

# Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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**January 3, 2016**  
**11:00 AM Service**

*Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka*

*Visitation Pastor, Reverend Reinhard Kruse*

*Deacons, Nikki Kelley Kleinberg, David Krueger,*

*Deaconess, Darlene Di Domineck*

*US2, Rachel Ternes*

*Music Director, Adam Haines*

*Secretaries, Carla Brickhouse, Anne McCormick*

*Building Supervisor, Frank Jones*

*Sextons, Russell Whaley/Devon Goodwin/*

*Joe Kalil/Toni McIlwaine,/LaDonna Cuffee*

# SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

January 3, 2016

Epiphany Sunday

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Joseph e bien Marie” Claude Balbastre

## CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN #220 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

**Refrain:**

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove  
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived;  
When we shall leave this place.*

## CLAIMING OUR HOPE

SCRIPTURE READING

Anana Tinnhe

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

CHORAL ANTHEM “From the Eastern Mountains” Henry Halls

**\*GOSPEL**     Matthew 2:1-12

**SERMON**     “Relocation”             Reverend Robin Hynicka

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

I believe in God, Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only child, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, is seated at the right hand of God, and 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.

**HYMN #254**   “We Three Kings”

## **CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **SILENT MEDITATION**

*Leader:* Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
That proves God’s love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

*People:* **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

*Leader and people:* **Glory to God. Amen.**

## **OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

**OFFERTORY HYMN**   “Andante”     arr. William Boyce

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #94**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Praise God, the source of all our gifts!*

*Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!*

*Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## **THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION**

### **TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP**

#### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*The musical setting on pages 23-24*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image, and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is The One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed Jesus to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. Jesus healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Child Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **BREAKING THE BREAD**

Because there is one loaf,

We, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

## **GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

*The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.*

*The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen.*

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Let us all pray:

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

## **SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN #245**      “The First Noel”

### **\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Go forth in peace.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE** “Solemn Processional” Leon Boellmann

*\* Please stand, in body or spirit*

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*Devices for the hearing impaired are available at the Chapel office.*



**Guest Musician** Paul Marchesano

**Worship Leader:** Nicola Jefferson

**Greeters:** Shirlee Chambers and Bryan Sieber

**Nursery Attendant:** Mark McNeill

# *Calendar of Events*

**January 3, 2016 to January 11, 2016**

<b>SUN</b>	01/03	8:30 Worship Service, Chapel 9:45 Children's Sunday School 9:45 Adult Sunday School 9:45 Choir rehearsal, choir loft 11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary 12:20 to 3 Deaconess Darlene, Sanctuary 2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:00 Grace Café
<b>MON</b>	01/04	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
<b>TUE</b>	01/05	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
<b>WED</b>	01/06	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
<b>THUR</b>	01/07	5:30 AA, Nicholas Hall
<b>SUN</b>	01/10	8:30 Worship Service, Chapel 9:45 Children's Sunday School 9:45 Choir rehearsal, choir loft 11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary 12:00 Get Acquainted Time, Chapel 12:20 to 3 Deaconess Darlene, Sanctuary 2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:00 Grace Café
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for the full calendar of happenings.

## **Parking**

*Garage parking coupons are available from the Chapel office **only** for the Convention Center self-park next door. You must show your ticket and give your name at our office to receive your coupon*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



*Thank You and God Bless You, Everyone!*

*The entire staff of Arch Street would like to thank  
the members of the congregation for their  
Christmas generosity.*

*We wish you all a blessed and happy New Year.*

## **PRAY-ers Needed!**

On January 5th, I will begin a series of chemotherapy treatments and I am asking for PRAY-ers for that day who will send special prayers for me. Since I have never been sick until this year this is a new experience for me and I am in need of support during this health challenging journey. My treatment plan will be to receive chemo every three weeks for 3-6 months. Judy Claude has agreed to be my companion and driver during this time, so please hold her in your prayers as well.

Thanking you in advance for your support, love and prayers.  
I give thanks and praise to God the Great Physician and Healer!

With a Grateful Heart  
Wilhelmina





## Small Bible Study Groups

The Bible Study Groups have been meeting since October and most have completed the 7 week series. However, each group is welcome to adapt or extend the schedule to meet their specific needs. For more information on each group, especially concerning the rest of 2015, please contact the group leaders:

Robin Hynicka - [robin@archstreetumc.org](mailto:robin@archstreetumc.org)

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Molly & Khoi Dang - [molly.dang@hotmail.com](mailto:molly.dang@hotmail.com)

The Bible Study sessions for the Winter 2016 season are scheduled to begin the week of February 7, 2016 and continue through the week of March 20, 2016. The basic format is centered on the passages of scripture used in Sunday worship; however each group is free to develop their own agenda and set of activities. The conveners will provide the space, time and support for folks to share what really matters. "What really matters to your heart?" is the leading question.

## Community Forum Winter Series is Almost Here!

Our Community Forums series is starting up again for its winter season! Join us in the chapel on these Wednesday evenings to learn about and experience diverse and fascinating subjects that are important to our community. Each forum is at 6pm, and a light supper and childcare will be provided. For more information, check out our website ([archstreetumc.org](http://archstreetumc.org)) and our Facebook page ([facebook.com/archstreetumc](https://facebook.com/archstreetumc)), or email Rachel at [RTernes@umcmmission.org](mailto:RTernes@umcmmission.org).

Winter Season Community Forum Dates:

January 20: Community Mixtapes: Songs to Ease the Anxious Mind

January 27: Art Activism: Animating Anti-racism Advocacy

February 3: Interrupting Injustice: Mass Incarceration

February 24: America's Racial Myths

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JAN 7TH  
6-9PM

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THURSDAY

OPENING EVENT

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& MOTHER BETHEL AME CHURCH

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registration not

necessary for

Thurs event

## THE BLACK PROPHETIC VOICE IN A MORALLY BROKEN WORLD

The Rev. Jeremiah Wright

MOTHER BETHEL AME CHURCH | 419 S. 6TH ST. PHILADELPHIA  
REV. MARK TYLER, SENIOR PASTOR

### THURSDAY SCHEDULE

6PM: PAMELA LIGHTSEY & OBERY HENDRICKS

7PM: ONE-ON-ONE CONVERSATION W/ JEREMIAH WRIGHT  
& RENEE MCKENZIE

8PM: NYASHA JUNIOR TO MODERATE A CONVERSATION W/  
LESLIE CALLAHAN, RAMONA AFRICA, JOSEF SORETT,  
& KAMEELAH MU'MIN RASHAD

## **Does your child stay with you during the service?**

If you would like to keep your young child occupied during the service see one of the ushers. There are activity bags in the front and back of the sanctuary for **young** children who are staying with their parents.

## **Grace Café News**

Grace Café offers dinner for our homeless friends this evening. After a brief period of faith-sharing this evening, those gathered will enjoy a home-cooked meal prepared by our own Arch Street members this evening. There are lots of openings for hosts to bring food and prepare a meal for about 200 people. If you know of a group that would like to assist in this important mission, please have them contact Deaconess Darlene DiDomineck at [darlene.didomineck@gmail.com](mailto:darlene.didomineck@gmail.com)

## **Sunday School**

All those interested in reading, reflecting on and discussing the Bible passages used in each week's sermon are invited to meet in the Chapel every Sunday at 9:45am. The scripture readings for today's class are . Isaiah 43:1-7, Acts 8:14-17, and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22. The readings for NEXT week are Isaiah 62:1-5, 1Corinthians 12:1-11 and John 2:1-11.

## **#BlackChurchesMatter GoFundMe Campaign**

The inspiring and powerful witness made by the folks of the Emanuel AME Church in the face of tragedy at the hands of blatant racism has moved us to say loud and clear that #BlackChurchesMatter. Additionally, we need to say louder and clearer that Black Churches in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church matter. The Urban Commission and Metro Ministries of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference have sponsored a [GoFundMe campaign](#) to support these churches and the work they do to spread a message of peace and racial equality in their communities. [DONATE NOW.](#)

## **A Look at Our Faithfulness**

Combined attendance for **Sunday, December 27, 2015** was 122 and for Grace Café, 213. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.



## Giving Arch Street Church a Facelift *"many hands make light work"*

A group of people is forming at Arch St, who enjoy working on cosmetic projects around our church. We would be in consultation with our amazing building supervisor, Frank Jones, and meet once or twice a month to work on a very focused cosmetic project. One project, done well, at a time. Interested? Contact: **Marge Donnelly** [donnely\\_386@msn.com](mailto:donnely_386@msn.com)



## United Methodist Women 2016 Calendar of Events

Our next meeting will be on **Sunday January 10th**, when there will be a discussion of the book, Things your mother never told you; a woman's guide to sexuality by Kim Gaines Eckert.

Yes, this really is a selection of the United Methodist Women Reading Program in the category of Spiritual Growth. I will have copies in church on Sunday December 20, December 27, and January 3. It is also available in Kindle. **If you would like me to mail you a copy, please tell me and send me your address.** At this meeting, Sunday January 10, we will also make our pledges for the upcoming year, vote on our budget and pledge to mission, and discuss other mission activity we wish to support

**Sunday, February 7:** (We are meeting a week early to avoid Valentine's Day) UMW Meeting.

**Sunday March 13th: UMW meeting and book discussion of I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai.(UMW reading program category: Leadership)**

**Sunday, April 10:** UMW Meeting

**Sunday May 1:** (We are meeting a week early to avoid Mother's Day) and General Conference (which is May 10-20 in Portland, Oregon).

Book discussion of Just Mercy: a story of justice and redemption by Bryan Stevenson. (UMW Reading Program category Social Action).

**Sunday June 7th:** This is a week early to avoid the annual Pride March. Book discussion of Dreamers: An immigrant generation's fight for their American Dream by Ellen Truax.

In the summer we will have a potluck supper and then in September we will resume with a book discussion of The Underground Girls of Kabul.

## **United Methodist Men explore “The Hidden Spirituality of Men”**

During the 2015-2016 seasons, the United Methodist Men will explore the lessons contained in the book The Hidden Spirituality of Men by Matthew Fox. The book explores the question: Why do men hide their deepest feelings and spiritual insights? Among the reasons discussed are the following:

- Many men carry wounds inside they would rather forget or put aside than admit are there.
- Men don't know how — and are not trained — to deal with their anger and outrage in healthy ways.
- Men sometimes work so hard that they do not have time or space for exploring their hearts.

Pastor Robin will work closely with the United Methodist Men on this project. Please speak to Pastor Robin about getting a copy of the book.

## **POWER Outage? Not At All.**

So many of Arch Street Church's members have responded to the many calls for support over the last few years for Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower and Rebuild (POWER). You have made phone calls to voters and knocked on their doors, donated money, visited legislators in their offices in City Hall and in Harrisburg, showed up at rallies and marches, participated in religious services for racial justice, and walked in the largest MLK parade in the country (to name a few POWER actions).

If you have been wondering why your help hasn't been requested lately and have been thinking that the organization responsible for wage increases and real hope for public education is on vacation, you will be glad to know that POWER is in a very active process of reflecting and renewing. While so much has been done, and POWER is now a recognized force for moral justice in the city and state, we can do better.

With help from an outside contractor and input from hundreds of POWER members (including from our church) a top to bottom appraisal is underway. A new board structure is being implemented. We are taking a hard look at organizational issues of race and gender. A need for better communication in all aspects has been acknowledged.

Last week new city councilwoman Helen Gym was the featured speaker at POWER's annual fundraiser. Mayor-elect Jim Kenney was there too and said he expects us to keep up the pressure on him to stay on track on the issues that matter to us.

So while we are not pounding the pavements, calling, attending workshops and meetings as intensely as a few months ago, our work has not stopped and won't stop until Philadelphians are working, wages allow for a life of dignity, and our children are offered an education equal to that of children in wealthy suburbs.

Thank you for your past help and in advance for your future efforts. If you would like more information from select POWER committees, please contact Nancy Megley at 215-749-2392.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers of Healing** for *Pat Taylor, Deanna Cottom, Kathleen Stewart, D. Nicholas Tyrone Christy, Virgil Watson, Roxy Setzer, Jim Griscol, , Leo Gatewood, Gloria Young, Russell Whaley, Tanya Graves, Frank Lexa, Cheryl Roebuck, Dorothy Hurley, David Taylor, Dolores Farinre-Carey, J. J., Mr. Franco, Skylar, John Johnson, Len Metzler, Loretta Wootten, Evelyn Tinsley, Emily Jenson, Marsha Wittman, Jenny Jakacki, Laura Massey, Steve Whaley, Nuwoo Gbarbea, Tim Brazelton, Diann Rollins, Joan Wood, James Williams, Anthony Mastrando, Inez Barrett-Otey, Diana Amey, Casey Edwards, Temple Joiner, Ann Gennaro, Mark Fischer, Ida Bristoe, Maureen Norman, Jeanne Kostenbader, Donald Lathrop, Pamela Thomas, Rev. James Pittman, Sandra Parker, Marion Dabney, Patricia Pape, Yazid Jones, Ernie, John Tucker, Lou Brooks, Rob Koob, Jada Bascom, Minerva Clark, Vanessa & Yaddy Sellers, Nakia Rimmer, Don Allen, Anna Cole, Christopher Browne, Betty Flowerree, Troy McColley, Barton Burke, Thomas Onorato, Roy Samuel Layden, Dorothy Eady, Molly Villafane, Pamela Maupin, Mary Reece, Celestine Justin, Louis Harrigan, Mayra Malonada, Sheldon Nixon, Althea Sea, Dumis Randolph, Joanne Ferreri, Rosemary Schier, Margaret Smith, Carla Kelley*

**Prayers of Encouragement** *Alice Ming and family on the death of her father, Ray Mount and family on the death of his Father, Darnaby Family, Bailey Family, Nate Parther, Grace, Jeff, Charles and David, Rev. Brett Charsky, Anthony Eugene Smith and his mother, Christina, Rashida Bryant, Shelly Folks, the Thompson/Norman family, Calvin Smith, Jr., John Kitterell, Deborah Seely, Caroline Lopopolo, Alexander Grant, Lynn Jamison, Lonnie Minor, Anana Tinnhé, Laura Harrigan, Anna Burton, Glenda Cooke, Connie Knight, Rick Taylor, the Robertson family, Dorothy Watson and family, the family of Lunette Ellis, for Joe, Rich, and Elaine Jenson and family.*

**Prayers of Protection** *for our service people and those living in parts of the world under conflict. Please pray for those who are hungry, ill, displaced, or living in poverty because of natural and human-made disasters, and for the workers who minister to them.*

## **ARCH STREET UMC VISION**

Arch Street United Methodist Church will be a welcoming Christian community that inspires openness, understanding, healing and reconciliation both within the congregation and in the community-at-large.

## **ARCH STREET MISSION STATEMENT**

Arch Street United Methodist Church's mission is to love God and neighbor by nurturing individuals on their spiritual journeys, encouraging creativity in faithful service, strengthening relationships and promoting justice.

*GOD'S TABLE IS OPEN TO ALL.*

*THERE'S ROOM AT THE TABLE FOR YOU.*

Arch Street United Methodist Church is a community of faith-keeping and faith-seeking people who embrace diversity in our congregation and community, and affirm the dignity and worth of every person as created in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for all of the gifts of God among us. Our welcome knows no boundaries, whether of age, racial or ethnic background, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity, economic or marital status, or physical or mental ability. We welcome all to share in the ministry, fellowship, and blessings of full participation as members of Christ's body.



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