



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Resilient Hope - December 1, 2024



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The altar flowers are presented by Russeta Rauch in celebration of Doug's birthday.



WELCOME



PRELUDE

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly!

Trad. Polish carol. Arranged by J. Sanborn



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.

From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, “The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah” (Jeremiah 33:14). Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God’s grace already at work in our midst.

We light this candle of HOPE as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here—the days when God’s kin-dom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

The first 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 HOPE of CHRIST

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



+PSALTER - PSALM 46

to the tune of UMH 110 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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

**God is our refuge and our strength / in God our hope is found;
An ever-present help in need / when trouble is around.
Therefore, we will not fear / though earth tremble; give way
Though mountains peaks—they quake / God’s still our help and stay;
Though waters foam with power.**

**There is a river that makes glad / the city of our God;
The holy place where the Most High / does dwell and reign abroad.
God is within her / she stands strong, she stands firm
She will not fall away/ God, help will surely give,
When comes the break of day.**

**All nations are in uproar as / their kingdoms rise and fall;
God lifts God’s voice, and all earth melts / before God’s mighty call.
Almighty is with us / God is our refuge sure.
God of Jacob, our trust / our fortress evermore.
See the works God has done.**

**“Be still, and know that I am God, / Exalted I will be!
Among all nations, all the earth, / Exalted I will be!”
God breaks the bow and spear / wars cease throughout the earth,
Lord Almighty with us / God is our refuge sure;
Our fortress evermore.**



SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:13-21



+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.



 **ANTHEM**

Advent Noel

arr. A. L. Page and J. A. Shafferman

 **THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

*As United Methodists, we celebrate an open table, which means ALL are welcome to partake.
The juice is non-alcoholic, and individually sealed gluten free wafers are available.*

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

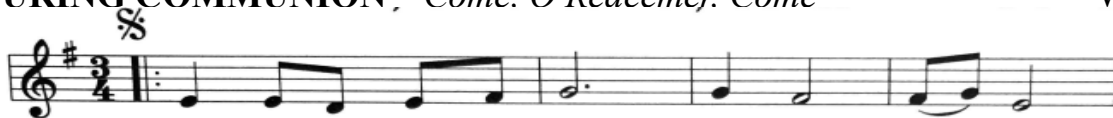
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

..now and forever. **Amen.**

 **HYMN DURING COMMUNION, *Come, O Redeemer, Come***

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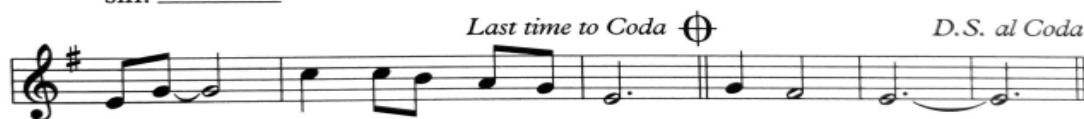
1. Fa - ther, en-throned on high, ho ly, - ho ly;
2. Lord, save us from the dark of our striv - ing,
3. Look now up - on our need, Lord, be with us.



an - cient e - ter - nal Light, hear our prayer. ____
faith - less and trou-bled hearts, weighed
Heal us and make us free from our



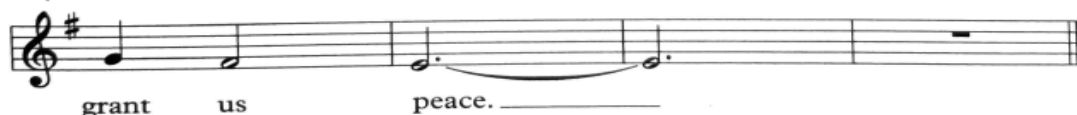
down. ____ Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us
sin. ____



mer-cy. Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us * peace. ____

⊕ **CODA**

HOPE



grant us peace. ____



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

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

UMH 196



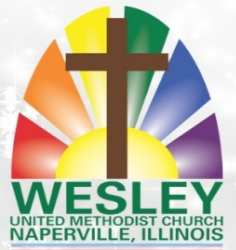
+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Rejoice, He Is Here with Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Joy to the World* arr. M. Hayes

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

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*



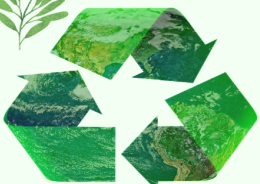
DEC. 22, 2024

*Make your
own Christ
Candle*

Wesley Recycles Styrofoam

Bring your styrofoam recycling to the special recycling bins on the lower level. Stained and soiled items are not accepted, so please be sure to soak and rinse!

Thank you!

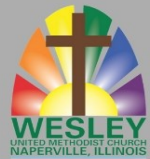


SAVE THE DATE!

Christmas Story

DEC. 12, 2024 | 10 AM | WESLEY ATRIUM

WESLEY UWIF WILL BE PRESENTING OUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS STORY! OUR NUTS AND CANDY WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE -- WE HOPE YOU JOIN US!



Children's Christmas Pageant,

Sunday, December 22, 2024 at 10am



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

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

The deadline for ordering poinsettias is
December 15, 2024

If you wish to order poinsettias to be placed in our church sanctuary during the Christmas season, please complete the form below. After completion, it can be placed in the offering basket (Sunday morning) or church office.

Cost per plant: \$20.00

of red _____ # of white _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name _____ Phone _____

In memory of _____

In Honor of _____

In Celebration of _____

Other dedication _____

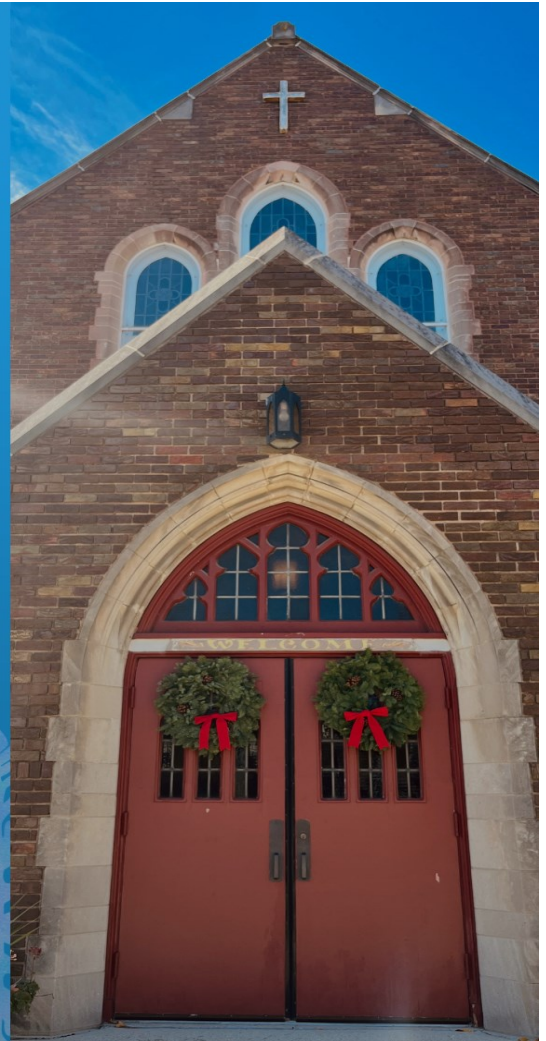


Your 2025 PLEDGE

Thank you for your support!

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

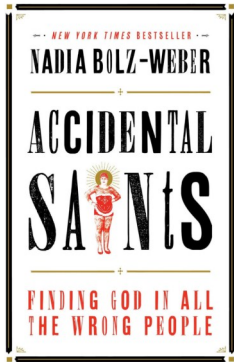
You can submit your pledge online at
wesleynaperville.org/giving or scan the QR code.



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).

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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

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Minister of Family & Justice

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Nicole Melody, *Director of Music*

Svetlana Mars, *Accompanist*

Chelsea Guanzon, *Pastoral Intern*

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You can also contact the church office.



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

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