

**ARCH STREET  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**



**Palm Sunday  
April 13, 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

J. Donald Dumpson

### WORK OF THE COMMUNITY

Donald Lincoln

### SONG OF PRAISE

Ride On, King Jesus

Congregation

**Ride on King Jesus. No man can hinder You.**

**Ride on King Jesus, ride on.**

**No man can hinder You. No man can hinder you.**

**In that great getting up morning, fare ye well, fare ye well (2x).**

**No man can hinder You (repeat).**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 118)

Don Lincoln

*Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!*

*People: Let those who fear the LORD say, "God's steadfast love endures forever."*

*Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless You from the house of the LORD.*

*People: The Lord is God, and has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.*

*Leader: You are our God, and we will give thanks to You; You are our God; we will extol You.*

*People: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever! Let us worship the LORD!*

### HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna  
(see insert/stand in body or spirit)

Congregation

### INVITATION TO TELL THE TRUTH

Don Lincoln

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Don Lincoln

**O Holy God, as we remember your Son's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we confess that too often we've been just like the crowd. We cheer You on one minute, and then desert You the next when the going gets tough. Have mercy on us when we are silent in the face of injustice; when we offer judgment instead of compassion; when we turn away from the demands of the Gospel. Lead us from our sinful ways into the way of Christ...**

*A moment for silent reflection and confession*

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

**All: Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Don Lincoln

**WAVING OF THE PALMS**      The Palms      Crystal Charles and Congregation  
*(Everyone is invited to wave their palms with fervor during the final chorus.)*

**Hosanna! Praised be the Lord!**  
**Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**      Amen, Amen, Amen!      Congregation  
*(stand in body or spirit)*

*Leader:      Peace of Christ be with you.*  
**People:      And also with you.**

**RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING**      Thank You, Lord      Congregation  
*(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**      Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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

**SERMON**

"A Colt?"

Liz Wagner

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(Paraphrased from and inspired by Luke 19:28-40)*

*Leader: Go to the village ahead of you, and you will find a colt tied there. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, say, "The Lord needs it."*

**People: We believe in a God of surprises.  
We believe in a God with a sense of humor.  
We believe that there are things we may never understand,  
but we believe that even in the mystery, God is there.**

*Leader: They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt, and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.*

**People: We believe in giving what we have.  
We believe that actions of generosity change us.  
We dare to believe that these small acts can change the  
world.**

*Leader: The whole crowd of disciples began joyfully praising God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen.*

**People: We believe in a God who is a miracle-maker.  
We believe in a God of good news.  
We believe this good news is so good that we cannot help  
but sing.**

*Leader: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"*

**People: We believe there will be forces that try to silence what is  
just, good, hopeful, and generous.  
We do not believe those voices will have the last word.**

*Leader: Jesus replied, "I tell you, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."*

**People: We believe that ultimately, love will find a way.  
We believe. Lord, help our unbelief.**

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Don Lincoln

*Leader:*     *The Lord be with you*  
**People:**    **And also with you**  
*Leader:*     *Lift up your hearts*  
**People:**    **We lift them up to the Lord**  
*Leader:*     *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God*  
**People:**    **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.**

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Don Lincoln and Liz Wagner

### COMMUNION MUSIC

Come to the Table of Grace

Congregation

**Come to the table of grace.  
Come to the table of grace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of grace.**

**Come to the table of peace...**

**Come to the table of love...**

**Come to the table of hope...**

**Come to the table of joy...**

### OFFERING OF SELF

Don Lincoln

### OFFERING MUSIC

ASPC Choir and Congregation

*(stand in body or spirit)*

### BENEDICTION

Liz Wagner

### SENDING INTO HOLY WEEK

Don Lincoln

**Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.**

**Grant them eternal rest, O Lord; and may perpetual light shine upon them.**

*The sanctuary lights will be lowered. After the musical selection, the choir will recess in silence. The congregation is encouraged to refrain from talking until we gather in the social hall for the Communing Together Lunch.*

**We invite you to attend Communing Together Lunch in the social hall.**

### **What Is Palm Sunday?**

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, which is the beginning of what Christians for centuries have called Holy Week. On this day we remember that Jesus, knowing that he would die, turned toward Jerusalem to confront his future on our behalf. We wave palms as crowds did for Jesus, welcoming him as king. We praise Jesus today, but our praise is tempered with the reality that in the coming days we remember these same crowds turned to yell, "Crucify him!" Along with Christians throughout the world, we will walk with Jesus this week as he makes his journey to the cross. Then, next week, on Easter, we will offer unfettered praise to Jesus, raised from the dead and reigning in glory.

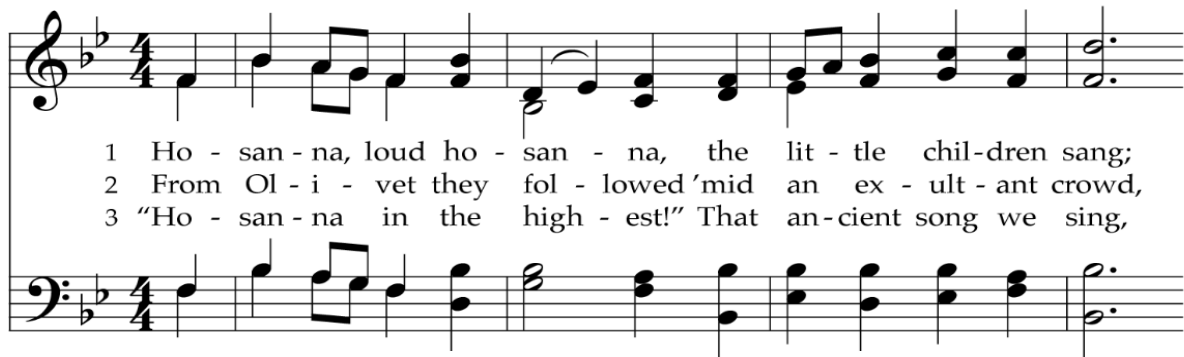
### **Let's Welcome Rev. Elizabeth Wagner!**

Our guest preacher today is the Rev. Elizabeth Wagner. Liz spent thirty years as a CPA in corporate accounting in Charlotte, NC before being called to the ministry. After graduating from Union Presbyterian Seminary at Charlotte, Rev. Wagner served as the Associate Pastor at the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, Arkansas, and then as the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Logan, OH. The Wagners moved to Philadelphia several years ago when Liz's husband Jim accepted the position of Business Administrator for the Presbytery of Philadelphia. Liz and Jim live in center city, blocks away from their two sons, daughters-in-law and "grand-pets".

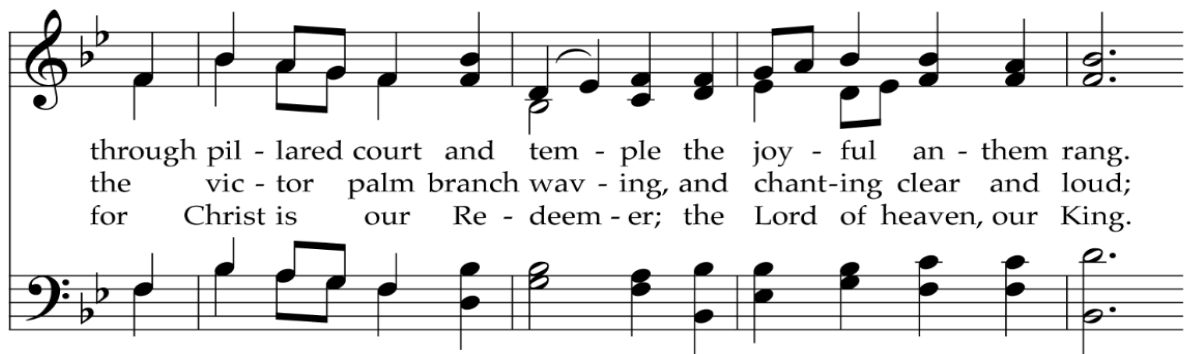
Liz had hoped to restart her final project in the Doctor of Ministry Program at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, but God had other plans for her. The first surprise was the opportunity to serve as Director of Finance at Wayne Presbyterian Church. A year later she was called by them back into pastoral ministry, guiding the time of transition as Wayne Presbyterian sought a new head of staff. Ministry at Wayne Presbyterian Church was followed by another Director of Finance contract with OIC Philadelphia.

Liz serves on the Commission on Ministry (COM) of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and is the moderator of the Southeast region, in which ASPC is located. Until recently, Liz was the liaison from the COM to Arch Street. We are delighted to welcome Liz to the ASPC pulpit.

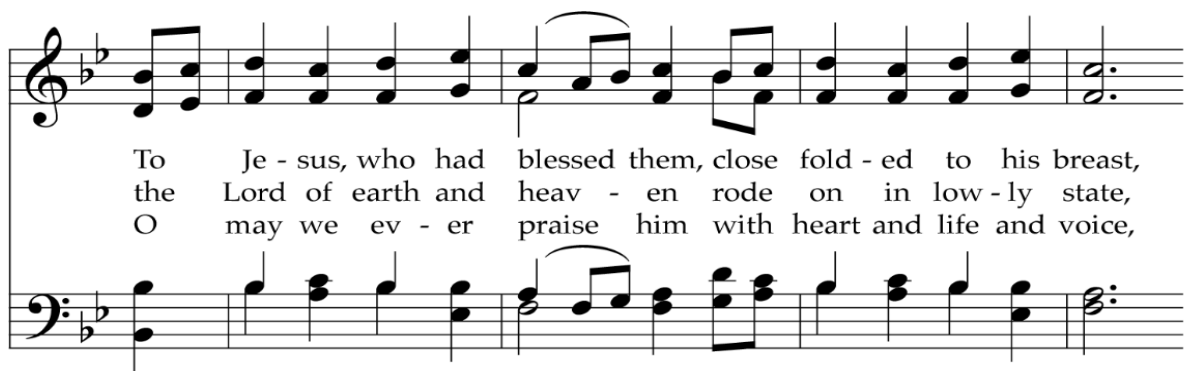
# 197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.  
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;  
for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,  
the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,  
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.  
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Sending Pastor Don**

#### **Sunday, April 27, 2025, Immediately After Worship**

Can you believe that Pastor Don has been with us for five months! He has graciously walked alongside us as we search for a new pastor. Pastor Don will be ending his pastoral role at Arch Street at the end of this month. His last Sunday with us will be April 27<sup>th</sup>. Help us thank him by celebrating and sending him after worship on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. To RSVP, please contact Femi Jordan at [fjordan.aspc@gmail.com](mailto:fjordan.aspc@gmail.com) or (215) 563-3763.

### **Communing Together**

#### **TODAY, Immediately Following Worship in the Social Hall**

We welcome all ASPC members, visitors and friends of all ages to join as we gather for lunch immediately after worship for a time of extended fellowship and getting to know one another better in the Social Hall. Lunch and drinks will be provided. 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](mailto:kwlynchpenn@gmail.com)).

### **Inquiring Minds Want to Know...**

#### **TODAY, Immediately Following Worship in the Parlor**

Do you want to learn a little more about Arch Street Presbyterian Church? Are you interested in knowing how to become a member of the congregation, or how you can deepen your engagement? Join Pastor Don in a conversation following worship, for an informational session and a chance to discuss the life and ministry of Arch Street Presbyterian, "God's lighthouse...a compassionate and inclusive community!" You can pick up your lunch in the Social Hall and join Pastor Don in the Parlor.

### **Church in the Alehouse Book Club**

#### **Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 6:30pm at Harper's Garden, 31 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St (19103)**

Please join us on Tuesday, April 15, for our Church in the Alehouse Book Club gathering. The group will meet at 6:30pm at Harper's Garden (near 18<sup>th</sup> and Market Streets). The topic of discussion is *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman. Please join us in person or on Zoom. For more information, please contact Joanna ([joanna7200@gmail.com](mailto:joanna7200@gmail.com)) or Kristen ([kwlynchpenn@gmail.com](mailto:kwlynchpenn@gmail.com)).



## **The Good Book Club**

**Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 12:10pm, Online via Zoom**

The Good Book Club has begun 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](http://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](mailto:mikepulsifer@comcast.net)) or Bill Smith ([smithbrackett@verizon.net](mailto:smithbrackett@verizon.net)).

## **Pastor Search Committee Update**

The Transitional Pastor Search Committee of eight members is working diligently to ensure continuity between our Bridge Pastor, Rev. Don Lincoln, leaving at the end of April 2025 and the future. We have crafted a job description and have distributed it both within The Presbytery of Philadelphia and on a number of job sites. We are now in the process of reviewing resumes and interviewing candidates. We hope this will culminate in a job offer by the end of April but will keep the congregation updated as we complete each step in the process. If you need more information, contact Elder Jim Ballengee at [ballengee.jim@gmail.com](mailto:ballengee.jim@gmail.com) OR 215-300-6050.

## **\$5 for the Future**

This beautiful church building has meant so much to so many people for the past 170 years. And it no doubt means much to you, too. To restore and maintain the building so that others can find community, solace, joy, and a church home here, we are asking each of you to give \$5 – or more – to our new foundation, Friends of Arch Street. \$5 for the Future is the program to launch support for the non-profit Friends of Arch Street Foundation. The sole mission of this 501c3 foundation, separate from the church, is to preserve our beautiful building. The yellow envelopes in the pews are simply waiting for your gift! Slip \$5 – or more – into the envelope and you will know that you will be a founding contributor to this new chapter in the life of our church home.

**To give online, use the QR code below**





# HOLY WEEK 2025

*Palm Sunday*  
*Sunday, April 13 - 10:45am*  
*Sanctuary*



*Good Friday*  
*Friday, April 18 - 12:10pm - 1:00pm*  
*St. David's Chapel*



*Resurrection Day*  
*(Easter bags available for the children!)*  
*Sunday, April 20 - 10:45am*  
*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](http://archstreetpres.org) and click on "Give" in the top right corner.

### **Hand Sanitizer**

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

### **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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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](http://www.archstreetpres.org).

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