

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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January 5, 2020 11AM Service

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

January 5, 2020

Epiphany Sunday

PRELUDE "He is Born"

INTROIT "Star Child" Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN #254 "We Three Kings"

OPENING PRAYER

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

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:1-12

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-12

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

CHORAL ANTHEM "I am the Bread of Life" Lole

SERMON "A Blessing of Our Church Home" Rev. Robin Hynicka

INVITATION

God's heavenly banquet is coming to earth, when all will gather from North, East, West and South. God's banquet is a blessing to all of us and we are a blessing to each other. Here at this table we prepare with hope for that day when we will share at God's banquet both in heaven and on earth.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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

OFFERTORY

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

*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!

The Great Thanksgiving for Epiphany

God is with us

We are not alone

Christ is present here

The Spirit moves within us

Let us give thanks to God:

Your song of wisdom echoes through the ages, your ancient promise still brings us hope. You sent prophets, messengers, and Wise Ones to remind us of the promised time of justice and peace that would embrace the world. They disrupted despair and filled us with hope. You spoke to a young woman named Mary and made the promise in a new way. You gave her a child, who would be called Jesus. You gave her a child who would change the world. As we welcome that child, we echo these ancient words:

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel has come to thee, O Israel.

As we live in hope and celebrate the birth of Jesus anew, we remember the life that this baby will live. We remember how he broke the bonds of oppression and how he poured out love on all those cast aside. He cast a vision for a future where oppression and death are no more. He blessed, broke and shared bread and said this is my body broken. He blessed, poured and shared the cup and said this is my blood shed. We remember how Jesus turned

brokenness into the bread of life and emptiness into the cup of hope. This is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

Gracious God, the Spirit of Epiphany rested on Mary, Joseph, and the Wise Ones. Pour out your Spirit upon us gathered here. As we eat and drink may we know your presence. As we eat and drink may we be strengthened to practice peace and justice.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Bread we break is the Bread of Life
The Cup we share is the Cup of Hope
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer Following Communion

God of Epiphany and courageous wisdom, may this act of communion transform us into hope. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #228 "He is Born"

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

May God, who binds us together in communion with our siblings around the world, protect and guide you. May Christ, who was cast away by the powerful, challenge and comfort you. May the Spirit, who calls us to life, empower and sustain you. Amen

POSTLUDE #2186 "Carol of Epiphany" Haines

Worship Leader- Francie Preston
Scripture Reader- Marcus Huber
Section Leaders- Gillian Booth - Soprano
Samantha Dipompeo- Alto
Marcus Huber- Tenor
Cortlandt Rohsler - Bass

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing: *Diana Amey, Ann Bishton, Mrs. Bowman, Anna Burton, Dolores Farinre-Carey, Tyrone Christy, Laura Dragon, Casey Edwards, Mark Fischer, Ann Gennaro, Jim Griscol, Matthew Hearn, Dorothy Hurley, Constance James, Jeanne Kostenbader, Jonathan Legg, Holly McVaughn, Maureen Norman, Max Northouse, Inez Barrett-Otey, Lisa Silvestri, Pat Taylor, Evelyn Tinsley, Virgil Watson, Chris Whaley, Jerry Mazzola, Juanita Campbell, Pat Taylor, Robert Armstrong, Frank Campbell, Ron Singletary, Green Family, Ms. Lisa, Lillian Cahally, Radechi Diane, Olree- Collar family, Crawford family.*

Prayers of Encouragement: *Rashida Bryant, Anna Burton, Qing-Song Chen, Rev. Brett Charsky, Christina, Marge Donnelly and Family, D, Alexander Grant, Laura Harrigan, Jenson family, Caroline Lopopolo, Family and Friends of the late Ida Morris, the Thomason/Norman Family, Anthony Eugene Smith and his mother, the Robertson Family, Calvin Smith Jr, Deborah Seely, Pat Taylor and the Whaley family, Rick Taylor, Robert Armstrong, Kim Harris, Leslie Nelson, Kairns family, Doreen*

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*

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.

A Blessing of Our Church Home

L: The Lord is with you;

C: And also with you.

All: Peace be to this house and to all who live, work, and visit here.

L: The three wise ones came to Bethlehem in search of the Lord. They brought to him precious gifts; gold to honor the newborn King, incense to the true God in human form, and myrrh to anoint his body, which one day would die like our own.

L: Let us pray. O God, you once used a star to show to all the world that is Jesus is your Son. May the light of that star that once guided the wise ones to honor his birth, now guide us to recognize him also, to know you by faith, and to see you in the epiphanies of the daily experiences of our lives.

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord- Jesus born of Mary- shall be revealed.

C: And all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

All: As the Wise Ones once sought your brilliant light, O Lord, so may we seek to live and work in your splendor.

L: O God of Light, bless this (our) house and this (our) family. May this be a place of peace and health. May each member of this family cultivate the gifts and graces you have bestowed, dedicating our talents and works for the good of all.

L: Make this house a shelter in the storm and a haven of rest for all in need of your warmth and care. And when we go out from this place, may we never lose sight of that Epiphany star.

C: As we go about our work, our study, our play, keep us in its light and in your love.

A Blessing of the Chalk for Marking the Door

L: Lord Jesus, through your incarnation and birth in the true human form, you have made all the earth holy. We now ask your blessing upon this simple gift of your creation- chalk. We use it as a tool to teach our children, and they use it as a tool in their play and games. Now, with your blessing, may it become a tool for us to mark the doors of our home with the symbols of your wise servants who, so long ago,

Mark the doorway with one of more of the symbols C M B 2020

L: May we, in this house, and all who come to visit, to work, and to play. Remember these things throughout the coming year. May all who come and go here find peace, comfort, joy, hope, love, and salvation, for Christ has come to dwell in this house and in these hearts.

All: May we be Christ's light in the world. Amen

Organ Repair

On November 3rd, the organ at Arch Street stopped working. Our organ builder, Patrick Murphy & Associates, examined our organ and discovered the Spencer blower's (from pre – 1916) fan blades (from years of rust) have broken loose and are now damaged. The good news is that these Spencer blowers are able to be rebuilt and we will not need a new blower.

The trustees have approved the rebuilding of the organ fan blades at a cost of \$12,000. The repair work will begin post-Christmas. Special offerings will be taken at the Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 22, 2019 (1pm) and at our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Tuesday, December 24, 2019 (7pm). Donations can be made online by visiting our website, www.archstreetumc.org or by mailing a check to Arch Street UMC, 55 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Please write "organ fund" on the memo line. The Music Ministry Team, the Trustees and the Congregation thank you for any gift you offer to support the vibrant music ministry at Arch Street.

CHURCH POTLUCK



Bring a dish to share and join us for our monthly church potluck.

January 8, 2020 | 6PM
Arch Street United Methodist Church
55 N. Broad Street



You may have heard that Rev. Gregory Holston, POWER's executive director for the past three years, has left the organization. His predecessor, Bishop Dwayne Royster, is back as interim executive director while a nationwide search for a new executive director takes place. Last week, Bishop Royster sent a year-end reflection and look ahead to 2020. Here are some excerpts, and you can read the full letter on the bulletin board in the chapel lobby.

Dear Friends,

I would like to give thanks for each and every one of you who has diligently worked to make Philadelphia and Pennsylvania a better place to live, especially for those who struggle the deepest in our communities. I am thankful for your faithfulness in working for Climate Justice, Police Accountability, Living Wage Jobs, and fully and fairly funded Public Schools. Each of you has put your hand to the plow for justice and you have not looked back.

I want to thank the Reverend Gregory Holston for his leadership within POWER for the last seven years. First, as a clergy leader and then Co-Chair of the Economic Dignity Team and then for the last three years as Executive Director. Rev. Holston's leadership saw us through the growth and development of the organization including increased revenue and staff, expansion across the state, and victories in our issue campaigns. Rev. Holston helped make POWER even stronger. Thank you, Greg! We pray for much success for you as you journey forward.

As we move forward as an organization, we are marching into a critical year in the life of our country and the world. Decisions made this year in the multiple levels of government will shape us for decades to come. For many of the national battles, Pennsylvania is ground zero. Now, more than ever, it is imperative that we all show up ready to live our faith and moral convictions in the public square. The Rev. Alvin Herring, Executive Director of Faith in Action, at a recent meeting of Faith in Action staff said the following: "Our job as people of faith and moral courage is to Conspire, Collaborate and Co-Create!" In the days and weeks to come, we must work together to become Architects of a New Pennsylvania that has the ability to shape America. It is from this place that America was born. It is from this place that it must be reborn.

I am grateful to be back with you for this season of the journey. I look forward to greeting each and every one of you soon.



1.1.2020

#RESISTHARM

Join the Eastern Pennsylvania Reconciling United Methodists and Methodist Federation for Social Action in supporting Bishop Johnson for taking a clear stand in refusing to move forward any trials related to LGBTQIA clergy or weddings in her [November letter](#) to Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference congregations. If you would like more information about how to do this, please contact the church office.





United Methodist Women Meet next Sunday!

You're invited to food, fellowship. We will meet immediately following the 11 am Worship service on Sunday January 12th in the second-floor conference room. All are invited! Please see Margaret Harris if you have any questions.



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Arch Street UMC

Calendar of Events

SUN 1/5

January 5th-January 12th, 2020

8:30 Worship, Chapel
9:45 Adult Sunday school & GAT, Chapel
11:00 Worship, Sanctuary
4:45 Grace Café Volunteer Meeting
5:30 Grace Café Worship
6:00 Grace Café, Nichols Hall
5:30 AA Nichols Hall
6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
6:00 Pot Luck
7:00 Administrative Council
8:30 Worship, Chapel
9:45 Adult Sunday school & GAT, Chapel
11:00 Worship, Sanctuary
12:30 United Methodist Women, 2nd Fl
Conference Room
4:45 Grace Café Volunteer Meeting
5:30 Grace Café Worship
6:00 Grace Café, Nichols Hall

MON 1/6

WED 1/8

SUN 1/12

Sunday School

All those interested in reading, reflecting on and discussing each week's scripture are invited to meet in the Chapel every Sunday at 9:45am.

STAY CONNECTED WITH A.S.U.M.C!

Stay connected and sign up to receive weekly e-news from Arch Street United Methodist Church. Sign up on our website at www.archstreetumc.org

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Tithes, gifts, and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community.

Bulletin and Eblast Announcements

If your group or committee would like an announcement placed in the bulletin or the eblast, please make sure it is emailed to officemanager@archstreetumc.org no later than Monday 12 pm.
