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What's up in worship?

Today: The baptism of Jesus reminds us that we are Empowered, Embraced and Engaged. As we move boldly into our new year, how should we engage? There's a Kingdom-building job to do and a grace-giving God to serve. What does/can this look like in 2018 – for you and for Wesley Church? Communion will be celebrated. **Next Week:** We begin a series on worship – the heartbeat of a church's life. We'll look at the essentials of worship with a focus on where our hearts need to be. Only God is worthy of our praise! It's our #1 thing!

Today's Community Connections:

- The altar flowers are presented today by Bill, Anna, Maria, Sean, and Adam Stoerrle in memory of Jamie Rizzo. 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? 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...
- Those who have assigned giving envelope numbers will please pick up their 2018 envelopes on the table just outside the library. Requests to have a number assigned to you can be shared with Sharon Schultz.
- The Church has received a letter of thanks from the North District of our Conference for our gifts toward the hurricanes of 2017. Some of our gifts were hand-delivered to Puerto Rico!
- The facilitator's workshop scheduled for last Thursday was postpone to this Thursday at 6:30. See you then!
- We are still hoping to raise funds for a replacement projector for the sanctuary. Please consider taking a tag from the peg board outside the sanctuary and help us *Project (Y)our Faith!*

2018 WORSHIP ALERT!

We have returned to our normal schedule of worship and Sunday School. Please look to the right for a reminder of the schedule.

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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

January 7th, 2018 – The Baptism of the Lord

† Welcome and Greeting

Bob Keiderling, Minister of Discipleship

† Praising God in Song (*Washed Over Me* and *Holy Spirit*)

The Ensemble

Scripture: Mark 1:4-13a, Acts 19:1-7

Children's Message

Pastor Andy

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Bob 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!

Message

"Empowered, Embraced and Engaged"

Pastor Andy

Musical Response

Kingdom Come (Hillsong United)

The Ensemble

Your love reaches out to me/Your grace has made a way to you/Made a way to you
Your word lives inside of me/Your truth is life to all who hear/Life to all who hear

(Chorus) We live for you/Live your truth
May your kingdom come/And your will be done/As we serve your heart/Serve your heart
Let salvation flow/As your people pray/Lord we long for more/Long for more

In you death is overcome/No power can stand against your name/The power of your name
In faith we will rise to be/Your hands and feet to all the earth/Life to all the earth (to chorus)

Lord, we long for You, to see your truth in all we do
We live for you/Live your truth we long for You, to see your truth

May your kingdom come/And your will be done/As we serve your heart/Serve your heart
Let salvation flow/As your people pray/Lord we long for more/Long for more (repeat)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Please see the liturgy on the insert.

All are welcome to receive communion in the United Methodist tradition. The table is open to all. We receive by method of intinction. Ushers will guide you into forming lines in the aisles. The servers will hand you a piece of bread which you may dip into the cup, and then return to your pew. Please bring forward with you your Sign-in Cards / Prayer cards (available in the pew racks), as well as your morning offering. Both can be placed in the offering plates as you come forward to receive communion. Music during Communion: *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* and *I Give You My Heart*

The Ensemble

Community Connections (Please see front of bulletin)

Andy and Bob

† Closing Song *Burning in My Soul*

† Sending Out

† invites all to stand, if able.

Classic Worship Order

January 7th, 2018 – The Baptism of the Lord

Prelude *Pastorale in F* (J. S. Bach) Frank Arbushites, Organist

† **Welcome and Greeting** Bob Keiderling, Minister of Discipleship

† **Opening Hymn** *God Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us* #100, United Methodist Hymnal

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Bob and Pastor Andy

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Scripture: Mark 1:4-13a, Acts 19:1-7

† **Hymn** *There's a Song in the Air* #249, United Methodist Hymnal

Brief Message ***"Empowered, Embraced and Engaged"*** Pastor Andy

Musical Response *Baptized in Water* (D. Haas and M Saward) Chancel Choir

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit/Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise/Faithfully now God's praises we sing, God's praises we sing

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit/Dead in the tomb with Christ, our King
One with his rising, freed and forgiven/Thankfully now God's praises we sing, God's praises we sing

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit/Marked with the sign of Christ, our King
Born of one Father, we are his children/Joyfully now, God's praises we sing, Alleluia! Praise to Christ our King!

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Community Connections (Please see front of bulletin) Andy and Bob

† **Closing Hymn: #152** *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* #152, United Methodist Hymnal

Benediction

Sung Response *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* (J. Strathdee) Chancel Choir

† **Postlude** *Postlude on "Halifax"* (arr. L. Smith) Frank, organ

JOYS AND CONCERNS – January 7th

"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 is where the action is." John Wesley

Dec. 31st **Glenn Burchett** for stepbrother David Rohlfing, underwent surgery for prostate cancer, facing financial hardship and uncertainty. **Tina Alisio** for infant daughter of co-worker **Brett Fisher, Evy**. Fighting for life after 2 heart surgeries. Currently on life support. Pray also for strength for parents. **The Stehly's** pray for **Oskam & Hawk families**. 3-month-old son/ grandson passed away Tuesday. **Shirley Brandon** Continue to pray for **Frances** still in Manor Care. Very weak. Also, **Kasey Renowden** for strength and healing. **Sandy Kereczman** prayer that tests come back the same for **Andy** as we travel to U. Penn Hospital. **The Lockhart Family** for **Tony Beasley** on the passing of sister Mildred, 2nd sibling to pass in 2017. **Scott Stackhouse** prayers for friend Tom. **Frank Madura** for God's wisdom as mom's caregiver & in search for a job. **Bill Whipple** safe traveling mercies on return to Rwanda. **Beverly Marriner** prayer for **adult nieces & families** in death of mother Rolanda. **Donna Keiderling** prayers for **Pat Solazzo** with breast cancer; now in lymph nodes. **Anon.** for **mother** recuperating from surgery. Preparing to move parents to assisted living. Dear friends suffering from cancer. **Reggie Young** for testing & PET scan for 2 nodules

Dec. 24th **Dan Capwell** asking for relief from my tinnitus. **Elizabeth Lewis** for my Grandfather, George. **Carolyn Miller** for **Carolyn's brother, Paul Homan**, on the sudden death of son, Gary. **Kasey Renowden** healing for friend, **Hank Buck**, who is in hospital, for cousin **Dick (Jeanette)** with stage 4 lung cancer, and for niece **Brenda** with bone cancer. **Deb Silliman** strength & healing for those struggling. Pray for **Aunt Ruth** in hospice. **Christine Bainbridge** for friend **Terre Yeagle & husband, Jake**, having difficulty w

JOYS AND PRAISES **Bill Whipple** shares joy that he has been okayed to return to Jan & Rwanda; also joy for the support that Melissa is receiving. **Laurie Billheimer & Scott Stackhouse** give joy that Scott's brother is doing better **Frank Madura** thankful for the Care Givers group, Thurs. Men's Group, & the love & joy of this community. **Meg Ksenzakovic** rejoices over dad's healing after hip replacement. **Joan & Bob Barlieb** are grateful for **granddaughter Kyleigh's** continued healing. **Ray Buckno** is grateful to the congregation for thoughts & prayers which "helped sustain me through the whole ordeal". **Louis Horwath** now in rehab after cancer surgery.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO **Laurie Billheimer & Scott Stackhouse** for families of Dawn & Katherine. **Carolyn Miller's** brother, Paul Homan, on the sudden death of nephew, Gary. **Frank & Wendy Arbushites** for the Caskie family on passing of Grace's Dad. **Lois Donchez'** sister & family whose daughter passed. **The Collins Family** on the homegoing of Harley.

CONTINUED HEALING /PRAYER CONCERNS **Danielle Adams** (Heather's sister-in-law) fighting breast cancer. Had surgery and now undergoing chemo & radiation. **Bonnie Teel** -for brother **Chris Pucci** that he receives a kidney as he is on dialysis. Strength & healing for **Rebecca Flores** during 20 weeks of chemo & radiation. **Melissa Day** for her cancer and treatments. **Betty Holt** needs continued prayers for lung concerns. **Chuck & Wendy Stehly** ask prayers for **Jeff** with brain cancer, for **Ivelisse** with breast cancer, and for **Ricky Sterner** who is doing well. Pray for next 3 months of rehab.

THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP **At Home:** George & Martha Danner, Betty Hein, Naomi Jones
Gracedale Nancy Breon, Jane Sandt, Dorothy Collin **Arlington** (Easton) Sylvia Thele
Moravian Village Agnes Smith, Loretta Jensen **King's Daughters** Gertrude Kunsman
Traditions of Hanover Marian Jeffery **Traditions HOA** Betty Holt
Westminster Village Howard & Shirley Beiseigel **Sterling Heights** Peggy Jacobson
Irvin & Lorene Arnold **Kirkland Village** Barbara Guldner
Manor Care Frances Brandon

WESLEY CHURCH MINISTRIES:

Our teachers and facilitators; Good Grief: Men's & Women's Small groups, TEACH Rwanda; Visitation/Stephen Ministry; We've Got Your Backpack Day; Backpack Buddies; Cancer Support Group; Wesley Community Garden; The 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.