



ARCH STREET
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Christ The King
November 24, 2024 /10:45 a.m.

**"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."**

ASPC's Revised Mission Statement

Order of Worship

Prelude

J. Donald Dumpson

Work of the Community

Jessica Johnson

***Song of Praise**

How Great Is Our God

Congregation

Verse I The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice (all the earth rejoice)!
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice (trembles at His voice)-

Chorus: How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great, is our God.

Verse II Age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb (the Lion and the Lamb)-

Chorus

Special: Name above all names, worthy of our praise.
My heart will sing, how great is our God (repeat)!

Chorus

Call to Worship

Christopher Holland

Leader: Come, let us worship the Ancient of Days, whose throne is ablaze with glory and justice.

People: To Him who reigns forever, we lift our praise!

Leader: Behold, the One who comes with the clouds, the Alpha and the Omega.

People: Glory to Him who loves us and has freed us from sin!

Leader: The Lord is robed in majesty and strength; His throne is eternal.

People: Holiness adorns His house forever.

Leader: Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world."

People: We worship Christ, the King of Kings. Amen.

***Hymn (see insert)**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Congregation

Invitation to Tell The Truth

Christopher Holland

Prayer of Confession

Holy and Sovereign God, We confess that we often trust in the fleeting promises of earthly rulers and the powers of this world instead of Your steadfast love. We seek our own comfort and security, neglecting Your call to humility and service. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn our hearts toward You and restore us in Your grace. Set us free to forgive as we have been forgiven and to love as You have loved us.

A moment for silent reflection and confession

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

All: **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Passing the Peace** Amen, Amen, Amen! Congregation

Leader: Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

***Sung Response of Thanksgiving** Thank You, Lord 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.

Scripture Reading 2 Samuel 23:1–7; John 18:33–37 NRSV

¹Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: ²The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. ³The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, ⁴is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. ⁵Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? ⁶But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; ⁷to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God
People: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon Christ the King: A Kingdom Not of This World Christopher Holland

Response to the Word Lord I Believe Ian Martin, Soloist

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Offering of Self** Jessica Johnson

***Offering Music**

Benediction Christopher Holland

Song of Thanksgiving I Thank God Hope Krick-Smith

****Please stand as you are able.***

Please join us in the Social Hall for Coffee Hour.

Reverend Christopher J. Holland II is the Executive Pastor of Salt & Light, an interdenominational, intergenerational congregation worshipping and working in Southwest Philadelphia and Mt. Airy. In 2014, Pastor Holland began serving New Spirit Community Church PC(USA), and by the move of God was led to merge with Grace Christian Fellowship UCC to form Salt & Light in 2020. Salt & Light represents the union of churches that have been ministering in Philadelphia for over 150 years. It is that rare combination of Pentecostal fire and social justice activism; we worship and fight for justice under the power of the Holy Spirit. We are blessed to have over 600 courageous souls joining us in the work of building His Kingdom.

Also, as an entrepreneur, Christopher is the Co-Founder/COO of Connexus Technology, a leading edge technology consulting firm in Philadelphia since 2003. He is a native of Philadelphia, and holds a Bachelor of Science and Engineering degree in Computer Science from Drexel University.

After co-founding a technology startup, he obtained his Master of Divinity degree from Palmer Theological Seminary. As a member of The Common Place leadership team, Pastor Chris brings his gifts of social entrepreneurship, strategic planning, pastoral care, community engagement and passion for family advocacy to fulfill the mission. He has served for over 20 years in various ministerial capacities in the Philadelphia Tri-state area and is a ministering member of word and sacrament in the Presbyterian Church USA. He is happily married and blessed to be parents of six children.

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Christmas Eve @ with Candlelight at
Arch Street Presbyterian Church
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Tuesday, December 24, 2024
5:30-7:00pm

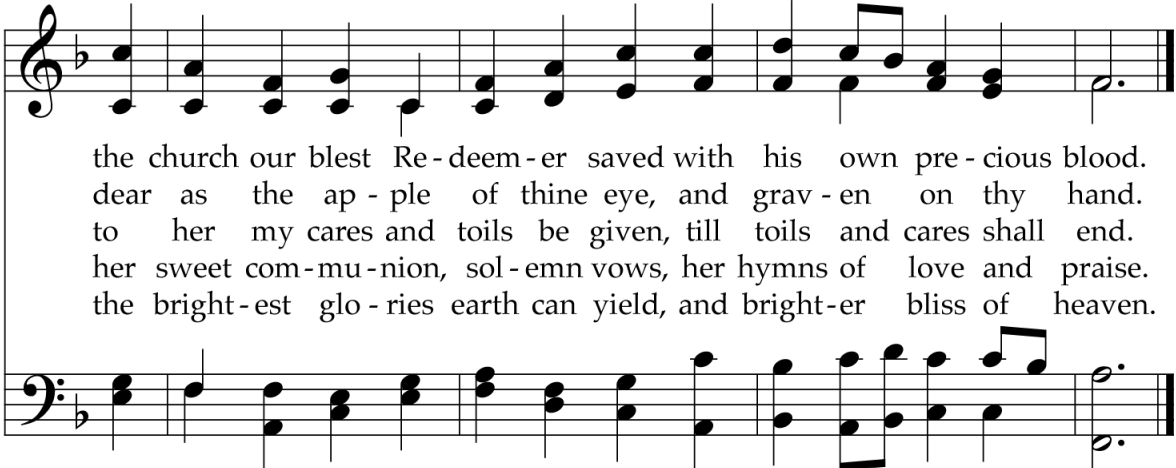
Readings and Carols
Clergy and Lay Readers
The Arch Street Choir and Instrumentalists

With special guests
Kathy Sledge, Evelyn Simpson Curenton,
Brian LeNair and others

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord 310



1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be - fore thee stand,
3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as - cend;
4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways:
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given



the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

One of the oldest American hymn texts in continuous use, this paraphrase of Psalm 137 was created by a president of Yale University while compiling a popular revision of Watts's *Psalms of David*. The arranger of the tune was the clerk of a Presbyterian church in London.

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