



ARCH STREET
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 2, 2025 /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 Mission Statement

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Norma Jean Hughes

WORK OF THE COMMUNITY

Jim Ballengee

SONG OF PRAISE You Walk Along Our Shoreline

Crystal Charles

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 6; Luke 5; Psalm 138)

Don Lincoln

Leader: In the sanctuary, God, the Holy One, whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us. Beside the sea, along ordinary paths, in our daily work, God calls us.

People: We respond with our whole heart, singing God's praise and giving thanks. For God fulfills the divine purpose in our lives.

Leader: Listen for the promise of God's faithfulness.

People: Let us listen and worship the LORD our God!

HYMN (*see insert/stand in body or spirit*) Lift Every Voice And Sing

Congregation

INVITATION TO TELL THE TRUTH

Don Lincoln

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, hear our prayers. You call to each of us, and invite us to share in the labors of the kingdom. Sometimes we respond faithfully. We sing with joy, we pray with regularity, and we use our gifts to serve others. At other times, we do not heed Your call. Our efforts for the sake of the Gospel can be mediocre at best. We waste time and energy on the insignificant things, and leave the important undone. Forgive us Lord, when our discipleship lacks energy, intelligence, imagination and love. Renew in us a resolve to follow You wherever You lead...

A moment for us to offer silent prayers of confession

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

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PASSING THE PEACE Amen, Amen, Amen!

Congregation

Please stand in body or spirit.

Leader: *Peace of Christ be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING Thank You, Lord

Congregation

Please stand in body or spirit.

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 Matthew 4:18-22

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Leader: *The Word of God for the People of God*

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“The Boys In The Boat”

Don Lincoln

RESPONSE TO THE WORD Follow Me

Levar Brown

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 *(stand in body or spirit)*

Jim Ballengee

Offering Music *(stand in body or spirit)*

Benediction

Don Lincoln

339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Good Book Club

Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 12:10 p.m.

Beginning Wednesday, February 5th, the Good Book Club will begin a study focusing on the theme:

WHAT'S WORK GOT TO DO WITH IT?

If God does everything to save us...do we have to do anything? If following Jesus means we've got to do something, why do Christians sometimes say what they do counts for nothing? Join us for a 12-week study of the Letter of James and the Letter to the Ephesians. We will explore what these two New Testament letters said to early Christians and can still say to us about God's grace, our good works, and what (if anything) the two have to do with each other. The Good Book Club will be meeting via Zoom. To connect with us go to our website at archstreetpres.org and click on the Good Book Club link every Wednesday for a Spirit-led conversation. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Pulsifer (mikepulsifer@comcast.net) or Bill Smith (smithbrackett@verizon.net).

Communing Together

Sunday, February 9, 2025, Immediately Following Worship - 1:30 p.m.

We welcome all ASPC members, visitors and friends of all ages to join as we gather for lunch immediately after church for a time of extended fellowship and getting to know one another better in the Social Hall. Lunch and drinks will be provided. Our theme will be "Go Eagles!" We will wrap up by 1:30 pm, but feel free to join in even if you can only linger a short time. For more information contact Kristen Lynch (kwlynchpenn@gmail.com).

Church in the Alehouse Book Club

Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 6:30 p.m. at The Mulberry, 1835 Arch Street

Please join us on Tuesday, February 18, for our Church in the Alehouse Book Club meeting. We will discuss The Book of Joy by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Join us as we discuss how faith has helped others, and can help us, find joy despite the challenges we face. Please join us in person or on Zoom. For more information, please contact Joanna (joanna7200@gmail.com) or Kristen (kwlynchpenn@gmail.com).

Looking for Hand Sanitizer?

For your convenience, there is hand sanitizer on the information tables in the back of the sanctuary.

ORIENTING TO ARCH STREET

Children are Welcome at Arch Street Presbyterian Church

We have a lot to learn from children and from one another as we raise them. Children and their shuffling choruses are always welcome in worship. Young children are also welcome to participate in our Children's Ministry where they play and learn stories of our faith. To find the Children's Room, exit the sanctuary doors to the left of the pulpit, make a left and walk pass the bathrooms, at the end of the hall, go up the stairs to the mezzanine level.

E-Newsletter

Are you looking to keep up with the life, work, and ministry of Arch Street Presbyterian Church? Consider signing up for our weekly e-newsletter. Contact Femi Jordan (fjordan.aspc@gmail.com) with your preferred email address or call 215-563-3763.

Give Online

While society tells us to hold tightly to our money, God begs us to be gracious. We believe in our mission at Arch Street Presbyterian Church and hope you do, too. We want to make it as easy as possible for you to give financially. Go to archstreetpres.org and click on "Give" in the top right corner.

Parking

Stop inside for a placard (on the radiator cover in the narthex) to place on your windshield and take advantage of the FREE PARKING available on 18th Street: the West side, between Arch and Cherry Streets. This arrangement is on Sundays from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Prayer Cards

Arch Street Presbyterian Church is a praying community. We hold on to each other through prayer even when we are apart from each other. Are there joys or struggles you want this community to share with you? Please write your prayer(s) on the card provided in the pews and drop it in the offering basket so that we might walk alongside you on your journey. The ASPC staff, deacons and other leaders pray over these cards throughout the week.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the hallway right outside of the sanctuary and social hall. From the sanctuary, exit through the double doors to the left of the pulpit.

If you have questions, please contact Femi Jordan at fjordan.aspc@gmail.com.

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WELCOME TO ARCH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful you have chosen to join us for worship. Arch Street Presbyterian Church 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. Someone from our pastoral staff will reply to you. You can also find more information about us at www.archstreetpres.org.

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