

*Growing in the knowledge and love of God,
becoming more like Jesus, and bearing the fruit of the kingdom
to make visible the power of God's love so all will come to know Christ!*

Welcome!

Our prayer today is that this special time of worship will be a time when you truly feel closer to God and that through the experience of both Word and Sacrament you will come into the presence of the saving love of Jesus Christ.

We celebrate the three great streams of Christian tradition and represent them in our worship service:

- *catholic - which experiences God through liturgy and sacrament*
- *evangelical - which upholds and proclaims Scripture*
- *charismatic - which emphasizes the power, presence, and gifts of the Holy Spirit in the context of freedom and high expectation*

We recognize that some may be from different faith traditions and may or may not be comfortable with all aspects of our worship style – please don't feel pressured to conform. Some people will make the sign of the cross, raise their hands in praise, or wave flags – these are all personal expressions of worship.

In general, we stand to sing, and we sit to pray and listen; but please be comfortable. As you follow along on the screen, the words in bold are words we say together. Don't worry if you lose your place, just "rise and fall with the tide." Simply take in the service and its powerful message and soon you will find yourself back on track. Our hope is that by encouraging you to be comfortable, rather than worrying about "what to do", you will then be more open to God's presence.

Helpful Information

Nursery, Children's Church and Sunday School:

8:30am Service:

Nursery Care for infants–age 4. Located in the Sanctuary Building, in the School Library which is on the Lower Level of the Education Wing. Each child is registered. Parents of infants and younger toddlers will be given a silent pager that will alert you should your child need you during the service. Nursery workers will bring the children to the Chapel around 9:30am, in time for the Children's Focus. After the Children's Focus, the children will join their parent(s) for the remainder of the service.

Children's Church, for ages 5 through 3rd grade, meets in the Sanctuary Building, on the Lower Level of the Education Wing. Their meeting area is in the large open space at the end of the hall. Children's Church begins at 8:30am and, teachers will escort the children to the Worship Service around 9:30am, in time for the Children's Focus. Afterward, children will join their parent(s) for the remainder of the service. Children 4th grade and above remain in the Worship Service with their family.

3:30pm Service:

Nursery Care for infants–age 4. Located in the Education Wing on the Upper Level of the Sanctuary Building. Each child is registered. Parents of infants and younger toddlers will be given a silent pager that will alert you should your child need you during the service.

Children's Church and Sunday School, for 4 year olds through 4th grade, meets in the Hearthstone Room, which is on the lower level of the Log Cabin Building. Children's Church begins at 3:30pm and the children will be escorted to the Worship Service during the Passing of the Peace. They will be seated together for a Children's Focus, after which they will join their parent(s) for the remainder of the service.

Sunday School for 5th-8th grade. The 5th and 6th grade class meets in the Hearthstone Room (lower level of the Log Cabin Building). Jr High Girls class meets in Classroom #8, located on the Lower Level of the Education Wing, and Jr High (and up) Boys class meets in the Chapel. Students will return to the Sanctuary at the Passing of the Peace.

Communion-All Christians baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, regardless of denominational affiliation, who are in love and charity with their neighbors are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You may take the bread with an open palm, and either sip from the cup or intinct (dip) your bread in the cup. You may receive only one of the elements if that is your choice. Those not receiving may come forward, with arms crossed, for a blessing.

Prayer Ministry - Prayer teams are available in the rear of the sanctuary for individuals and families during and immediately after Holy Communion. All are welcome to be prayed with and for personal concerns, or in intercession for others. Concerns may be shared with the prayer teams or held in silence. Ministry will continue until everyone in line has received prayer.

Assistive Hearing Devices are available for the 3:30pm service for those who have need. Please see the Sound Board Tech at the Sound Board in the back of the Sanctuary.

Order of Service for Holy Communion

Welcome	Post-sermon Worship	The Eucharist
Songs of Praise	Prayers of the People	The Blessing
Collect for the Day	The Confession	Announcements
The Readings	Passing of the Peace	Closing Worship Song
Sermon	Children's Focus	Dismissal
	The Offertory	

Our Readings

Collect for the Day *Ascension Sunday*

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who

believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Psalm 93

The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

²Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

³The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

⁴Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty!

⁵Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Our Prayers for

- OUR NATION, especially our President, Congress, the Supreme Court, and our state and local officials
- OUR WIDER CHURCH, especially our bishops John (DOMA); Martyn and Julian (CANA); our Archbishop Robert (ACNA); and all the people, clergy, and bishops throughout the Anglican Communion
- OUR DOMA CYCLE OF PRAYER CHURCHES: Christ Church Between the Rivers, Yorktown; Christ Our Lord Anglican, Woodbridge
- OUR CONGREGATION, especially our Rector, vestry, trustees, staff, ministry leaders, and volunteers
- OUR COA CYCLE OF PRAYER: we pray specifically today for Gary & Terry French; Bill & Melody French and their children; Kathy Frison; David & Margaret Fritts and their son, David Luke; Dick & Rita Fuller; and Bonnie Garilli
- OUR MISSIONARIES: Bassam & Nadia, Bill & Kerry Bremmer, Dale, Sharon McCririe, Paul & Pat Stock, Mike & Julia Anne McCord
- THOSE WHO SUFFER: Gail Birch, Kelly Cain, Lauren Cannon, Karl Donehoo, Joseph Edens, Elsie Garland, Herb Garland, Dave & Libby Gillam, Frank Godwin, Elaine Hoptiak, Marvin Jones, Walker Jones, Patricia Klein, Nancy Kokalas, Dorothy McLaughlin, Lorelei and Veronica McLaughlin, The McLaughlin Family, JoAnn Metzger, Kira Nelson, Shannon Phipps, Kathy Porter, Mary Ann Rapp, Miles Rapp, Paul St. Andre, Fenner Urquhart, George Williams
- THOSE WHO MOURN: The family and friends of Lynn Jones; Laurens Ayvazian on the passing of his mother; and Jim & Betsy Coffey and their family on the passing of Jim's mother.
- OUR MILITARY FORCES, USG CIVILIAN OFFICERS AND CONTRACTORS throughout the world, and their loved ones at home

Events & Notices

If you sense the Lord has given you something to share with the church, you are invited to write it down and place it in one of the baskets at the edge of the stage. You will find paper for recording words of knowledge by the door to the Sanctuary. Thank you.

Welcome Gift - If this is your first time with us, we welcome you and have a small token of our appreciation for visiting with us. If you did not receive a visitor gift bag when you entered the church, please stop by the table on your way out. We hope to see you again soon!

Newcomer's Dinner - *First Saturday of the Month, 5:30-7:30pm.* Held at the home of Terry & Gary French in Clifton, the next dinner will be on Sat, June 1. RSVPs are needed by the Friday before the dinner. (If no one RSVPs, the dinner will be cancelled.) Childcare will be provided for those who let us know it's needed; just tell us when you RSVP and let us know the age of your child(ren). To RSVP, contact TerryCFrench@gmail.com.

Today's Guest Preacher - The Rev. Canon Dr. Alison Barfoot. At both services. Alison Barfoot served on the clergy at COA during the summer of 1997. Currently, she is a missionary in Uganda. COA has been blessed to support Alison in ministry on the front-lines of evangelism.

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday - Sunday, May 19 is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is the day the Holy Spirit came down with tongues of fire to fill believers, and one way we remember that at COA is by wearing red. Break out your red ties, red shirts and red scarves as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit!

Bible Study on Acts - 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:30-9:00pm. Our Rector, Joe, will lead us in a study of the *Acts of the Apostles*. We invite you as we join together in worship, prayer, and a time of seeking God's plan for each of our lives and for our corporate life as a church, as shown through His Word and the inspiration of His Holy Spirit. Class is held in the Hearthstone Room at the Vale Rd Meeting Place.

Training for Prayer Ministry - Sat, May 18, 9:30-11:30am. Prayer Ministry Training is being provided for current Prayer Ministers, and also for those who are interested in becoming commissioned as a Prayer Minister. Training will be held in the Undercroft at Truro Anglican Church, 10520 Main St, Fairfax. If you would like more information, please contact the Church Office.

Men's TPM Group Open House - Wed, May 15. We'll watch a video, have a live demonstration, and have a Q&A time and snacks. If May 15th doesn't work for you, feel free to drop in on another Wednesday night in May or June, 7:30-9:00pm. If you want to know more before coming, you can read all or part of the first three chapters of the *Healing Life's Hurts* book, which is available to download free online. For more information, contact the Church Office.

Life Model's Belonging Class - *Begins Sun, May 19 - 6:00-7:45pm.* *Belonging*, the second in a series of *Life Model* classes offered by COA's Healing Center, enables you to develop skills for creating joyful community around you as well as skills for removing barriers for community. You must have taken either *Forming* or *Restarting* before taking the *Belonging* class. *Belonging* will be held in the Hearthstone Room at our Vale Road Meeting Place. The cost of the class and workbook is \$66. If you already have a copy of the *Belonging* workbook, the class fee is \$41. You may request a workbook when registering for the class. To register, go to www.GodHealsToday.org.

LEMs Needed at Both Services - Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) assist the priest in administering the bread and wine. LEMs are needed at both the 8:30am and 3:30pm service, and serve on a rotating basis. If you would be interested in serving the Lord and His people in this way, or would just like to get more info, please contact VBickle@ChurchoftheApostles.org.

S.A.L.T. (*Seeking After Liberating Truth*) - S.A.L.T. is a 16-week program for any man struggling with the sexual onslaught we experience in everyday life. It offers help to find freedom from these struggles, any associated behaviors, and pornography. The program begins Thurs, May 30, 2013. Please contact Regeneration NoVA at infoNoVa@RegenerationMinistries.org for an application.

"Grief Share" Sponsored by WWF - Tuesdays, June 4 - Sept 3, 7:00-9:00pm. Grief Share, an international support ministry for grief recovery, is coming to Whole Word Fellowship this summer. It is open to all people (including non-Christians) who have lost loved ones. If you or someone you know would benefit, please consider joining us. It is better to attend all sessions but not essential, as each one is valuable in itself. The group will meet in the Hearthstone Room (lower level of the Log Cabin Building). There will be no meeting July 30. Cost is \$15 for a workbook. For info or sign up, call or email Pat Williams, Grief Share facilitator, at pat_williams2@verizon.net or 703-786-4954.

Fellowship Picnic with the Lamb Center - Wed, May 22, 4:30-6:00pm. The Lamb Center is a daytime drop-in center for the poor and homeless in Central Fairfax. Area churches sponsor a monthly Fellowship Picnic to give an opportunity for guests and volunteers to meet, enjoy a meal, play games and have fun together. The Picnic will be held at Van Dyck Park-Lower Pavilion, 3720 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax City. Fried chicken will be provided, but please bring a side dish, dessert or drinks to share. Feel free to also bring games, lawn chairs and other picnic items. This is another way we can go outside the church building to bring Christ's love to the world. **Other Opportunities for Outreach and Fellowship** at the Lamb Center include Karaoke on the First Fridays, Game Night on the Second Fridays, and Movie Night on the Third Fridays. These Friday events take place from 6:30-8:00pm at The Lamb Center, 3220 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax. Feel free to drop by one of these Friday evenings!

Happy Birthday to David Smith on May 14, and Jesse Colligan on May 15.

Happy Anniversary to Ann Marie & Larry Bamford on May 13.

Congratulations to Stephen Klein, son of Michelle and Timothy Klein, who graduated with honors from the University of Miami (FL) on Friday, May 10. Stephen was also selected "Most Outstanding Senior" in Broadcast Journalism.

We'd love to include your birthday, anniversary, graduation, or other significant life events to share with our congregation.

Please let us know about them and give us permission to share them by contacting info@ChurchoftheApostles.org.

Children's Ministry News

KColligan@ChurchoftheApostles.org, Children's Ministry Director

Summer Resident Camp at Camp Highroad - Aug 4-9. A week of adventure for rising 4th-rising 9th graders, and a time of refreshment, fun and an opportunity for kids to experience a little bit of "supervised" independence. Camp activities include Bible teaching, praise and worship, prayer ministry, the opportunity to experience the miracle power of the Holy Spirit, and the typical camp activities of swimming, sports, ropes course, and crafts. We must confirm our reservation with Camp Highroad on Monday, May 27. We will need commitments from a minimum of 30 campers by that date in order to hold Summer Camp. Therefore, PLEASE turn in your registration form and deposit of \$25 no later than May 27. We will continue to accept registrations after this date if we reach our minimum. Brochures and registration forms may be downloaded from the church website.

Vacation Bible School - *Thursdays, July 18, July 25 & August 1; 9:30am-12:00pm.* For children ages 3-9 (toilet-trained pre-schoolers). This year VBS will be held at Ratcliffe Park, 10300 Sager Ave, Fairfax (across from the Church Office.) Fun, creative activities as well as Bible lessons. A great event to invite your neighborhood children to. Registration info may be found on the church website.

Student Ministry News

For Youth in 7th - 12th grade

CRothgeb@ChurchoftheApostles.org, Youth Pastor

JohnKirby@ChurchoftheApostles.org, Youth Pastor

Altared - No Altared tonight, since it's Mother's Day.

Sun, May 19 - Altared, 6:00-8:30pm. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm. We'll start with games, then dinner, worship, teaching and small groups. We hope to see you!

Bible Study - *Wed, May 15.* Guys meet 7:00-9:00pm at Carl's house. Girls meet 7:30-9:30pm at Ali's farmhouse. Please note that the Girls' Bible Study has moved to Ali's farmhouse for the summer.

Young Adult Community

JohnKirby@ChurchoftheApostles.org

WELCOME HOME COLLEGE STUDENTS!
Young Adult Community - *Tuesdays 6:00-8:30pm.* COA's Young Adult Community is growing, and they'd love for you to join them (if you're 18-35 years of age). They gather on Tuesday evenings at the home of Andrew & Sharon Blount, 13620 White Stone Ct, Clifton, from 6:00-8:30pm. Dinner and childcare are provided. If you'd like more info, contact Andrew Blount at 703-282-5555.

2013 Weekly Giving & Need
through May 5, 2013

Giving to Date: \$357,727
Budgeted to Date: \$359,870
Difference: - \$ 2,143

Building Fund Total: \$56,351.60

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The Rev. Vanessa Bickle, *Deacon*

Kristin Colligan, *Children's Ministry Director*

Chris Rothgeb, *Youth Pastor*

John Kirby, *Youth Pastor*

Betsy Stalcup, *Associate Director, Healing Center*

Worship Services

Sundays with Holy Communion

8:30am

Nursery Care to age 4

Children's Church, age 5 to 3rd Grade

3:30pm

Nursery Care to age 4

Children's Church, age 4 to 4th Grade

Sunday School, 5th - 8th Grade

Access Apostles

Comments and suggestions will be received with grace and held in confidence. In the spirit of loving and accountable Christian communication, we regret that anonymous submissions cannot be considered. Phone calls and emails are welcome.

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Our **Confidential Prayer Tree** is available by emailing *Prayer@ChurchoftheApostles.org*. Urgent requests can be received by calling the church office during regular office hours.

Hospital Visit: Please call the church office to arrange for a hospital visit or to request Communion for the sick and home-bound.

Baptism, Confirmation, Membership: Call the church office for more information.

Share What God Has Done: We are all encouraged to hear how God is healing bodies and transforming lives! Please share your testimony of what God has done in your life through our shared ministry by sending an email to *Testimony@ChurchoftheApostles.org*.