



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Leaping with Joy - December 15, 2024



Check In

The altar flowers are in thanks for those who decorated the sanctuary for the season of Advent.



WELCOME



PRELUDE

Christ Was Born on Christmas Day

arr. B. Erdstrom



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Music: *Light of Hope* by Joel Raney



Please share in the words in bold, and in singing following the lighting of the candle. First, the choir sings, then the reading. After the candle is lit, we all join our voices in song.

No matter what troubles overwhelm us today, Isaiah reminds us that in all of our preparation and passionate pursuit of God’s coming kin-dom, we must not forget that God’s salvation has come and is coming. “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation” (Isaiah 12:3). With joy you will remember that God’s salvation is already present among us.

Faced with the troubles and the suffering of the world, we choose to live in joyful presence to God and one another. We will not turn away from the pain and the hurt in our world, and we will not stop rejoicing in God, whose salvation fills us to overflowing that God’s love might flow through us and flood our troubled world with hope, peace, and joy.

We light this candle of JOY as a sign of our commitment to be present to ourselves, our friends, our families, and our neighbors that in sharing our vulnerable lives we might share in the glorious joy of God’s salvation together.

The third (pink/rose) candle of the Advent wreath is lit.

Light of life, Mak-er of day, gath-er our
sha-dows and cast them a-way. Bea-con of
truth, gleam-ing and bright, shine in our
hearts, shat-ter our night.



+SHARING the JOY of CHRIST

The JOY of Christ be with you. And also with you.



+HYMN

Toda la Tierra (All Earth Is Waiting)

UMH 210

Please stand in body and spirit, however you are led and able.



**SCRIPTURE READINGS
+GOSPEL READING**

Psalm 118:8-17, Revelation 1:8, 12-17
Luke 1:39-45

Please stand in body, stand in spirit, however you are led and able.



+DOXOLOGY

Tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Em G C D7 G D G C G
Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures

5 Am Bm7 Em Am Em B7 Em A7 D Em
here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise

10 D Bm G C Am D7 G D Em Bm G
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -

15 C D7 Em D G C G Am Em Bm Em
man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.



TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Alexander Dungan



SONG OF PREPARATION

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

UMH 204



SERMON and INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Megan Tobola



HYMN of FAITH

Star Child

TFWS 2095



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.



INVITATION to the PRACTICE of GIVING *Thank you for sharing your gifts!*

Give by Text: (630) 528-0155, Online: wesleynaperville.org/giving
The offering basket is also available at the front of the sanctuary.



+CLOSING HYMN

View the Present Through the Promise

WS 3048



+BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Tune: Waltham, arr. M. Hayes

Following the postlude, all are invited for ADVENT FELLOWSHIP FUN in the Atrium.

3048 View the Present through the Promise

1. View the pres-ent through the prom-ise, Christ will come a - gain.
 2. Probe the pres-ent with the prom-ise, Christ will come a - gain.
 3. Match the pres-ent to the prom-ise, Christ will come a - gain.

Trust de-spite the deep-en-ing dark-ness, Christ will come a - gain.
 Let your dai - ly ac - tions wit-ness, Christ will come a - gain.
 Make this hope your guid - ing prem-ise, Christ will come a - gain.

Lift the world a - bove its griev-ing through your watch-ing and be-liev-ing
 Let your lov-ing and your giv-ing and your jus - tice and for-giv-ing
 Pat-tern all your cal - cu - lat - ing and the world you are cre - a - ting

in the hope past hope's con-ceiv-ing: Christ will come a - gain.
 be a sign to all the liv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.
 to the ad - vent you are wait-ing: Christ will come a - gain.

WORDS: Thomas H. Troeger

MUSIC: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. by Luther Orlando Emerson

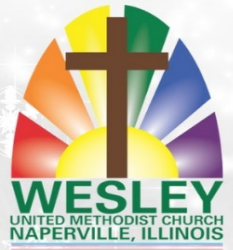
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IMMEDIATELY AFTER 10AM WORSHIP

Advent Fellowship Fun for All



DEC. 1, 2024
*Christmas tree
building and
decoration*



DEC. 8, 2024
*Make a take
home Chrismon
ornament*



Dec. 15, 2024
*Advent
Scavenger
Hunt*



DEC. 22, 2024
*Make your
own Christ
Candle*



Your 2025 PLEDGE

Thank you for your support!

Paper Forms can be found in the Atrium
and Church Office.

You can submit your pledge online at
wesleynaperville.org/giving or scan the QR code.





Children's Christmas Pageant,

Sunday, December 22, 2024 at 10am



Contact Alexander at
alexander@wesleynaperville.org to join the effort

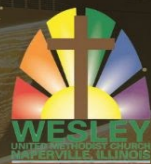


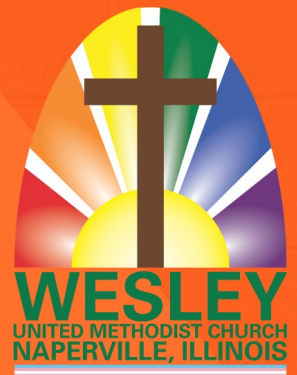
Christmas Eve Service

DEC. 24, 2024

3:00 pm

WESLEY SANCTUARY





WORSHIP
THROUGH
MISSION!

DECEMBER 29, 2024
10AM
WE ARE MAKING...

BACKPACK +LUGGAGE TAGS

FOR FOSTER
CHILDREN & YOUTH

SPECIAL
OFFERING FOR:



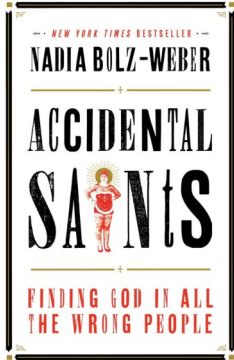
**United
Voices**
for Children

WESLEYNAPERVILLE.ORG

ADULT ONE-TIME DISCUSSION OPPORTUNITIES

If you have interest in being a part of any of these one time gathering and discussion opportunities, reach out to Pastor Megan at 630-355-1834 ext. 102 or pastor@wesleynaperville.org. The interested group determines the date(s) and time(s) of gathering. Together, we will coordinate refreshments.

*Accidental Saints:
Finding God
in All the Wrong People
by Nadia Bold-Weber*
book discussion (books \$12)



The Miracle Club
Movie viewing and discussion



Messiah
Netflix
series
viewing and discussion
(selected episode)



CHILDREN and YOUTH

Time for Young Disciples in worship, immediately followed by Sunday School (2nd—4th Sundays). 5th Sundays beginning in December: Worship through hands on mission at 10am. **The Children & Youth Christmas Pageant will be in Worship on December 22nd! For those interested in joining the song for the day, rehearsal will be after worship next Sunday, December 8th!** For more details about the pageant, contact Alexander at alexander@wesleynaperville.org

WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT

Part-time daycare ministry Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9am to 2pm for children 6 months to 5 years of age. Contact Ken for more information and tours (630) 355-1758 wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com

WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT BOOSTERS

If you would like to help support this ongoing ministry through volunteering your ideas and time, contact wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com or call (630) 355-1758 to let us know!

GIVING TO OUR ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund invests donations to provide for outreach programs and to supplement the church budget. You can donate directly, dedicate a leaf on our Wesley Family Tree or put Wesley in your will. I am happy to help answer your questions. Please contact Barbara Burke, 239-405-5898, or email barbaraburke123@att.net for information on contributing to the Endowment Fund.

ADVENT MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Chancel Choir rehearses on most Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. All voices are welcome. Instrumentalists are also welcome to share their gifts. Contact Nicole Melody (Director of Music) info@wesleynaperville.org

STYROFOAM RECYCLING

You are welcome to bring your styrofoam recycling to the special recycling bins on the lower level. Stained and soiled items are not accepted. Please rinse ahead of time.

LITURGIST OPPORTUNITIES

To be a liturgist, please sign up in the Atrium or contact the office (details on back).

COFFEE HOUR during ADVENT FELLOWSHIP FUN!

Join us after Worship in the Atrium for a cup of coffee or tea, and a little nibble. If you would like to bring a treat or help with set-up, contact our church office at 630-355-1834 or infowesley@naperville.org



DAYCARE ENROLLMENT

AGES 6 MONTHS - 5 YEARS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Full days: 9am-2pm
Half days: 9-11:30 or 11:30-2

SUMMER PROGRAM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Full days: 9am-1pm

630-355-1758

wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com

**If you enjoy working with children of this age, job opportunities are available!
Visit wesleynaperville.org/kdo**

Sundays

Additional parking is allowed in the Old National Bank (formerly, Midwest Bank) lot

10:00 AM (Hybrid): **Worship in-person or online** wesleynaperville.org (Sanctuary—Level 1)
2nd - 4th Sundays: **Sunday School** immediately following the time for Young Disciples.

After Worship In Person **Fellowship in the Atrium** (Coffee and Nibbles—Level A)

Starting December 29th: 5th SUNDAYS ARE WORSHIP THROUGH MISSION

5:00 PM **Center Street Table Dinner Dialogues**
(Across the Street @ Community UMC).

IN PERSON HOURS

CHURCH OFFICE

(630) 355-1834

Emily Torres, Administrative Assistant

Sun 9am – 1pm

M, T CLOSED

W, TH, F 8:30am—3:30pm

ext. 110

Building Events

events@wesleynaperville.org

WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT

Ken Tobola, Transitional Administrator

Sherice Horton, Assistant Director

M, W, F 9am—2pm

(630) 355-1758

wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com

Rev. Megan Tobola, ext. 102

Lead Pastor

Tuesdays are sabbath

pastor@wesleynaperville.org

Alexander Dungan, ext. 104

Minister of Family & Justice

W, TH 9am – 2pm

alexander@wesleynaperville.org

Rev. Duane Mevis, Pastor Emeritus

Nicole Melody, Director of Music

Svetlana Mars, Accompanist

Chelsea Guanzon, Pastoral Intern

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**God, as known to us
in Christ Jesus
welcomes ALL people.
So do we.**

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