



“GOD HEARS”

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, YEAR B
September 15, 2024



Check In



WELCOME

*Flowers on the altar are presented by the Gaddis Family in honor of
Barbara Thompson’s birthday, September 19th*
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**



PRELUDE

The Bond of Love with My Jesus I Love Thee O. Shillings, arr. F. Lopez



+CALL TO WORSHIP

Stand in body, stand in spirit, however you are led and able. Please share in the words in bold.

The heavens shout of God’s glory!

There is so much beauty in this earth and in the heavens!

Day by day we are reminded of God’s creative love.

Day by day we are blessed with large and small visions of God’s glory.

Come, let us praise the God of creation.

Let us sing and shout our praises of thanksgiving and joy to God. AMEN.



+OPENING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89 (v. 1, 3, 4)

OPENING PRAYER of CONFESSION



**Wise, knowing God, you see our hearts so clearly. You speak to our lives so profoundly.
And yet, we are often unable or unwilling to hear your truth and go where you lead. Even
as we praise you with our mouths, we disgrace ourselves in words spoken to others
with tongues of vicious fire. Forgive us for our hard hearts and stubborn ears.
Forgive us for our hateful words and cruel gossip. Forgive us for our willful ignorance
of the joy and gift you offer in your law of love. Help us live in your love and walk in your
truth, that we might be your people, and you might be our God.**

(Pause for a moment of silent reflection and prayer.)

In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.



SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 116:1-9

Pew Bible OT pg. 564

May we be blessed in our reading and hearing of these words.

Praise and thanks be to God.



+DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94



TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES



HYMN OF PREPARATION

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

UMH 204



SERMON & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Megan Tobola



ANTHEM

Be Still and Know that I am God Gene Grier, David Lantz III



PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to share your prayer requests with Pastor Megan, Pastor Duane, or Alexander. You can also share by contacting the church office, or via prayers@wesleynaperville.org. Your prayers are private, unless you give express permission for your request to be shared.



LITANY- *I Will Trust in the Lord (Based on Proverbs 1:20–33)*

I will trust in the Lord.

Let all the people say, I will trust in the Lord.

I will trust in the Lord—Let the wounded say . . .

I will trust in the Lord. I will hear God’s voice in dangerous streets where mothers cry over their children.

I will trust in the Lord—Let the wounded say . . .

I will trust in God as people sell their bodies to survive, while the voice of insanity shouts louder than the voice of Truth in the ears of the homeless.

I will trust in the Lord.

May the Savior’s voice speak loud and linger long so we may hear it and live.

O, I will trust in the Lord.

May we hear that Holy voice in houses of prayer and in city streets.

I will trust in the Lord.

I will trust in Mary’s Baby, Savior of the world.

I will trust in the Lord.

I will trust in Jesus, the way!



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

As the Deer

TFWS 2025



+BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

We Bow Down

T. Paris, arr. M. Hayes

Welcome back, Svetlana!

All are invited for fellowship and refreshments in the Atrium.

THANK OFFERING SUNDAY

September 22, 2024 - Guest Speaker: Wendy Miller



Wendy Miller is the President of the Lake South United Women in Faith. We invite you to take a Thank Offering Envelope (placed next to the offering basket in the sanctuary),

Thank you for considering this opportunity.



Saturday, October 19th, 6-8pm

Warming Fire and S'mores provided!



Danada Equestrian Center
3S507 Naperville Rd. Wheaton, IL



Contact Alexander to register at alexander@wesleynaperville.org

Center Street Trunk or Treat

Join in on this effort of us Center Street "Corner Churches"! dress up (or not) and have some fun with our neighbors!

To sign up to provide a trunk or giveaway items, please contact Minister of Family & Justice, Alexander Dungan at alexander@wesleynaperville.org

Saturday, October 26th
1:00-3:00pm

Games!

Candy!

Music!

Food!

Center Street Parking Lot
Rain location at Wesley UMC

Contact Alexander to sign up for a trunk/booth at alexander@wesleynaperville.org

Daniel

For All Ages

Join us as we explore the first three chapters of Daniel. We will navigate themes of names and identity through war, dreams, and a fiery furnace.

For Kids and Youth:
Sundays during Sunday School
October 13th, 20th, and 27th

For Adults:
Wednesdays at 12:30pm
October 2nd, 9th, and 16th

Support our Minister of Family & Justice by participating in this original Bible Study opportunity. If you would like an evening opportunity, please let Alexander know at alexander@wesleynaperville.org

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

SEPTEMBER: Lectio Divina - reading, meditation, prayer, and contemplation. Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. (in person and via Zoom). To sign up contact the church office or [Pastor Megan](#).

OCTOBER: For the first three weeks of October, an original Bible Study by our Minister of Family & Justice will be offered. See the insert for further details.

Coming Soon: Pastor led book study on Nadia Bolz-Weber's *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People*

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 barbaraburke123@att.net for information on contributing to the Endowment Fund.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL HAS BEGUN!

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
All voices are welcome.
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 at info@wesleynaperville.org or 630-355-1834.

COFFEE HOUR

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

CENTER STREET TABLE

Dinner dialogues hosted at Community UMC on Sundays @ 5pm. A community meal. All are invited. All can serve. There are various volunteer opportunities.

HELPING ONE ANOTHER

The bins on the Lower Level (B) are available for donations and use of whomever may have need of these items that comes to our door.

- Deodorant—MOST NEEDED
- Menstrual Hygiene Products
- Shampoo & Conditioner (Travel Size Preferred)
- Soap
- Socks
- Toothbrushes—MOST NEEDED
- Toothpaste
- Wash Cloths (New or Gently Used but WASHED and ready for use)



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

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 - 5th Sundays: **Sunday School** immediately following the time for Young Disciples.
After Worship In Person **Fellowship in the Atrium** (Coffee and Nibbles—Level A)

5:00 PM **Center Street Table Dinner Dialogues**
(Across the Street @ Community UMC).
A community meal. All are invited. All can serve.

Worship Resources

Cover Image: Jawlensky, Alexej von, 1864-1941. Meditation, The Prayer, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56613> [retrieved September 13, 2024]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Jawlensky_Meditation_Das_Gebet_1290067.jpg.
Ministry Matters Worship Elements and Worship Connections: September 15, 2024, *UM Discipleship Ministries* litany Written by Darlene A. Moore, The Africana Worship Book, Year B (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2007), 99. *The United Methodist Hymnal, The Faith We Sing, The United Methodist Book of Worship, Worship&Song*, Scripture: NRSV and NRSVUE, CVLI #505421815 CCLI #11444135

IN PERSON HOURS CHURCH OFFICE

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M, T CLOSED

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W, TH 9am –2pm

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Rev. Duane Mevis, Pastor Emeritus

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Svetlana Mars, Accompanist

Keeping In Touch



Our weekly e-news helps us stay connected. We can also send it in the regular post per your request. Scan the QR code to subscribe or visit wesleynaperville.org and click on "Subscribe. 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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