultural background. **Free Admission // Open to the Public**

## Today

### Sunday, January 12

During Worship | 8:30am + 11:00am

**Nursery:** John Preaches in the Desert {Matthew 3:1-6}

**Kids Time:** Joshua and the Battle of Jericho {Joshua 3 & 6}

### Student Ministry time is will look a little different tonight!

We will meet for small groups only from 7-8pm after the Traylor Potluck.

Middle School ~ meet in the Youth Room

High School ~ meet in room 204

## College Student Lunch

Interested in after-church fellowship? We'll meet weekly for lunch, alternating between families' homes and North Hills. Contact Kristi Sturgill if you're interested in coming or hosting. [{kristi.sturgill@duke.edu}](mailto:{kristi.sturgill@duke.edu})

## Coming in January

**1/19** Rwanda Mission Trip Interest Meeting

**1/25** Children's Ministry Parents' Night Out

**1/26** Sunday School Resumes  
Essentials Membership Class

**1/30** *Choosing Courage + Love* Speaking Event

## This Week

### Monday, January 13

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

### Tuesday, January 14

- Tuesday at Noon: 12-1:15pm
- Tuesday Prayer: 1:30-2:30pm
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm

### Wednesday, January 15

- Band of Brothers (M): 7-8am {offsite}
- Sleepyheads (M): 7:15-8:30am
- Growing In Grace (W): 9:30-11:30am
- Community HOPE: 5:30-6:30pm
- Leadership Council: 7-9pm

### Thursday, January 16

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

# BIBLE STUDIES

## WOMEN

### **Muffins 'n More | Mondays 10-11:30am | Room 208**

Will resume on January 13. Meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Child care not provided.

**CONTACT:** Ann Dotson | [ann@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:ann@apostles-raleigh.org)

### **Women in the Word | Mondays 7-8:45pm | Room 201**

Will resume on January 6 studying Nehemiah: A Heart That Can Break by Kelly Minter. Are you ready to let God break your heart for a hurting, lost world and move you in compassion to be the hands and feet of Jesus? If so join us this season. **CONTACT:** Elizabeth Nichols | [enicholsslp@gmail.com](mailto:enicholsslp@gmail.com)

### **Tuesday at Noon | Tuesdays 12-1:15pm | Room 205**

Will resume on January 14 studying The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer.

**CONTACT:** Liz Rickner | [eb2926@nc.rr.com](mailto:eb2926@nc.rr.com)

### **Growing In Grace | Wednesdays 9:30-11am | Upstairs Classrooms**

Will resume on January 8 continuing our study of the Book of Acts. Child care is provided for a small fee.

**CONTACT:** Linda Lupien | [lupienlinda@gmail.com](mailto:lupienlinda@gmail.com)

## Men

### **Men's Fraternity | Thursdays 6:30-7:59am | Upstairs Classrooms**

Men's Fraternity 2.0 will resume with an informational breakfast on January 16 at 7am. We are re-booting the Thursday Morning men's gathering by returning to our roots with a new video series from the creators of Men's Fraternity. 33 – The Series is a look into Jesus' 33 years on this Earth as a model for authentic manhood.

**CONTACT:** Mike Kromhout | [mkromhoutnc@gmail.com](mailto:mkromhoutnc@gmail.com)

### **Band of Brothers | Wednesdays 7-8am | Panera Bread, Crabtree Mall**

We spend time studying and discussing a book of the Bible, sharing our lives, laughter, and lessons from our faith journeys with God. **CONTACT:** Curt Blazier | [curtblazier@gmail.com](mailto:curtblazier@gmail.com)

### **Sleepy Heads | Wednesdays 7:30-8:30am | Room 208**

Sleepy Heads are ready to "Rock and Roll" with fellowship and Scripture study served up with humor, song and food. **CONTACT:** Ed Bailey | [bailey@redeagle-co.com](mailto:bailey@redeagle-co.com)

### **Blackwater Group | Thursdays 7-8am | Sola Coffee Shop**

We don't take ourselves too seriously, but we do walk through books of the Bible together.

**CONTACT:** Eric Bolash | [eric@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:eric@apostles-raleigh.org)

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