

# Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation  
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**January 22, 2017**  
**11:00 AM Service**

*Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka*  
*Visitation Pastor, Reverend Reinhard Kruse*  
*Deacons, Reverend Nikki Kelley Kleinberg,*  
*Reverend David Krueger,*  
*Deaconess, Darlene DiDomineck*  
*US2, Rachel Ternes*  
*Music Director, Adam Haines*  
*Secretaries, Carla Brickhouse, Anne McCormick*  
*Building Supervisor, Frank Jones*  
*Sextons, Devon Goodwin, Russell Whaley,*  
*John Buzby, Toni McIlwaine, Joe Kalil*

# SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

January 22, 2017

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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PRELUDE "Allegro Maestoso" Peters

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT "Oh Morning Star How Fair How Bright"

CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN #545 "The Church's One Foundation"

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Litany to Illuminate the Inauguration**

Letanía para Iluminar la Inauguración

Leader: God is great!

¡Dios es grandioso!

**People: Any nation's greatest is measured by its grassroots communities who seek justice for all.**

Gente: Lo máximo de cualquier nación es medido por sus comunidades de base que buscan la justicia para todos.

Leader: God is good!

Líder: ¡Dios es bueno!

**People: Any nation's goodness is tied to its positive impact on preserving and promoting everyone's human rights!**

Gente: ¡La bondad de cualquier nación está ligada a su impacto positivo en la preservación y la promoción de los derechos humanos de todos!

Leader: We thank God for our food.

Líder: Damos gracias a Dios por nuestra comida.

**People: Any nation's greatness is related to its policies and practices that provide for a sustainable environment that results in food security for all.**

Gente: La grandeza de cualquier nación está relacionada con sus políticas y prácticas que proveen un ambiente sostenible que da como resultado seguridad alimentaria para todos.

Leader: By God's hands we are fed.

Líder: Por las manos de Dios estamos alimentados.

**People: Any nation's goodness is determined by how its differences are nourished by deep listening and understanding.**

La gente: La bondad de cualquier nación está determinada por cómo sus diferencias se nutren de la escucha profunda y la comprensión.

Leader: Give us, O God our daily bread

Líder: Danos, Dios nuestro pan de cada día

**People: Any nation's greatness depends on providing room at the table for all voices to speak the truth.**

Gente: La grandeza de cualquier nación depende de proporcionar espacio en la mesa para que todas las voces digan la verdad.

**ALL: God is great and God is good! Amen.**

**TODOS: ¡Dios es grande y Dios es bueno! Amén.**

**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*"Sweet, Sweet, Spirit"*

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

*Hay un dulce espíritu aquí  
y yo sé que es el Espíritu del Señor  
Hay amor divino hoy aquí  
y yo sé que es la presencia del Señor*

*Dulce Espíritu, tierno Creador  
quedate hoy aquí  
llenándonos con tu amor  
y para siempre yo levantaré  
mi corazón y voz  
en paz renovarás  
estando hoy aquí*

**CLAIMING OUR HOPE**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Don Caskey

Psalm 8

Revelation 21: 5-6

**CHORAL ANTHEM** "All Thy Works Praise Thee" Webber

**GOSPEL** Matthew 25: 31-45

**SERMON:** "I Don't Know Much" Reverend Louis Mitchell

**\*HYMN # 2129** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*(During the singing of the hymn, worshippers are invited to approach the altar)*

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**The Lord's Prayer For Transgender Awareness**

**Our Mother and Father, our beloved parent, in whom we move and breathe and have our being, The hallowing of your name shines forth in the diversity of your children. May your peace and love, justice and equality, inclusion and belonging reign here on earth as in heaven.**

**Grant that our transgender loved ones might have their daily needs met—that they might find gainful employment without discrimination; that they might have access to medical care without fear; that they might have their rights and lives protected, and that they might find a loving community to belong to and call their own. Forgive us for the ways that we have fallen short and failed your transgender children.**

**Forgive us of the times we turned away, or did not care; for the times we laughed or judged their unique expression of your image; for the times we have misspoken, asked too much, or failed to hear as we forgive those who might have failed us.**

**Lead us away from the temptation to be complacent in the face of injustice. But instead give us courage to stand up and stand with your beloved children. For your love and justice is to be made manifest now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**Nuestra Madre y Nuestro Padre, nuestro amado padre y nuestra amada madre, en quien nos movemos y respiramos y tenemos nuestro ser, La santificación de tu nombre resplandece en la diversidad de tus hijos. Que su paz y amor, justicia e igualdad, inclusión y pertenencia reine aquí en la tierra como en el cielo.**

**Concede que nuestros seres queridos transgéneros puedan tener sus necesidades diarias satisfechas - que puedan encontrar empleo remunerado sin discriminación; Que puedan tener acceso a la atención médica sin temor; Que puedan tener sus derechos y vidas protegidas, y que puedan encontrar una comunidad amorosa a la que pertenecer y llamar a la suya propia. Perdónanos por las maneras en que hemos faltado y hemos fallado a tus hijos transgéneros.**

**Perdónanos las veces en que nos volvimos, o no nos importó; Por las veces que nos reímos o juzgamos su única expresión de su imagen; Por las veces que hemos hablado erróneamente, hemos pedido demasiado, o hemos fracasado en oír como nosotros perdonamos a quienes pudieron habernos fallado.**

**Líbranos de la tentación de ser complacientes ante la injusticia. Pero en vez de eso darnos el valor de levantarse y estar con sus hijos amados. Porque tu amor y tu justicia deben ser manifestados ahora y para siempre.**

**Amén**

***This prayer was originally written for Central Congregational UCC (Atlanta, GA) Pride Sunday worship Services on October 9, 2016 [Esta oración fue originalmente escrita para los servicios de adoración del Congregacional Central UCC (Atlanta, GA) el 9 de octubre de 2016***

## **AFFIRMING OUR MISSION**

**OFFERTORY “I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”**

Arr. Haines

**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!*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN #173** “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

**Benediction**

We see Your great light, Oh God!  
Vemos tu luz

The light that inspires us all to transition into our authentic and faithful selves.

La luz que nos inspira a todos a la transición en nuestro mismo auténtico y fiel.

Walk ahead of us into North Philadelphia, Fairmount, Port Richmond, Swarthmore, University City, and all the neighborhoods of the world.

Camina por delante de nosotros en el norte de Filadelfia, Fairmount, Port Richmond, Swarthmore, Ciudad Universitaria y todos los barrios del mundo.

We will follow You!  
Te seguiremos!

**\*POSTLUDE** “Voluntary” John Stanley

*\* Please stand in body or in spirit  
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Devices for the hearing impaired are available at the Chapel office.*



**Musician:** Adam Haines

**Worship Leader:** Nicola Jefferson

**Greeters:** Alice Ming and Raymond Wilson

**Nursery Attendant:** Guy McNeill

Notes :

*Calendar of Event*

## January 22, to 31, 2017

<b>SUN</b>	01/22	8:30 Worship Service, Chapel 9:45 Adult Sunday School 9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal 11:00 Children's Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary 12:00 Get Acquainted Time, Chapel 12:20 to 3:00 Deaconess Darlene, Sanctuary 2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:00 Grace Café
<b>MON</b>	01/23	1:00 Tea and Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
<b>TUES</b>	01/24	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
<b>WED</b>	01/25	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
<b>THUR</b>	01/26	5:00 Diversity Group 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
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happenings.

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WHAT'S  
HAPPENING

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## Ecumenical Sunday We are all in this together.

### **Preaching at ASUMC Today**

**The Rev. Liam Hooper (8:30) and The Rev. Louis Mitchell (11AM) will share the preaching responsibilities today and together will make a special presentation during the Adult Bible Study (9:45am). Pastor Hynicka is away leading a retreat with the young adults in the congregation's "You Called?" – Mentoring Program. He invites you to welcome both Liam and Louis into our community and to love them like God loves all of us.**

**The Reverend Liam M. Hooper, M.Div.**, is the founder of GRASP (Gender Revisioning and Sexuality Pathways), which aims to improve the lives of trans people in the community through public education, advocacy, activism, and general support activities. As an openly trans man, Li takes seriously the call to freely tell his story, to be as authentically who he is as possible, to engage in responsible education and advocacy, and to hear and respect the stories of others. Through trans advocacy work, awareness-raising, social justice work, education, and theological activism, Li strives to work for greater safety, freedom, and acceptance for trans people and all those in the vast, diverse continuum of persons. Liam Hooper lives in the deep south with his wife, Diana, a freelance publishing professional who keeps his calendar in line, and their teenage son, who keeps them on their toes.

The Reverend Liam Hooper is also the Transgender Community Coordinator for the Reconciling Ministry Network and is available to assist congregations in becoming increasingly more welcoming, accepting, and inclusive. This work is steeped in interdependence and so Liam is eager to connect with transgender persons, families, and allies in our congregation and community with whom he can partner in the work.

Educational workshops/trainings available on basic information, issues, theological considerations, and practical processes for accommodation and inclusion of transgender persons in life of the church include the following:

- The differences between sexual orientation and gender identity
- Respecting proper pronouns/Affirming Personhood
- Intersectional Awareness-Raising
- Theology of Welcome and Accommodation
- How to Be/Become an Affirming, Accompanying Ally
- History of Gender and Trans-Beingness
- Workshops designed to your specific needs
- Workshops that explore Biblical stories in the context of gender and sexual ways of being so we can expand our understanding of what it means to be human beings in faithful relationship to God, our Creator, and to God's vast and diverse continuum of people.

For more information please visit [www.rmnetwork.org](http://www.rmnetwork.org) or contact Liam at [Liam@rmnetwork.org](mailto:Liam@rmnetwork.org)

**The Reverend Louis Mitchell** is a pioneering "intentional man," elder, and advocate, who serves as the Senior Program Developer for the Transfaith™. Louis has been involved in the fight for health, respect and self-determination since the late 1980s, with deep engagement in political, mental health, recovery, and black church contexts. Some key accomplishments include:

- Worked with clients and staff at Morris Home, a transgender-specific residential recovery house in Philadelphia, PA
- First "out" transgender-identified board member of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and as a founding member of Lesbians and Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action
- Profiled in the documentary, Still Black: A Portrait of Black Transmen.
- Served as a founding member of the TransSaints ministry of The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, as well as East Coast Regional Minister

- Served as the founding Officer for Religious Affairs for the Transgender People of Color Coalition
- Recognized as a part of the 2014 edition of the Trans 100, Louis was named as one of the ten leading Black Religious leaders Advancing LGBTQ Justice by BelieveOutLoud

Louis uses his own learned experience, a broad range of resources, theories and studies to bring a fresh, “on the ground”, open-hearted, holistic strategy to the work of individual and community healing. Raised in the black Baptist church in Los Angeles, Louis studied with Angela Davis in California, has been sober for more than two decades and parents a young child, Kahlo, with her mother, Krysia L. Villón

For more information please visit [www.transfaithonline](http://www.transfaithonline)



### **Robeson County Church Needs OUR Help To rebuild and repair**

The Robeson County Church and Community Center in Lumberton, NC was under water due to flood waters from the Lumbee River. The Center and the people that work there are well known to Arch Street UMC. For the last eight years, **ASUMC Youth** have traveled to Lumberton and Pembroke NC to work alongside local leaders on various church and community improvement projects. The Center is the heart and soul of working with the poor of Robeson County – the poorest county in NC. The United Methodist Church is the driving force behind the Center’s work. In a conversation, with Pastor Kelly (local leader), he stated that funds and volunteers are desperately needed to clean up and restore the Center so they can resume and upgrade service. The **ASUMC Youth** are so close to this NC community and ask for your help. **Pastor Robin has set a stretch goal of \$8,000.** Gifts can be made to this special cause in honor of a special person. Please use the special offering envelope inserted in the bulletin. Checks should be made out to Arch Street UMC with the words ***Flood Relief*** on the memo line.



## Great Turnout from Arch Street!

Thanks to all the Arch Streeters who came and brought their families and friends to the march and rally for justice at Mother Bethel AME Church on MLK Day last Monday! We were part of the thousands who joined POWER and its many allies in the MLK DARE (Day of Action, Resistance, and Empowerment) Coalition to take a stand for 10 fundamental rights named on our brightly colored signs:

- The right to vote in a fully representative democracy
- Freedom from discrimination
- Shared prosperity
- A healthy planet
- Quality public education
- Affordable housing
- Health care
- Equal justice for all
- A pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants
- The right to unionize

You can read the full “21st Century Declaration of Rights for a Better America” on the bulletin board next to the chapel office or online at [www.powerphiladelphia.org/](http://www.powerphiladelphia.org/).

We know these are challenges, and as people of faith, we know God will be with us and sustain us in the work ahead.

### Grace Café

Grace Café (ASUMC’s outreach to folks currently without homes) is open **every Sunday** through the end of June. After a brief period of faith sharing, those gathered will enjoy a home-cooked meal hosted by Royal Arcanum. There are still 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 the church office at 215-568-6250 or Darlene

DiDomineck at [gracecafe Philly@gmail.com](mailto:gracecafe Philly@gmail.com) Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome.

### **A Look at Our Faithfulness**

Combined attendance for last Sunday, January 15th was 117 and Grace Café was 225. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

### **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 scriptures readings for today's class Micah 6:1-8, 1Corinthians 1:18-31, and Matthew 5:1-12. The readings for NEXT week are Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12), 1Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16), and Matthew 5:13-20.

### **A Place for Javier**

We welcomed Javier Flores Garcia in to safe sanctuary at Arch Street to prevent his deportation to Mexico. This is a moment in history and a precious opportunity to do something prophetic and faithful. Javier will be living at ASUMC. We will make provisions for family, friends and supporters to visit throughout his stay with us. Javier was the breadwinner in the family. If you would like to assist his family please donate to any of the three organizations indicating your donation is to go to his family.

<http://sanctuaryphiladelphia.org/get-involved>

<http://vamosjuntos.org/>

<http://archstreetumc.org/>



## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Prayers of Healing** for: *Jonathan Legg, Lisa Lore, Luca, Max Northouse, Pat Taylor, Alma Dopson, Cynthis Dupree, Marion Ambrose, Mrs. Mastrando, Chris Whaley, Sarah*

Rowe, James Hearn, Zeke Sanders, Geraldine Bradley, Michael Bowman, Jazzy, Helena & Jackie Yorker, Mrs. Bowman, Ann Bishton, Rev. James Pittman, Evelyn Tinsley, Constance James, Deanna Cottom, D. Nicholas Tyrone Christy, Virgil Watson, Jim Griscol, Gloria Young, Russell Whaley, Tanya Graves, Dorothy Hurley, Dolores Farinre-Carey, J. J., Mr. Franco, Skylar, John Johnson, Len Metzler, Loretta Wootten, Emily Jenson, Marsha Wittman, Jenny Jakacki, Laura Massey, Tim Brazelton, Diann Rollins, Joan Wood, James Williams, Anthony Mastrando, Inez Barrett-Otey, Diana Amey, Casey Edwards, Ann Gennaro, Mark Fischer, Ida Bristoe, Maureen Norman, Jeanne Kostenbader, Donald Lathrop, Pamela Thomas, 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, Carla Kelley.

**Prayers of Encouragement:** *Marge Donnelly and family, Bill Gatewood Marlene McCormick, Mat Hearn, Pat Taylor, Steven Whaley, Qing-Song Chen, and David, Rev. Brett Charsky, Anthony Eugene Smith and his mother, Christina, Rashida Bryant, Shelly Folks, the Thompson/Norman family, Calvin Smith, Jr., Deborah Seely, Caroline Lopopolo, Alexander Grant, Anana Tinnhé, Laura Harrigan, Rick Taylor, the Robertson family, Dorothy Watson and family, for 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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