

ARCH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Sing Along”

August 23, 2026 /10:45 a.m.

ASPC's Mission Statement

“We are God's lighthouse: a compassionate and inclusive community that welcomes everyone to join us as we do justice, promote equity, show kindness, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.”



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ORDER OF THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

On the nametag attached to this bulletin, please write your first name, and visibly wear it. As written in Isaiah 43:1 “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.” Let us also call each other by name. Whether you have been part of this community for 15 years or 15 minutes, as expressions of equality and hospitality, all are provided an identical nametag.

PRELUDE

He Is Lord

J. Donald Dumpson

**He is Lord! He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

WORK OF THE COMMUNITY

Jim Ballengee

SONG OF PRAISE God Has Done Great Things For Me Congregation
God has done great things for me. Great things, great things!
God has done great things for me.

I'm gonna be a witness for Christ. Witness, witness!
I'm gonna be a witness for Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael S. Poteet

(Based on Psalm 111:1-2,7,9; Philippians 4:4)

Leader: With all my heart, I will give thanks to God in the congregation of the upright.

People: **Great are the works of God, studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: The works of God's hands are faithful and just, and all God's commandments are sure.

People: **God sent redemption to the people, commanding a covenant for all time. Holy and awesome is God's name!**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always!

People: **Again we will say: Rejoice!**

ALL: **LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

HYMN

Rejoice, The Lord Is King
(Page 7 ; Please rise in body or spirit.)

Congregation

INVITATION TO TELL THE TRUTH

Michael S. Poteet

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Michael S. Poteet

Merciful God, how often we disobey your commandments, and how slow we are to seek the mind of Christ. Too quickly we seek our own interests, with little regard for others. Too casually we murmur and argue, instead of speaking the truth in love. Too persistently we fail those who need help and who need to be heard. Forgive us. Conform us more closely to the image of Jesus your Son, that we may live more fully for the good of your world and the glory of your name.

A moment for silent reflection and confession.

Leader: We entrust these prayers to you O God. Amen

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Michael S. Poteet

PASSING OF THE PEACE Amen, Amen, Amen
(Please stand in body or spirit.)

Jim Ballengee

Jesus reminds us of peace in John 14: ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. Here is an opportunity to share the Peace of Christ, a peace that passes all understanding. Those who wish may meet in the center aisle, and moving counter-clockwise, may greet each other with a handshake, a fist-bump, or with consent - a hug.

Leader: Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING Thank You, Lord
(Please stand in body or spirit.)

Congregation

**Thank You Lord (3x), I just want to thank you Lord.
Been So Good (3x), I just want to thank you Lord.
Saved My Soul (3x), I just want to thank you Lord.**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Michael S. Poteet

SCRIPTURE (NRVSue)

Philippians 2:1-11

Michael S. Poteet

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: The Word of the Lord for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Sing Along

Michael S. Poteet

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

He Is Lord

Congregation

**1 He is Lord, he is Lord,
he is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

**2 He is King, he is King,
he will draw all nations to him; he is King!
And the time shall be when the world shall sing
that Jesus Christ is King.**

**3 He is Love, he is Love,
he has shown us by his life that he is Love!
All his people sing with one voice of joy
that Jesus Christ is Love.**

**4 He is Life, he is Life,
he has died to set us free, and he is Life!
And he calls us all to live evermore,
for Jesus Christ is Life.**

OFFERING OF SELF

Jim Ballengee

Everyone is invited to come forward to offer their name, their prayers, and their tithes/offerings. If your prayer is confidential, please place it in the basket. If you want your prayer to be lifted up today, please hand your prayer card to the preacher.

OFFERING MUSIC

Music Ministry

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Michael S. Poteet

You are welcome to use this version, or the version which is most meaningful to you. And you may use any language you wish.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts , as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power & the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN	‘Til We Meet Again	Congregation
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May His peace be with you 'till we meet again.

May His peace be with you 'till we meet again.

'Till we reach that distant shore and we'll shed a tear no more

May He give you strength to endure,

'Till we meet again. 'Till we meet again.

‘Till we meet, ‘till we meet again—

God be with you, 'till we meet again.

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Join us in the social hall for a time of fellowship.

Notes and Reflections

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Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363

Descant

4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re-joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a-dore!
 2 Our Sav-ior, Je-sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king-dom can-not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
 4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri-umph ev-er-more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a-bove.
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je-sus given.
 and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4.
 "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune
 (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1746, alt.

MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770; desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 20th cent.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Michael S. Poteet to the pulpit

The Rev. Michael S. Poteet is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and a member of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. He has served as a church pastor, and now serves the larger church as a Christian education writer for Abingdon Press, a biblical storyteller, and a guest preacher. Mike invites and welcomes feedback at <https://bibliomike.com/>.

“The Good Book Club” on Zoom, every Wednesday, 12:10-1:00pm

The Good Book Club (GBC) is a caring and inquisitive group seeking to discover how God speaks to us through Scripture today. **New friends are always welcome!** Connect every Wednesday using the GBC link at archstreetpres.org. Questions? Contact Mike Pulsifer (mikepulsifer64@gmail.com) or Bill Smith (smithbrackett@verizon.net).

Faith Formation Class on hiatus

The Faith Formation class will resume after Labor Day with a new time: 9:45am-10:30am. Come join us when we return for discussions about how the bible applies to everyday life. All are welcome. Stay tuned for the start date. Send your questions and study suggestions to clerk@archstreetpres.org.

Upcoming Sunday Preachers

In this season of worship and discernment, we give thanks for the gifted ministers who will lead us in proclaiming the Word in the coming weeks. Below is a list of the preachers who will join us in the Sundays ahead.

Aug 30	Michael S. Poteet
Sep 6	Anne Park
Sep 13	Anne Park
Sep 20	Robert Higgs

Arch Street E-Newsletter - did you receive yours?

Please sign up for the email distribution list. Contact Daria DiCicco, ASPC's Director of Operations, office@archstreetpres.org) with your preferred email address, or call 215-563-3763.

ASPC NEEDS YOU!! Opportunities to Serve

You have skills that you can use to glorify God through your service here. If you are a part of the community (not necessarily a member) you are eligible to serve on committees and the music ministry. Please send an email to office@archstreetpres.org to tell us how you can help.

Arch Street Presbyterian Church Mission Partners

ASPC has several endowments that are specifically restricted to supporting mission work beyond our congregation. These ensure we develop relationships with several mission partners throughout Philadelphia and the world. In addition to providing annual funds to these partners, based on the income from the restricted endowments, we also seek to engage in person with these mission partners through our Church In Action activities. Our 2026 mission partners include:

ASPC Preschool
Bethel Presbyterian Church
Broad Street Love
Passion of Hope International

Penn Christian Association
St. James School
Voices Awake

PEACE Book Club, Tue. Sep. 15

The PEACE Book Club (People Encouraging A Community of Empathy) will meet on Tue. Sep. 15 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the 2nd half of the book “All About Love” by bell hooks - covering Greed, Community, Mutuality, Romance, Loss, Healing and Destiny. All are welcome to join PEACE for discussion and fellowship (reading is suggested but not required)! Please contact Kristin Lynch (kwlynchpenn[at]gmail.com) with more questions.

FALL FEST: Sat. Sep. 26 9am -3pm @ Oxford Presbyterian Church

Join leaders and members from across the Presbytery of Philadelphia for a day of inspiration, practical learning, and collaborative conversation as we explore how God is calling our congregations to renewed life and mission. Together, we'll discover creative ways to strengthen the ministry of our local churches and faithfully respond to the opportunities before us.

Hear real-life stories and practical ideas from churches that are already reimagining ministry through:

- **Expanding Mission “Heart-Print”** by finding creative new uses for church buildings.
- **Strengthening Local Ministry** through community and church partnerships.
- **Exploring Financial Possibilities** with innovative and non-traditional approaches to sustaining ministry.

Whether you're a pastor, elder, deacon, ministry leader, or church member, you'll leave encouraged, inspired, and equipped with ideas you can bring back to Arch Street.

Church in Action

August Activity

August 23rd

**Sandwich making to be distributed
to the community by the
Eastern Service Workers Association**

Come join us in the parlor immediately after
church to assemble and package sandwiches —
sandwich ingredients will be provided

You can donate money or school
supplies if you can't donate time.

Collection box in the Cuthbert entrance
or see Kristen Lynch

~ All are welcome! ~



OUTDOOR!
MOVIE
NIGHT
Friday,

**Friday,
August 28th
at 7:30 pm.
In the Arch
Street
Courtyard**

INDOORS IF RAINING

SISTER ACT 2:

BACK IN THE HABIT

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ARCH STREET
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

1724 Arch St

TOUCHSTONE PICTURES . . . SCOTT BUDIN/DAWN STEEL . . . BILL DUKE . . . WHOOP! GOLDREBS "SISTER ACT"

POP CORN

WELCOME TO ARCH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful you have chosen to join us for worship. ASPC has a rich history and a vital future before it. We aim to be an inviting, caring, and committed congregation in the heart of Center City Philadelphia. If you wish to learn more about this congregation or get involved at a deeper level, please reach out to us via our website at www.archstreetpres.org or 215-563-3768.

Ministers All Members of the Church

Elders Jennie Atchison
Matt Covalle
Sandra Danner, clerk@archstreetpres.org
Robert Durant
Leonard Greco
Kristen Lynch
Marjorie Muecke
Will Park
Roselyn Robinson

Pastor Nominating Committee

Jim Ballengee, Lawyer Chapman, Matt Covalle, Sandra Danner, Robert Durant, Mary Frazho, Jessica Johnson, Kristen Lynch, Sheila Martin, Marjorie Muecke, and Tracey Smith.

Deacons Rosetta Chapman
Patricia Covington
Jennifer Curtis
Daria DiCicco
Renée Green
Sheila Martin

Staff J. Donald Dumpson, Minister of the Arts, music@archstreetpres.org
Daria DiCicco, Director of Operations, office@archstreetpres.org
David Juro, A/V Engineer
Fayette Vaughn Scott & Kesiah Vaughn, Children's Ministry Coordinators

Choir Led by J. Donald Dumpson, your **ASPC Choir** is drawn from the following roster. Please consider joining us. The arts can be one of your ministries.

Jennifer Atchison, alto	Leonard Greco, tenor
Levar Brown, tenor	Brett Jolly, bass guitar
Crystal Charles, alto	Hope Krick-Smith, soprano
Charlie Covalle, percussion	Ian Martin, tenor
Pat Covington, contralto	Jackie Mason, alto
Daria DiCicco, alto	Gusten Rudolph, percussion
Janine Dunlap-Kiah, soprano	Tracey Smith, soprano