

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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December 3, 2017

11:00 AM Service

Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka

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Reverend David Krueger,

Deaconess, Darlene DiDomineck

US2, Carmen Francesco

Music Director, Adam Haines

Secretaries, Anne McCormick, Charlie Meyers

Building Supervisor, Frank Jones

Sextons, Devon Goodwin, Russell Whaley,

John Buzby, Toni McIlwaine, Joe Kalil

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

December 3, 2017

1st Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE "O Come, Emmanuel"

Wilbur Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather from East and West, from North and South. By crossing borders we encounter God. We gather to worship the God of all nations and peoples. We gather to praise the one whose love knows no borders. We gather to be strengthened as we work for justice and peace. We gather with faith and the hope that one day the love we carry in our hearts will matter more than the documents we carry in our hands. One day the walls and fences will come tumbling down and all God's people will live together in peace!

OPENING HYMN #196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

OPENING PRAYER

Our God, you have given us in our word the stories of persons who needed to leave their homelands - Abraham, Sarah, Ruth, Moses. You have chosen that the life of Jesus be filled with events of unplanned travel and flight from enemies. You have shown us through the way of Jesus how we are called to relate to persons from different contexts and cultures. Inform and inspire us to in our daily living to welcome and assist those who are forced to move with both direct service and systemic change. Amen

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

Nancy Megley

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

CHORAL ANTHEM: "O Come, Emmanuel"

Don Besig

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING

*GOSPEL Mark 10-13-16

SERMON "Road Trip"

Reverend Robin Hynicka

HYMN #434 "When the Poor Ones"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are a journeying people who not only move from place to place but from sorrow to joy, despair to hope, alienation to solidarity and from resentment to love. We confess that too often we turn from the path that You have put before us and we go our own way. Turn is toward You and to those who suffer so that we might work for a day when no one dies forgotten of unknown. Remind us that You and The Way, The Truth and the Life and in Holy Communion we share Your abundance

SILENT MEDITATION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news:

Christ welcomes all us even though our sin is still evident and our souls remain open to and in need of the transforming work of the Holy Spirit. God simply loves you! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, accepted and included!

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

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

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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

OFFERTORY "Lo How a Rose Er Blooming"

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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*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, Almighty God: Creator of heaven and earth; God of Sarah and Abraham; God of Miriam and Moses; God of Deborah and Joshua; God of Ruth and David; God of Mary and Joseph; God of our Ancestors and God of all generations.

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 Jesus Christ. By the baptism of Jesus's holy hospitality, resistance to injustice, execution by the Roman Empire and victory through and over it all, you gave birth to the church, delivered us from sin and death and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit.

On the night of The Last Supper, Jesus took a loaf of bread, broke it, gave thanks and shared it with all those gathered around the table. Later that night, Jesus took a cup of wine and shared it too with his disciples. In sharing the bread and the cup Jesus offered his whole self - body, mind and spirit to the redeeming, reconciling and restoring work of God and invited those around the table at the time and now all of us to be nourished by the bread of life and renewed by the cup of hope. And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living community 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 way Jesus is present now to nourish us to embody empathy, compassion, faith, love, resistance to oppression, truth-telling, justice-seeking and peace.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes again, and we feast at your heavenly banquet. Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

Because there is one loaf and one cup, we, who are many, are one community of faith for we all partake of the one loaf and the one cup. May the bread which we break and the cup which we drink nourish us to share in the ministry of Christ.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

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#706**

“Soon and Very Soon”

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

May Christ who walks with the wounded, blistered and calloused feet of a migrant walk the way with you. May Christ who serves with wounded hands open your hands to serve and may Christ who loves with a wounded heart open our hearts to love. Amen

POSTLUDE “All’ Offertorio Domenico Zipoli”

+gluten free wafers are available upon request, 100% grape juice is used for communion



** Please stand, in body or spirit*

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Musician: Adam Haines

Worship Leader: Anana Tinnhe

Nursery Attendant: Guy McNeill

“Restore us, LORD God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.” Psalm 80:19





Calendar of Events

December 3rd to December 10th

SUN 12/3

8:30 Worship, Chapel
9:45 Adult Sunday School. 2nd fl.
9:45 Choir Rehearsal, choir
11:00 Worship, Sanctuary
11:00 Children's Sunday School
12:20-3 Deaconess Darlene
2:00 Unity Fellowship Serv, Chapel
5:30 Grace Café Devotions
6:00 *Grace Café*

MON 12/4

1:00 Tea & Talk
5:30 Diversity, Nichols Hall
7:00 Band

TUES 12/5

12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
6:30 Unity Bible Study

WED 12/6

6:00 AA, Nichols

THUR 12/7

5:00 Diversity, Chapel
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall

SAT 12/9

10:00 United Methodist Men

SUN 12/10

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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



A Day of Prayer and Support for Migrants and Refugees

The United Methodist Church is this first Sunday of Advent. It is a time to raise awareness, prayers and funds to aid migrants and refugees and to support displaced people around the world. The Upper Room has created a bilingual devotional booklet for use. The United Methodist Board of Global Ministries says the mission of Global Migration Sunday is threefold: Learn, pray, respond. Offerings will go to the denomination's Global Migration Advance (#3022144), to assist more than 46,000 migrants.

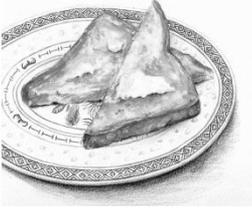
Christmas Concert

December 10th | Sanctuary | 1pm | Music Director: Adam Haines



On Sunday, December 10 at 1:00pm *Adam Haines* will present a Concert of Organ and Piano works, featuring Alto *Samantha DiPompeo* and Trumpeter *Ethan Wolfe*. The recital will conclude with a time of caroling accompanied by *The Arch Street Choir*. We ask the Arch Street Community to use this opportunity as an outreach to the broader community.

Welcome to 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 volunteer groups. *225 people attended last week's Grace Cafe.* Today's dinner is provided by Swarthmore UMC. 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 and Carmen Francesco at gracecafephilly@gmail.com. Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday November 26th was 109. Your tithes, gifts, and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

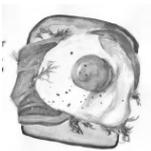
Sunday School

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 are Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, and Mark 1:1-8, Readings for NEXT week are Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, and John 1:6-8, 19-28.

LOOK in Your Bulletin for Two Important Inserts



Christmas Garden order forms are available in each bulletin. Our yearly tradition of beautifying our Sanctuary with the gift of Poinsettias and also bringing them to our homebound is back. If you are interested in participating please fill out the form and return it no later than the 3rd Sunday of this month.



Arch Street UMC will hold their traditional breakfast on Christmas Morning breakfast on December 25, 2017. If you would like to volunteer please fill out the form in your bulletin. Volunteers are a vital part of running the yearly breakfast and your support is appreciated.



Two More Questions and Opportunities from POWER

- 1. Do you wish our city/state/country was trying harder to go solar?** A new POWER Climate Justice/Green Jobs working group is holding a rally at PECO Headquarters, 2301 Market St., on *December 7th at 12:00 noon* to demand **BIG CHANGE**—20% of electrical power from solar by 2025 and thousands of good green jobs for Philadelphians! We will be bringing jars of small change (pennies, nickels, dimes) because small change is all that PECO has given us so far. Bring your pennies and join fellow Arch Street members there!
- 2. Do you want to be alerted when an urgent need for action is identified and a rapid response is planned?** When a presidential directive was issued last winter to severely curtail non-citizens from entering the country, many Arch Streeters headed to the airport to join thousands of others to protest. Fortunately, this occurred on a Sunday and we heard about it in church. POWER is launching a “Rapid Response Network” using an app that coordinates a massive response whenever needed. Training on the system is on *December 6th from 6:30-8:30 PM* at the POWER office (1429 N. 11th St., two blocks north of Girard Ave. on Septa’s Route 23 bus). If you are interested, please find more information—including how to install the app on your phone before you go—on the POWER website calendar (POWERinterfaith.org).

Please contact Betsy Connor (betsyfconnor@gmail.com, 215-232-7186), Nancy Megley (nmegley@msn.com, 215-574-8320), or Wilhelmina Young (thecatalyst212@yahoo.com, 215-227-4034) with questions and watch the bulletin board near the chapel office for POWER news.

Arch St. United Methodist Women's Calendar

UMW Calendar

Arch Street United Methodist Women (UMW) Schedule 2017-2018 Calendar

We usually meet in the second floor conference room of Arch Street UM Church on the second Sunday of the month, but there are several exceptions to this schedule so please check the calendar below to be sure of the dates. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday December 3: Another opportunity to sign up to buy gifts for refugees in both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. Worship services.

Saturday, December 9: 2- 4 pm. **Eliza Shirley Christmas Party 2- 4 pm.**

Sunday December 10: **UMW meeting:** lunch at 12pm in the conference room and Christmas Concert at 1pm.

Sunday, December 10: A third opportunity to sign up to buy gifts for refugees in both worship services.

Sunday, December 17: Collection of Advent gifts for refugees after church.

Go Caroling on Sunday December 17th

Remember how much fun it was to go caroling as a kid? Well, now you can do it again! We've decided to go caroling on the steps of Arch Street UM Church on Sunday December 17th beginning at 4:30pm! We hope to be joined by both the Arch St. Choir and the Grace Cafe Choir. Later we'll go inside and join the Grace Cafe Worship Service and Grace Cafe dinner. We will have songbooks and song sheets so you don't have to worry about not remembering all the verses to your favorite hymns. We hope you can join us and invite your friends. Everyone is welcome! Questions, ask Margaret (215-568-2206 or margaretharris@me.com)

It's Not Too Soon to Think about Christmas

Volunteer For our Christmas Party

Every year Arch St. Church hosts a Christmas Party for the Moms and Kids living in the Salvation Army's Eliza Shirley Shelter next door to the church on Arch Street. For years, this party has been organized under the very able and dedicated leadership of Betsy Connor, but this year she has stepped down, so I am asking you to step up so we can once again make it happen.

The date and place are set and on the calendar: Saturday December 9th from 2 to 4 pm in Nichols Hall.

Here are some the ways you can help join in the fun:

- -Bake cookies or brownies to share.
- -Come early on Saturday to help set up and decorate
- -Come to the party and play games, serve food, line dance, and give out presents to Moms and kids.
- -Donate money to help cover costs
- -Stay late after the party to help clean up
- -Invite your friends to volunteer for the day of the party
- -Suggest new ideas to make the party more fun

Please talk to Margaret if you have any questions or to volunteer. I can be found sitting near the front of the church near Wilhelmina at the 11 am Worship service, reached by telephone (215-568-2206) or email: margaretharris@me.com

Holiday Gifts for Refugees: Take a card today to buy a gift!

This year has been a frightening time for immigrants and refugees, as the U.S. has chosen to turn its back on the thousands of people seeking safety from war, persecution, and violence. Nevertheless, the Nationalities Service Center (NSC) has continued to welcome refugees to the Philadelphia area, and to protect and help those who are already here.. If you were lucky enough to be at the NSC Thanksgiving celebration, which took place at Arch Street Church on Saturday November 18, you got a chance to meet some of these wonderful new members of our community. Now it is more important than ever that we welcome and support our new neighbors. One way we can do this is by buying some things they need to help them rebuild their lives here.

We will be collecting holiday gifts for refugees again this Advent season. From Sunday, November 26 and for the next two Sundays, you will have the opportunity to choose a gift to buy for a newly arrived refugee. These gift items have been identified by NSC staff as things these families really need or want. Margaret and other volunteers will be at the doors as you exit the sanctuary today with a collection of postcards with a description of the requested item on each card. These items will be specific such as "coat for Syrian girl, size 3T" and an identification number, such as # 4. Take the card for the gift you wish to purchase, and sign a sheet so that we can have a record of who is purchasing what. **After purchasing the gift, bring the gift along with the original card in a bag to the church by Sunday December 17th.** Do not wrap the present since we need to be able to identify the gifts. Questions? Ask Margaret Harris, 215-568-2206 or margaretharris@me.com

HEALTHY COOKING WORKSHOP

Join us for a free healthy cooking workshop that includes:

- Low-cost cooking Ideas
- Nutrition Tips
- Food Tastings
- Giveaways!

When: Every Other Tuesday

Dates: November 7th and 21st,
December 5th and 19th

Time: 1:30-2:30PM

Where: The Serenity House

1209 W. Lehigh Avenue, Philadelphia

Cost: FREE

For more information please contact: Chalise Saunders

Email: csaunders@thefoodtrust.org

Phone: 267-658-4148



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PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Debbie DeShields Michael Adams, Owen Brazelton, Rick Taylor, Holly McVaughn, Bill Witman, Laura Dragon, Joyce Mojher, Bill Hilley, Anna Burton, Jonathan Legg,*

Lisa Lore, Max Northouse, Pat Taylor, Cynthia Dupree, Mrs. Mastrando, Chris Whaley, James Hearn, Michael Bowman, Jazzy, Helena & Jackie Yorker, Mrs. Bowman, Ann Bishton, Rev. James Pittman, Evelyn Tinsley, Constance James, 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: *William McCormick and family on the death of his mother, The family and friends of Michael Canon, Anna Burton, Marge Donnelly and family, Mat Hearn, 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, 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, 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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