

Welcome to...



We're glad you're here!

Connect with us:

2540 Center St.

Bethlehem PA 18017

info@wesleychurch.com

Office: 610-865-5715

Fax: 610-865-7909



Wesleychurchbethlehem

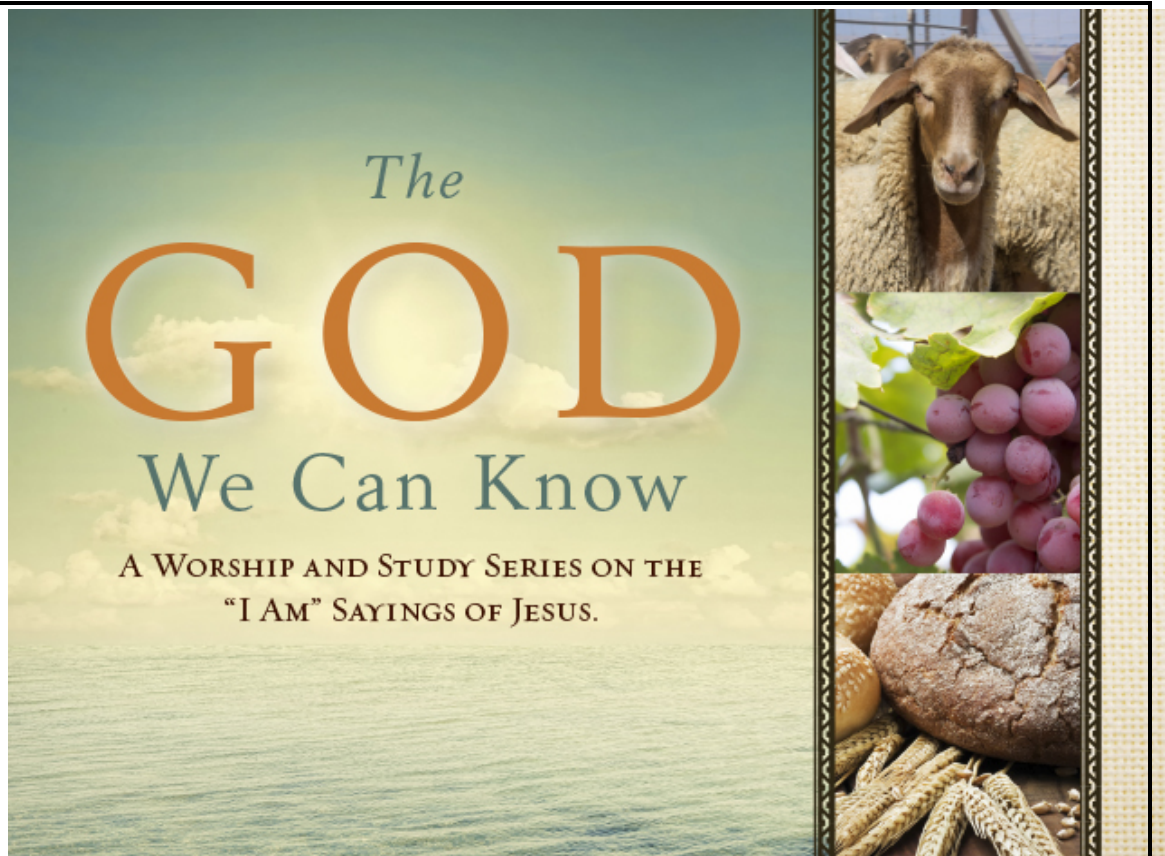


Follow Us on Twitter

@wesley\_church

Online at:

www.wesleychurch.com



### What's up in worship?

**Today:** In Jesus there is truth. When we let him be our light, he exposes what needs to change or be brought to a newer understanding. Letting that happen takes courage. The closer I stay to Jesus the more I allow his truth to search me. Sometimes it reveals unpleasant and difficult areas of my life. Sometimes it brings me to a new understanding about positions I once felt were airtight. No matter how challenging, Jesus' light always brings me to a better place.

**Next Week:** Pastor Bob will bring the message on the "I Am" statements: "I am the Good Shepherd," and "I am the Gate (or Door) for the sheep." A good shepherd always watched over the sheep coming in and going out. We can see why the Bible compares people to sheep. We all spend our lives traveling through a similar doorway. Every one of us is constantly moving between a search for familiarity and a return to security. Deep inside of every human heart is a desire to be loved. We want to know we matter and that someone genuinely cares about us. Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd" because he is the gate. He's paid the rent. He's invested in us. We matter to him.

### **Today's Community Connections:**

- The altar flowers are presented by Ken and Phyllis Niewoehner in honor of their family.
- 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](mailto:SueK@wesleychurch.com) to get on the list!
- We are still raising 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!*
- The Northampton County Outstanding Seniors Awards will take place at Wesley Church on Thursday, April 26, 2018. If you would like to nominate somebody for this award, which recognizes individuals who contribute their time and talents for the benefit of others in our community, please connect with Susan Matacavage. Deadline is March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Due to the presence of illnesses making their way around the congregation (and the community), you are encouraged not to shake hands, but rather fist pump and elbow tap your friends and fellow believers during the greeting. While we take many precautions during communion, we would also like to remind you to try not to mistakenly dip your fingertips into the juice as you receive. Thanks!

### Wesley Church Staff

Pastor Andy Krpata – Ext 13  
pastorandykrpata@gmail.com  
Minister of Discipleship Bob Keiderling  
Ext 11 bobk@wesleychurch.com  
Office Manager and  
Director of Children's Education  
Susan L. Matacavage - Ext 12  
susan@wesleychurch.com  
Minister to Youth Brian Graybeal  
wesleyyouthleader@gmail.com  
Circle of Friends Preschool Director  
Tracy Leszczynski - Ext 14  
tracy@wesleychurch.com  
Bell Choirs Director Frank Arbushites  
610-866-1718 arbus@rcn.com  
Ensemble Director Becky Graybeal  
610-867-0294 beckersflute@rcn.com  
Children's Choirs Heather Hunter  
610-863-9443 shorething@rcn.com  
Child Care Coordinator Keranie Whipple  
610-997-0832 kwhipple@rcn.com

### **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

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Third Sunday in Lent / Knowing the Great “I Am”

- † **Welcome and Greeting** Bob Keiderling, Minister of Discipleship
- † **Praising God in Song** *Cry of My Heart and Thy Word* The Ensemble
- † **Scripture** John 7:2-14; 8:12 Walt Migliori, Reader
- Children's Message** Pastor Andy
- † **Lenten Litany** *Teach Us the Wisdom of God* Ensemble and Congregation; Walt Migliori, Reader  
Please see the projection to join in the singing, reading and prayer.
- Congregational 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 as you come forward for communion so that the prayer team may continue to faithfully do its work. Thank you!
- Message** “Knowing God’s Guidance” Pastor Andy
- Musical Response** *Be the Centre* (Michael Frye) The Ensemble
- Jesus, be the centre/Be my source, be my light/Jesus  
Jesus, be the centre/Be my hope, be my song/Jesus  
(Chorus) Be the fire in my heart/Be the wind in these sails/Be the reason that I live, Jesus, Jesus  
Jesus, be my vision/be my path. Be my guide/Jesus (repeat, then to chorus)
- 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. *2 Cor 8:12: If the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.* Music for Communion: *Breathe and I Have Decided*
- Community Connections** (Please see front of bulletin) Andy and Bob
- Finance Update** Peter Marmaras and Jim Hunter, Co-Chairs, Finance Team
- † **Closing Song** *Everyday* The Ensemble
- † **Sending Out and Response** *Father Bless Us* Please see projection.

† invites all to stand, if able.

## Classic Worship Order

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Third Sunday in Lent / Knowing the Great “I Am”

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Prelude</b>                         | <i>Song without Words in A Flat</i> (F. Mendelssohn)  | Frank Arbushites, Piano   |
| † <b>Welcome and Greeting</b>          |   | Bob Keiderling, Minister of Discipleship  |
| † <b>Opening Hymn</b>                  | <i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>   | #103, United Methodist Hymnal   |
| † <b>Lenten Litany</b>                 | <i>Teach Us the Wisdom of God</i>   | Piano, Flute, Chancel Choir, Congregation; Donna Nowik, Reader<br>Please see the projection to join in the singing, reading and prayer.   |
| <b>Congregational Prayer</b>           |   | Bob and Pastor Andy<br>Whether offering your prayer aloud or keeping it confidential, please continue to fill out the blue cards and place them in the offering as you come forward for communion so that the prayer team may continue to faithfully do its work. Thank you!  |
| <b>Special Music</b>                   | <i>Lenten Medley</i> (arr. Anderson)<br>piano   | Frank - Bell solo; Becky -  |
| † <b>Scripture</b>                     | John 7:2-14; 8:12   | Donna Nowik, Reader   |
| † <b>Hymn:</b>                         | <i>Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies</i>  | #173, Hymnal  |
| <b>Message</b>                         | “Knowing God’s Guidance”  | Pastor Andy   |
| <b>Musical Response</b>                | <i>I Want Jesus to Walk With Me</i> (arr. D. Moore)   | Chancel Choir   |
|  | I want Jesus to walk with me/I want Jesus to walk with me<br>All along my pilgrim journey/I want Jesus to walk with me                                  |   |
|  | In my trials, Lord, O comfort me;/In my trials Lord, O comfort me<br>When the shades of life are falling/I want Jesus to walk with me                   |   |
|  | Jesus, walk with me/I want Jesus to walk with me<br>When my head’s bowed down in sorrow/I want Jesus to walk with me<br>To walk with me/To walk with me |   |
| <b>The Sacrament of Holy Communion</b> |   | Please see the liturgy on the insert.<br>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. <i>2 Cor 8:12: If the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.</i> Music for Communion: <i>Come to the Table of the Lord</i> (J. Althouse) |
| <b>Community Connections</b>           | (Please see front of bulletin)  | Andy and Bob  |
| <b>Finance Update</b>                  |   | Peter Marmaras and Jim Hunter, Co-Chairs, Finance Team  |
| † <b>Closing Hymn</b>                  | <i>Come, We That Love the Lord</i>  | #732, Hymnal  |
| <b>Benediction and Choral Response</b> | <i>Father Bless Us</i> (R. Mann)  | Chancel Choir and Congregation  |
| <b>Postlude</b>                        | <i>Concerto in A Minor</i> (arr. Thompson)  |   |

**“Hear my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.” Psalm 5:2**

**“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**

**Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Laurie Billheimer** prayers for safety of our children fearing to go to school. Prayers to sell their house. The **Dietz Family** pray for strength and comfort for friends during recent loss of their Father. **Sue Kiefner** prayers for Father-in-law, fell and some face trauma; also suffering dementia. Prayers for family facing difficult decisions. **Angela Knappenberger** for father-in-law, Jim Knappenberger, with 3 cancerous tumors in his body. Pray for good prognosis/strength, comfort, and guidance. **Frank Madura** asks God’s healing for Dennis, Mary & Chuck – all with cancer; God’s wisdom as Mother’s caregiver & his search for a job; Thank God for the support/ care in this community. **Kasey Renowden** for elderly friend in FL, Hank Buck had back surgery last week; she was found passed out at home, & back in PCU with pneumonia and a virus infection. **Ray & Lin Robey** continued healing prayers for Mary Ann, Jack, & Laurie; for Donna having medical tests; For those struggling with loss of loved ones; prayers for grandson Derek; safe travels for daughter Dana. **Sharon Schultz** for Joe’s sister, Susan, with surgery to remove a malignant breast lump. **Deb Silliman** asks strength, patience and good health for all the teachers, **Wendy & Chuck Stehly** prayers for a co-worker, Gail recuperating from surgery for detached retina. For friend diagnosed with prostate cancer. **Prayer Team** Shirley Brandon with back problems & bronchitis. For a brother Chris to find a kidney; for 2 year old grandson in hospital. Chris Foster recovering from hand surgery.

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

**Chris Foster** for Kate & baby Elliot; Roby in battle with cancer; flu season to end with no more fatalities, food, water, safety for world’s refugees. **Joe Kempfer** for friend as he deals with pancreatic cancer. Walt & Carolyn Migliori for Walt’s dad, Martin, recovering from amputation surgery. **Kay Morgan** for friend, Gail, in hospital with kidney issues. **Karen Schaefer** for those experiencing the school shooting in Florida. **Rich & Jan Schultz** for friend Gene awaiting biopsy report. **Chuck & Wendy Stehly** for friend diagnosed with prostate cancer. **Patti Tironi** for father, Ben’s back surgery. Fritz & Marion Werner for Fritz’s friend, Craig, recently diagnosed with cancer. **Prayer Team** for **Reggie Young** lung cancer; for **Shirley Brandon** serious back issues; **Audrey Viglianti** for unknown blood pressure issue.

**JOYS AND PRAISES:**

**Ray Buckno** shows no sign of cancer. **Chris Foster** thankful for citizens’ demands for safe schools. **Tom Keel** doing well. **Dan Capwell** tinnitus better; **Susan Matacavage’s family** recovering. The **Robey family** thanks as **MaryAnn** had kidney transplant Thursday & kidney started working Friday. **Ricky Sterner’s** thanks for healing from lung surgery/pneumonia. **Laurie Billheimer** shares Stephen accepted fellowship (5 years)@ Univ. of Iowa; Sarah passed the 3<sup>rd</sup> CPA test. **Sandy Kereczman** for Andy’s news his cancer has stayed same & PETscan in 6 months. **Deb Silliman** joy for Jackie passing her certified Nurse Assistant test and new position with raise.

**PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO:**

The **McDonough family** on death of John. **Karen Rose** for friends/family of Kathy Hartman. The Lockharts for **family of John Hoffner**. The **family of Howard Baier**. **Gail Macada** on passing of husband Ron. **Jennifer** on loss of father. **Reggie Young** on loss of brother.

**CONTINUED HEALING /PRAYER CONCERNS:**

**Kelly Hines** for her father with Parkinson’s Disease. **Andy Kereczman** with cancer. **Reggie Young** with lung cancer & surgery on 21<sup>st</sup>. **Ricky Sterner** who got pneumonia and had to return to hospital. **Rebecca Flores** during chemo & radiation. **Melissa Day** for her cancer and treatments. **Betty Holt** for lung concerns. **Peter Marmaras’ mother, Kate**. **Chuck & Wendy Stehly** for **Jeff** with brain cancer; for **Ivelisse** with breast cancer. For Suzanne Hastie’s parents **Aaron & Janice**.

**THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP:**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>At Home:</b> George & Martha Danner, Betty Hein, Naomi Jones       |   |
| <b>Gracedale</b> Nancy Breon, Jane Sandt, Dorothy Collin              | <b>Arlington (Easton)</b> Sylvia Thele  |
| <b>Moravian Village</b> Agnes Smith, Loretta Jensen, Yolanda McKinnon | <b>Manor Care</b> Frances Brandon       |
| <b>King’s Daughters</b> Gertrude Kunsman                              | <b>Sterling Heights</b> Peggy Jacobson  |
| <b>Traditions of Hanover</b> Marian Jeffery                           | <b>Kirkland Village</b> Barbara Guldner |
| <b>Westminster Village</b> Howard & Shirley Beiseigel, Lorene Arnold  | <b>Traditions HOA</b> Betty Holt        |

**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, Outreach Depot, the 2018 Young Inquirers confirmation class.

**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!**