

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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January 22, 2017
8:30 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

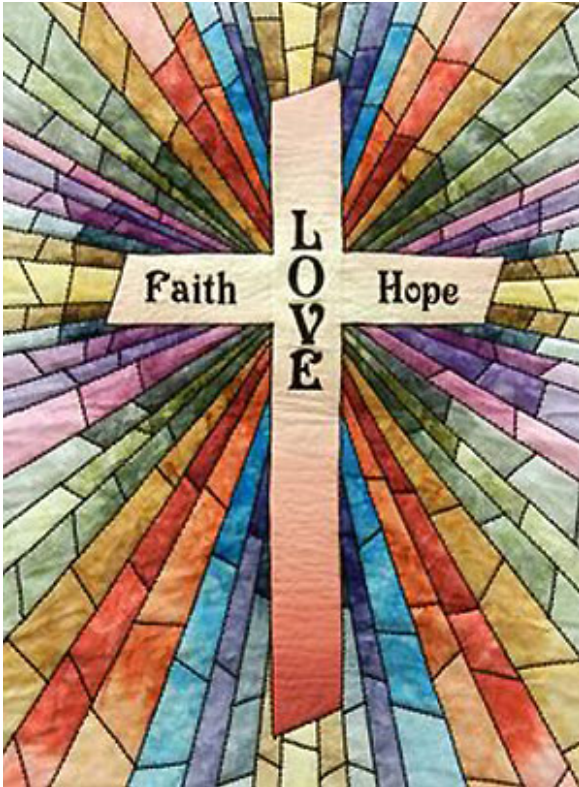
Sextons, Devon Goodwin, Russell Whaley,

John Buzby, Toni McIlwaine, Joe Kalil

PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE

January 22, 2017

Ecumenical Sunday



“we’re all in this together.”



Musician: Adam Haines

Worship Leader: Nicola Jefferson

Nursery Attendant: Guy Mc Neill

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Third Sunday after the Epiphany

PRELUDE

PRAISE SINGING

- #545 "The Church's One Foundation"
- #344 "Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore"
- #558 "We Are the Church"

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME TO ARCH STREET & PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

REGISTRATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE READING

Dottie Wells

Psalm 27

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18.

SPECIAL MUSIC #2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON "The Thing I Will Seek After" Liam Hooper

CLOSING HYMN #2236 "Gather Us In"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE #665 "Go Now in Peace"

Calendar of Event

January 22, to 31, 2017

SUN	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
MON	01/23	1:00 Tea and Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
TUES	01/24	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
WED	01/25	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
THUR	01/26	5:00 Diversity Group 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
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Please see the events page on our web site:
www.archstreetumc.org for the full calendar of happenings.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



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 or contact Liam at 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



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/.

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 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/> or <http://archstreetumc.org/>



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Jonathan Legg, Lisa Lore, Luca, Max Northouse, Pat Taylor, Alma Dopson, Cynthia 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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