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What's up in worship?

Today: We take a brief hiatus in our Conspiracy to enjoy, sing, play and otherwise celebrate the season as we worship through music; offered by Wesley musicians of all kinds... Followed by atrium fellowship and food offered by the parents of the children's Sunday School classes.

Next Week: Back to conspiring together... What does it mean to love all? It sounds so simple... Then why don't we do it more often? Once again, the culture says we don't have the time, the presence, etc. If we'll take an honest look at what God has done in Christ, a new realization (or renewed) can take place. We'll receive a special Conspiracy offering as well.

A Worship Alert!

Here's the worship schedule through the end of the year:

December 23, and 30: One service only at 10AM.

**Christmas Eve services:
4PM (Kid-Friendly Service),
7PM (Contemporary), and 10PM (Classic)**

Today's Community Connections:

- **The altar flowers are presented today by Bill and Donna Mains in memory Naomi Vought, and by Barbara and Stephanie Reimers in memory of Daniel Reimers.**
- 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!**
- All those who did not receive a Finance Team mailing can pick that information up on the *Connections Corner* table. It consists of a letter and a 2019 Conspiracy card (estimate of giving).
- Please bring your completed cards to worship next week, when we will offer them as an act of conspiracy.
- **December 18th, at 7:00PM; Quiet Christmas service. See Bob for details.**

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Today's morning schedule:

8:45 – Adult Sunday School
NO Sunday School for children!
10:00 – Blended worship
Hospitality is offered
in the atrium.

Same schedule next week!

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

† invites all to stand, if able.

A Musical Celebration of the Season

December 16th, 2018; 10:00 AM – The Third Sunday of Advent

Worship note: Outside of the children's groups, please refrain from clapping after musical selections. (An "Amen" is always in good order.) You will have an opportunity to share your appreciation before the service ends. Thank you! Parents, please take advantage of the parlor or child care in room 202 if you or your children need the break!

Prelude *Noël Variations in A* (C. Balbastre) Frank Arbushites, organ

† **Welcome and Greeting** Bob Keiderling, Minister of Discipleship and Andrew Krpata, Pastor

An Advent Conspiracy Wreath Lighting Please see the insert.

Glockenchor *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine* Arr. M. L. Thompson
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne Arr. M. L. Thompson

† **Carol** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (verses 1, 2, 3, and 6) #234, United Methodist Hymnal

Kinderchor *Isn't He?* Arr. J. Linn
Go Tell It on the Mountain Arr. J. W. Works Jr.

Ensemble *I Need a Silent Night* A. Grant & C. Eaton
Christ Is Come M. Weaver

† **Carol** *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* #218, United Methodist Hymnal

Klangchor *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* Arr. S. Eithun
Christmas Meditation Arr. J. Krug

Chancel Choir *Come to Us Now, Emmanuel* N. Price & D. Besig/ D. Besig
A French Noel C. A. Penfield

† **Carol** *Once in Royal David's City* #250, United Methodist Hymnal

Reading Isaiah 9:2-7 Sue Kiefner, reader

† invites all to stand, if able.

Celebration Ringers

The Holly and the Ivy

Arr. P. McKlveen
Allan Cole, Recorder

Brief Reading

an excerpt from *Advent Conspiracy* Sue Kiefner, reader
Page 19; by R. McKinley, C. Seay, and G. Holder (2009 and 2018, Zondervan)

Celebration Ringers

Impressions on Veni, Emmanuel Arr. C. Moglebust
Donna Nowik, Handchime Solo; Mike Schanewolf and Bob Sopko, Percussion

† **Carol**

Angels We Have Heard on High #238, United Methodist Hymnal

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings and Other Gifts

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. A note to our guests: We would very much appreciate having your information (that stays in the church) so we might follow up with you. Please do not feel pressured to give today. Thank you!

Morning Offering

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Arr. C. Tornquist

Greensleeves

Arr. S. Bulla

Becky Graybeal, flute; Frank Arbushites, piano

Chancel Choir and Ensemble

Rejoice

Arr. D. Hamilton

Julianna Caskie, keyboard/strings; Frank Arbushites, piano; Andy Krpata, trombone; Nate Hines, tuba

Community Connections (Please see front of bulletin.)

Andy and Bob

† **Closing Words and Invitation**

Andy

† **Closing Carol**

Joy to the World and *Unspeakable Joy* #246, United Methodist Hymnal

Benediction

Andy

Choral Response

Postlude

Postlude sur un Noël

D. Bédard

Many thanks are offered to all our volunteer musicians for their contribution to worship today, and our holiday season. Wesley Church is especially grateful to Frank and Becky, as they work together to make beautiful music and administer the music program of the church; and to Heather, whose passion shows on the faces of "her" kids! Wesley Church wishes all its members and friends God's blessings this season.

**Ensemble Director & Chancel Choir Director: Becky Graybeal
Organist, Celebration Ringers & Klangchor Director: Frank Arbushites
Kinderchor & Glockenchor (Children's Choirs) Director: Heather Hunter**

***"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

Dec. 9th

Ed & Wendy Beaujon ask prayers for Rich Wisnaski for pancreas & kidney cancer surgery; for Tom Brielle with prostate cancer & meeting with oncologist. **Melissa Day** for continued prayers for surgery as a preventative in future cancer risk. **Hume Family** for our cousin & her family for her health. **Hume Family** gives joy for the Advent season. **Sue Kiefner** prayers for a family who is losing their home. Prayers for the family of Billy Yost, as he was taken from us too soon by pancreatic cancer. **Mary Long** asks prayers for husband, Joe, having back surgery. We hope this will be an answer to pain in back and leg. **Frank Madura** asks God's healing for Joe, Chuck, Dennis & Mary – all with cancer; God's guidance as my mother's caregiver; God's wisdom with all seeking employment. **Gayne & Beverly Marriner** ask prayers for recovery of Bev's brother, Jere, from heart surgery. **Kasey Renowden** for Brenda with gamma knife surgery of brain, for Karen & Jacque dealing with cancer and for Dick's wife, Jeanette, on his recent passing. Prayers for Esteli as she takes her Bar exam this week. **Ray & Lin Robey** ask continued prayers for healing for Donna & continued prayers for grandson, Derek. **The Stehly's** ask prayers for friend, Dave, diagnosed with prostate cancer; prayers for Joe Schultz & his family. Prayers for the Beste family on passing of Fred. **Deb Silliman** for the Long family as they grieve grandmother's passing. **Spoken prayers:** the **Feuerstein family**, Sherry, cancer treatments, Ed with surgery, and son, mini-stroke; **Joe & Sharon Schultz** family, Joe with tumor on lung & metastasized into bone and Sharon's mother recently passing, the family needs prayers. **Tina Alisio**, biopsy for cancer. **Carol & John Covert's** recent hospital visit. **Fran Focht; Bruce Somers;** Children in Middle East with disease & violence.

JOYS AND PRAISES:

Carol Mitchell gives gratitude for God's amazing grace. **Carolyn Miller** gives praise for **Wayne** able to go back to work. **Frank Madura** gives praise to God for His forgiveness, and for the church support and services.

CONTINUED HEALING /PRAYER CONCERNS:

Melissa Day, new health cares. **Kelly Hines'** father, Parkinson's disease. **Tom Keel**, foot surgeries & rehab. **Bob Keiderling's** sister, Pat with chemo. **Andy Kereczman**, cancer. **Bill Mains**, prostate cancer. **Beverly Marriner**, pain relief. **Carolyn & Larry Miller** prayers for healing. **Chuck & Wendy Stehly** for **Jeff**, brain cancer; for **Ivelisse**, breast cancer, and **Jennifer Grube** battling cancer. **Frank Vitali** for cancer. **Diana Rivera** (Wesley's Circle of Friends preschool teacher) dealing with serious eye concerns.

THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP

Alexandria Manor Forrest Taylor
Abington (Easton) Sylvia Thele
Gracedale Jane Sandt, Dorothy Coolin
Kirkland Village Barbara Guldner

At Home George & Martha Danner, Naomi Jones
Moravian Village Agnes Smith
Sterling Heights Peggy Jacobson
Traditions of Hanover Marian Jeffery
Westminster Village Shirley Beiseigel

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 Groups; Wesley Community Garden; Lehigh Valley Outreach Depot; and UMC Leadership.

WESLEY LEADERSHIP TEAMS:

Committee on Nominations and Leadership: Pastor Andrew Krpata, Lenore Mohr, Mike Matakavage, Chris Jacobsen, Brian Graybeal, Christy Hume, and Jane Kempfer.

Committee on Staff/Parish Relations: Dave Siegfried, Andrew Krpata, Mike Matakavage, Karen Marmaras, Meg Ksenzakovic, Steve Caskie, Liz Lewis, Mike Krom, and Jaimee Walters.

Board of Trustees: Rich Chambers, Jeff Rose, Deb Silliman, Andrew Krpata, Frank Madura, Kim Krupka, Kraig Hume, Lisa Jacobsen, and Doug Jantzi.

Committee on Finance and Stewardship: Jim Hunter, Peter Marmaras, Andrew Krpata, Mike Matakavage, Karen Marmaras, Dave Siegfried, Rich Chambers, Sharon Schultz, Wayne Muffley, Anita Dalske, Aaron Hook, Bob Sopko, and Matt Dietz.

Church Council: Christian Lockhart (chairperson), Mike Matakavage (Lay Leader), Karen Marmaras (Lay Leader to Annual Conference), Chris Foster (Alternate to Annual Conference), Jason Walters (Social Justice Ministries) and Sue Kiefner (Outreach & Ministries).

Also included in Church Council are the chairpersons of our administrative committees.

**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.**