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The Four G's for the Holidays

What's up in worship?

Today: Bob brings the message, focusing on grief and it's meaning for us as we approach the holidays. We'll also be gifting Bibles to our 4th graders. **Next Week:** Becky, our supervised ministry student, will close out our month and usher us into Advent, helping us recognize, and not miss, the blessings that are ours. **Coming up in December:** Advent asks us to recognize the future return of Christ and yet the present "God with us." Our journey home, no matter what life throws at us, is never absent from the presence of Christ! We'll also receive our estimate of giving cards for 2018 on the first Sunday.

Today's Community Connections:

- The altar flowers are provided by Karen Schaefer, in memory of her husband, Harry. If you are interested in providing fresh flowers for worship, please sign up at the *Connections Corner* table. (See bullet point below.)
- Feel like you missed something? The *Connections Corner* table can help. Head across the atrium and get the information you need just under the tv monitor.
- Don't receive our weekly e-news? You should! Please email Sue Kiefner at: SueK@wesleychurch.com to get on the list!
- Have you seen our new website? Ric Lehman has been working diligently to update it. Go check it out! Look next to the graphic above for where to go...
- Adult education is offered (from 10:15-10:55) by several long-time members in the chapel, titled Issues of Christian Faith:
 - November 19: Karen Marmaras – Welcoming the Stranger in Our Midst
 - November 26: Beverly Marriner – Conversations About Being Christian
- Adult Education is offered through Advent as well. Stay tuned for start days and times!
- Come deck the halls with us this Saturday, 11AM start. Bring a pot-luck dish to share!
- Please keep an eye out for a letter from the Finance Team regarding our end of year giving and preparations for next year.

ADVENT ALERT!

Advent begins December 3rd! Due to the timing of Christmas and a few other events happening during Advent, our Sunday morning worship schedule is as follows, for ALL SUNDAYS in December: We will worship all together in one blended worship style at 10 AM. Blended worship is inclusionary of both contemporary and classic worship liturgy and music. Christmas Vespers will once again be the second Sunday of Advent (and of December), the 10th. Joining us will be some of the children and families from the Wesley Circle of Friends Preschool! Children's Sunday School will be held at 9:00 AM on 12/3 and 12/17. Children's music groups schedule will be shared soon.

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Today's morning schedule:

9:00 – Contemporary worship
10:15 – Sunday School for all ages
11:00 – Classic (traditional)
worship

Hospitality is offered in the atrium.

Church office hours are from
9 AM-3 PM weekdays
during the school year.

† invites all to stand, if able

Contemporary Worship Order

November 19th, 2017; 9:00 a.m.

† Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Andy Krpata

Special Music:

All Through the Night (arr. M. Thompson)

Glockenchor (Children's Bell Choir)

† Praising God in Song (*1000 Tongues* and *Joy of the Lord*)

The Ensemble

Presentation of Bibles to 4th Graders

Litany for the Four G's – A Prayer to Prepare for the Holidays

Please see the insert. The 4th graders will lead us.

Children's Message

Pastor Andy

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Bob Keiderling, Minister of Discipleship and Pastor Andy

Whether offering your prayer aloud or keeping it confidential, please continue to fill out the blue cards and place them in the offering so that the prayer team may continue to faithfully do its work. Thank you!

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings and Other Gifts

Nehemiah 10:35-37: We assume responsibility for bringing to the house of the LORD each year the firstfruits of our crops...we will bring to the storerooms of the house of our God...offerings...and tithes.

The blue Sign-in Cards / Prayer Cards are available in the pew racks. They, as well as your morning offering, can be placed in the offering plates as they are passed along your pew. Thank you!

Music during the Offering:

You Are

The Ensemble

† Scripture:

Jeremiah 29:10-14a
Revelation 21:2-4

Reader: Nathan Jones
Reader: Tina Alisio

Message:

"The Four G's for the Holidays"

Bob

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Musical Response

Bring the Rain (Mercy Me)

The Ensemble

During the response time, you are welcome to come forward and pray a brief prayer with any of

I can count a million times/People asking me how I/Can praise You with all that I've gone through
The question just amazes me/Can circumstances possibly/Change who I forever am in You
Maybe since my life was changed/Long before these rainy days/It's never really ever crossed my mind
To turn my back on you, oh Lord/My only shelter from the storm/But instead I draw closer through these times/So I pray:

Bring me joy, bring me peace/Bring the chance to be free/Bring me anything that brings You glory
And I know there'll be days/When this life brings me pain/But if that's what it takes to praise You/Jesus, bring the rain

I am Yours regardless of/The dark clouds that may loom above/Because You are much greater than my pain
You who made a way for me/By suffering Your destiny/So tell me what's a little rain/So I pray:

Holy, holy, holy/Is the Lord God Almighty

Community Connections (Please see front of bulletin)

† Closing Song (*This Is How We Overcome*)

† Sending Out

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Please feel welcomed to join with the congregation in a celebration of life service for Harry Schaefer at 3 PM.*

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Classic Worship Order

November 19th, 2017; 11:00 a.m.

Prelude *Adagio Cantabile* from *Grande Sonate Pathetique* (L. Beethoven) Becky Graybeal, Keyboardist

† **Welcome and Greeting** Pastor Andy Krpata

† **Opening Hymn: #110** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* United Methodist Hymnal

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Offertory *It Is Well with My Soul* (arr. C. Berry) Becky

† **Doxology: #95** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (OLD 100TH) Hymnal

† **Prayer of Dedication**

† **Hymn: #377** *It Is Well with My Soul* Hymnal

† **Scripture:** Jeremiah 29:10-14a and Revelation 21:2-4

Sermon: "The Four G's for the Holidays" Bob

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Anthem *Peace Like a River* (by G. Walker) Chancel Choir

Litany for the Four G's – A Prayer to Prepare for the Holidays Please see the insert.

Community Connections (see front of bulletin)

† **Closing Hymn: #368** *My Hope is Built* Hymnal

† **Benediction and Choral Response**

Postlude: *Polonaise in B flat Major* (F. Chopin) Becky

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JOYS AND CONCERNS – November 19th

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done."

Philippians 4:6 New Living Translation

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM NOV. 12TH Frank Arbushites prayers for Allan Birney in his new musical adventure. Shirley Brandon to keep her sister-in-law, Frances Brandon in prayers. She is in St. Luke's. Joan & Bob Barlieb ask prayers for granddaughter, Kyleigh Kerecz diagnosed with scoliosis and will undergo surgery on 11/14/2017. Ray Buckno completed 35 days of radiation. Prayers for pain control & rapid healing. Clarke & Ardis Chapman prayers for families caught in the violence of South Sudan, Africa. Ann English prayers for healing for Annette Langston. Tom & Bonnie Keel for brother, Chris Pucci that he may receive a kidney (badly needed & on dialysis.) Betty Krupka for my daughter, Sue, for successful spinal surgery. Lenore Mohr to pray for our business to prosper, to guide our decisions, to remove fear and replace it with knowing God will provide & wants us all to be in abundance. Pray for Stefan Weber. Walter Migliori for prayers for Barb Brown, family friend, who has bone cancer. Ray & Lin Robey to continue prayers for those suffering loss of loved ones, and for our grandson, Derek. Scott Stackhouse & Laurie Bilheimer that all the kids and family (and Harry's kids) will be home for next weekend, for Harry's memorial service. Chuck & Wendy Stehly continued prayers for our friend, Ivelisse, with breast cancer. Betty & Ken Weaver prayers for Ron Nakata, who has ongoing health issues; and his wife, Gail, caregiver. Prayers for daughter Christine. For Scott Duncan, recurring cancer with complications, & caregiver wife Donna needs support & encouragement. Bill Whipple asks prayers that urinary tract concerns may not delay return to Rwanda. My daughter Melissa Day is beginning a long treatment for breast cancer.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM NOV. 5TH Grace Caskie for a young acquaintance and her 3 month-old daughter who are in dire financial straits. Donna Giardina for brother Tommy suffering with two types of cancer. Suzanne Hastie for her Dad when he takes PennDot driver test. Ric & Mary Ellen Lehman lift up daughter and family in prayer. Frank Madura for God's guidance in finding a job and God's grace & healing for members of the Thursday Men's Group; & for all caregivers. Kay Morgan for successful ACH surgery for granddaughter Eliza. Sandy Kereczman for Andy & me as we travel to Penn Medicine for testing & treatment. Bob Keiderling for Donna and Keiderling family on passing of Donna's Mom, Geri Mullen, and for a clear mind and clarity for Donna as executor. Nicole & Christian Lockhart for strength and comfort to Bob & Donna Keiderling Family. Walter Schoenberger for brother Harry, who fell and broke ribs. Sharon Schultz for brother Doug who had a mild heart attack. Anon. for daughter who is pregnant and considered high risk due to an inherited blood issue. Tina Aliso for prayers for co-worker Lou Taschler, diagnosed with prostate cancer; and for Darlene Miller recovering from second hip replacement. Gene White prayers for his brother, Chuck White, battling colon cancer. Dick Herzog with heart issues.

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS: (NEW INFORMATION ON THESE CONCERNS INSURES THEM CONTINUING ON LIST.)

Betty Holt with lung problems. George Danner and his wife Martha as he recovers. Peter Marmaras for prayers for Mother, Kate. Barbara & George Guldner as he deals with pancreatic cancer. Audrey Vigilanti for Carol Vigilanti suffering with kidney disorder, lupus & lymphoma; & for Ricky Sterner for double lung transplant. Suzanne & Mike Krom for Theresa for healing her cancer. Sue Kiefner prayers for friend's husband, Geoff battling colon cancer. Chuck & Wendy Stehly for Jeff with brain cancer & for friend Ivelisse, diagnosed with breast cancer & receiving treatment. Suzanne Hastie's parents, Aaron & Janice Hastie. Carol Coverl for friend Ellen for healing from open heart surgery. Nathan Jones for prayers as he takes steps to learn a trade in an effort to provide for his family.

JOYS AND PRAISES: Chuck & Wendy Stehly: today is daughter, Christine's 29th birthday. Ray & Lin Robey share prayers of thanks that their children & grandchildren are ok after a tree crashed into their home,

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO: Bob & Donna Keiderling family on the passing of Mother Geri Mullen.

THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP:

At Home: George & Martha Danner, Betty Hein, Naomi Jones

Gracedale Nancy Breon, Jane Sandt, Dorothy Collin

Moravian Village Agnes Smith, Loretta Jensen

Traditions of Hanover Marian Jeffery

Westminster Village Howard & Shirley Beiseigel
Irvin & Lorene Arnold

Arlington (Easton) Sylvia Thele

King's Daughters Gertrude Kunsman

Traditions HOA Betty Holt

Sterling Heights Peggy Jacobson

WESLEY CHURCH MINISTRIES:

Our teachers and facilitators; Good Grief; Men's & Women's Small groups, TEACHRWanda; Visitation/Stephen Ministry; We've Got Your Backpack Day; Backpack Buddies; Cancer Support Group; Wesley Community Garden; Lehigh Valley Outreach Depot;

We ask that you please update your prayer request information at least every two weeks.
This ensures that your request will remain on the Prayer List. Thank you.