

*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

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| 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 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
² that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
⁶ The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.
⁷ God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Revelation 21:10-22:5

¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ¹⁵ And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. ¹⁶ The city lies four-square, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal. ¹⁷ He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel's measurement. ¹⁸ The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

²² Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

John 14:21-29

²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" ²³ Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.

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 Anglican Fellowship, Orange, VA; and Christ Church Vienna, Vienna, VA
- 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; and Kathy Frison
- OUR MISSIONARIES: Bassam & Nadia, Bill & Kerry Bremmer, Dale, Sharon McCrie, 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 Raupp, Paul St. Andre, Fenner Urquhart, George Williams
- THOSE WHO MOURN: The family and friends of Lynn Jones, who passed away last week in North Carolina
- 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.

American Indian Ministry Planning Meeting - Sat, May 11. In memory of our beloved Lynn Jones and with her last wishes for the American Indian Ministry (AIM), we will go out to Wakpala on Standing Rock Reservation, S.D. again this year. We especially encourage young people 16+ and men to consider joining us. An interest meeting will be held THIS Sat, May 11, 10:00am-12:00 noon at the Church Office. Pray and see what the Lord will do. If you have questions, contact Helen Metzger.

Next Sunday'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. Prior to 2004, Alison was Co-Rector of Christ Church, Overland Park, KS. For the last nine years, she has served the Archbishop of the Church of Uganda as Assistant for Foreign Relations. In addition, Alison has founded her own missions organization, Global Mobilization Ministries, (GMM). Through this, she has mentored indigenous African pastors to reach unreached people groups with the gospel, plant churches and make disciples throughout East Africa. Alison also heads up the Global Orphans Project in Uganda and has volunteered her time as Advisor for GENDEMI, an outreach to vulnerable girls in Uganda that COA sponsors. COA has been blessed to support Alison in ministry on the front-lines of evangelism.

Parish Reception - Phil and Jan Rooney will host a Parish Reception for Alison on Sat, May 11, 4:00-6:00pm in their home in Fairfax. All are welcome. Please call the Church Office to RSVP and for directions.

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.

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 Upper Room at Truro Anglican Church, 10520 Main St, Fairfax. If you are interested in becoming a Prayer Minister or would like more information, please 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.

Prayer Summit: The Circle Maker - *Sat, May 18, 9:00am-3:00pm.* Everyone - men, women, teens and children - is invited to the Prayer Summit sponsored by COA's Women's Ministry. Held in the Sanctuary at the Vale Rd Meeting Place, we will worship and view four short, engaging videos: "The Circle Maker" by Mark Batterson. After each video, we will each have quiet prayer time to seek the Lord in response. There is no cost for the event; however, "The Circle Maker" four-session Participant's Guide will be available for purchase for \$10.00. It is helpful, but not necessary.

Food: We will have a break from 12:00-1:00pm. Lunch is not provided; however, the Fellowship Hall and the grounds are available if you want to bring a lunch to eat there. (Sorry, no refrigeration is available; bring a small cooler, if needed.) A beverage bar will be provided throughout the day.

Children: Kristin Colligan will lead a Children's Program based on "The Circle Maker", for children ages 5 -11. Nursery Care will be provided for infants through age 4. Children will eat with their parent(s) during the 12:00-1:00pm break.

RSVP: Prayer Summit to info@ChurchoftheApostles.org by Mon, May 13. Children's Program (ages 5-11) by Mon, May 6 to KColligan@ChurchoftheApostles.org. Nursery Care (infant to 4 yrs) by Mon, May 6 to PMarsh@ChurchoftheApostles.org.

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.

Happy Birthday to Walker Jones on May 5, Elizabeth Dankel on May 10, and Scott Smith on May 10.

Happy Anniversary to Bettie & Casey Mikosinski on May 6, and Carl & JoAnn Metzger on May 9.

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 - *Tonight, 6:00-8:30pm.* Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm. Dinner, games, worship, teaching and small groups. Chris Rothgeb is our speaker tonight.

Bible Study - *Wed, May 8.* 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 farm house for the summer. Please close the gate as you enter and exit the property.

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 April 28, 2013

Giving to Date: \$330,945

Budgeted to Date: \$339,877

Difference - \$ 8,932

Building Fund Total: \$56,226.60

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The Rev. Joseph Acanfora, Rector

The Rev. Jay Baylor, *Associate Pastor*

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.