

Welcome to...



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### What's up in worship?

**Today:** Following up with part two, Epiphany shows us where to find Jesus; that is, how God has been working in our lives before we even realize it — or following the star in terms of a new direction God wants us to take; or following the star in terms of discernment. What decision, new project, new relationship or adjustment do we need to follow through on that will ultimately bring honor to the name of Christ?

**Next Week:** God's plan for the church calls for each member of the Body of Christ to play a vital role. Sometimes we think that serving God is an obligation, a duty, and that it isn't meant to be enjoyable. The truth is, though, that God wants us to find joy and fulfillment when we serve. That happens when we serve in a role that matches who God created us to be. In this sermon series starting January 13<sup>th</sup> titled *Serving from the Heart*, we'll take a 7-week journey of worship and self-discovery as we learn more about how the Body of Christ is intended to function, and what that means to each person. Commit yourself and bring a friend! You'll be glad you did both!

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

- If you are interested in providing fresh flowers for worship, please sign up at the *Connections Corner* table. (See bullet point below.)
- **Don't receive our weekly e-news? Please email Sue Kiefner at: [SueK@wesleychurch.com](mailto:SueK@wesleychurch.com) to get on the list, or sign up at the *Connections Corner* table.**
- **If you have not yet done so, you are encouraged to offer a "conspiracy card" (an estimate of 2019 giving) to Wesley Church. The card and accompanying letter are available on the *Connections Corner* table.**
- **YOUTH! - JANUARY EVENT....WHAT? Youth Winter Blast Retreat. WHERE? Gretna Glen Camp in Lebanon PA. WHEN? Saturday, January 26 to Sunday, January 27. WHY? To grow closer to God and to one another. COST? \$50 (Cost is not a barrier. If the cost is a concern, please let Brian know.) RSVP to Brian or any youth leader by January 20 (More details and info on sign-up forms coming).**
- **JANUARY YOUTH GROUP GATHERINGS:** January 6 and 20 6-8PM, in Fellowship Hall.
- Looking for your giving envelopes? Don't worry, we are updating our system and some of your numbers will be changing. We plan to have envelopes for the new year within the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, please use an envelope from home, or one of the envelopes in the pews to make your offering. Be sure to write your first and last name on the envelope. Questions: Contact Sharon Schultz.  
*We thank you for your patience during this time of transition!*

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#### **Today's morning schedule:**

9:00 – Contemporary worship  
10:15 – Sunday School for children;  
**No adult Sunday School today.**  
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 6, 2019: Epiphany Sunday

## † Welcome and Greeting

Bob Keiderling, Minister of Discipleship

Please stand and take some time to say hello to those around you, and remind them that Jesus is here! Peace!

## † Praising God in Song

*Rise Up Shepherd and Follow* and *We Three Kings*

The Ensemble

## † Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

Terry Nighan, Reader

## Children's Message

## Congregational Prayer

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

"Find"

Pastor Andy Krpata

## Musical Response

*How Many Kings (Downhere)*

The Ensemble

Follow the star to a place unexpected / Would you believe after all we've projected / A child in a manger?  
Lowly and small, the weakest of all / Unlikeliest hero, wrapped in his mother's shawl / Just a child  
Is this who we've waited for?

(Chorus) Cause how many kings stepped down from their thrones?  
How many lords have abandoned their homes?  
How many greats have become the least for me?  
And how many gods have poured out their hearts  
To romance a world that is torn all apart?  
How many Fathers gave up their Sons for me?

Bringing our gifts for the newborn Savior / All that we have, whether costly or meek / Because we believe  
Gold for His honor and frankincense for His pleasure / And myrrh for the cross He'll suffer / Do you believe?  
Is this who we've waited for? (to chorus)

Only one did that for me / All for me, all for you / All for me, all for you (to chorus)

(tag) All for me, all for you

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Please see the insert.

All are welcome to receive communion in the United Methodist tradition. 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. Songs during Communion: *The First Noel* and *But for Your Grace*. Please join in the singing!

## Community Connections

Please see front of bulletin.

## † Closing Song

*Go Tell It On the Mountain*

The Ensemble

## † Closing Words and Dismissal

† invites all to stand, if able.

## Classic Worship Order

January 6, 2019: Epiphany Sunday

**Prelude** *We Three Kings / Carol of the Bells* (arr. M. Kelsey) Frank Arbushites, Piano

† **Welcome and Greeting** Bob Keiderling, Minister of Discipleship  
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† **Opening Hymn** *We Three Kings* #254, United Methodist Hymnal (UMH)

### Congregational Prayer

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**Scripture** Psalter: Psalm 72:1-7 and 10-14 (UMH #795, sung response #1) Carolyn Miller, Reader  
† Matthew 2:1-12

† **Hymn** *The First Noel* #245, UMH

**Message** "Find" Pastor Andy Krpata

**Musical Response** *Star in the Desert* (J. P. Williams, J. M. Martin & D. Nolan) Chancel Choir

Star in the desert, a light in the sand/Piercing through the shadows; covering the land  
Watching wisemen journey in a tiny caravan/Star in the desert, the star of Bethlehem

Star in the desert, glist'ning in the night/Leading on the faithful to the Savior's light  
Candle in the darkness, glowing ever like a pearl/Sending the Promise of Peace to all the world

Star of wonder, star of night/Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding/Guide us to thy perfect light/Perfect light, perfect light

More than a symbol, this Morning Star so bright/It begins the dawning; it dispels the night  
Hope forever is shining, on the world God's love is poured/For the Star in our desert, the Star in our desert  
The Star in our desert is Jesus Christ, the Lord!/Christ, the Lord, Christ, the Lord!

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### Community Connections

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† **Closing Hymn** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* #251, UMH

† **Benediction and Response** *May the Blessing of God Rest Upon You* (H. I. Khan and P. K. Bair)  
Chancel Choir

May the blessing of God rest upon you/May His peace abide with you  
May His presence illuminate your heart/Now and forevermore

† **Postlude** *A New Year's Reflection* (R. Powell) Frank, Organ

## WESLEY PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

January 6, 2019

*"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. 30<sup>th</sup>

**Ed & Wendy Beaujon** ask prayers for friend, Rich Wisnoski, who had surgery to remove cyst on pancreas. **Don & Sue Beecher** ask prayers for our democracy. **Meg & Keith Ksenzakovic** ask prayers for our country to remember to love; prayers for Forrest, Joe, Melissa and Andy & their families; prayers for a close friend to feel the love of Jesus; prayers for Wesley Church. **Nicole Lockhart** asks prayers for health & happiness for our family & Wesley Church Family for 2019. **Frank Madura** for God's healing for Chuck, Joe, Mary & Dennis – all with cancer; God's wisdom as my mother's caregiver; God's guidance for all seeking employment. **Carolyn Miller** asks prayers for Cassandra Ahner & Judy Shirey, pastor retired. **Kasey Renowden** for prayers for Brenda that the new medicine works for her brain cancer; for Karen & Jacque with cancer treatments. **Deb Silliman** ask prayers for Uncle Walt who suffered a stroke on Christmas Eve; for 1<sup>st</sup> Responders & those working holidays. Uncle Walt is in rehab; pray for quick healing & positive thinking to keep spirits up during recovery; Prayers for daughter Patty Jo, his only caregiver, who also has MS. **Chuck & Wendy Stehly** ask continued prayers for Joe Schultz. **Bill Whipple** asks prayers for Jan Brown who continues our work in Rwanda. **Spoken Prayers** for **Melissa Day**, stomach surgery; **Sandy Kereczman** for Andy as he goes through open heart surgery on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Forrest Taylor** needs prayers for Alzheimer's and BP problems.

### JOYS AND PRAISES:

**Carolyn Miller** gives praise for **Wayne** able to go back to work and **Larry** is cooking & baking again – from his wheel chair! **Frank Madura** gives praise to God for His forgiveness and 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, & **Jennifer Grube**, battling cancer. **Frank Vitali**, cancer. **Diana Rivera**, serious eye problems.

### THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP

**Abington (Easton)** Sylvia Thele  
**Gracedale** Jane Sandt, Dorothy Coolin  
**Kirkland Village** Barbara Guldner  
**Moravian Village** Agnes Smith

**Sterling Heights** Peggy Jacobson  
**Traditions of Hanover** Marian Jeffery  
**Westminster Village** Shirley Beiseigel  
**At Home** George & Martha Danner, Naomi Jones, Forrest Taylor

**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 Graybeall and Christy Hume.

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

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**Church Council:** Christian Lockhart (chairperson), Mike Matakavage (Lay Leader), Karen Marmaras (Lay Member 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.