



"WELL PLEASED"

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 11, 2026



WELCOME



THE PEACE



OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and all-loving God, you call to us across deep waters and dark places. Yours is the light which guides us and the voice which we follow. We pray that you would reveal yourself to us as we worship you. May those without hope be encouraged; those who are sad, cheered; those who are seeking, find you; and may all things be according to your will. In the name of your beloved Son, we pray. Amen.



+CALL TO WORSHIP

We Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

We come to be cleansed and made whole.

Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.

Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.

Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.



+OPENING HYMN

Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine

UMH 606



INVITATION TO THE PRACTICE OF GIVING

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The offering basket is also available at the front of the sanctuary.



OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful and Calling God, continue to draw us into community, into covenant, and into new life through waters of grace and acts of justice. Just as Jesus stepped into the river to stand with us and for us, we bring these gifts today to stand with others—to serve, to uplift, and to proclaim your kingdom. Use these offerings to fulfill your righteousness among us. Help us, your baptized people, to be instruments of healing, hope, and holy change in a world longing for good news. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.



+GOSPEL READING

Stand in body. Stand in spirit. However you are led and able
The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Matthew 3:13-17



TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Eunbae Doh



JOYS AND CONCERNS



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord God, as we move forward into a new year,
 we ask you to bless all for whom the year is not being looked forward to.
 We think of people who are ill and fearful of what the year will bring.
 We think of all who have family difficulties
 and are concerned as to how to solve them.
 We think of all for whom the new year is bringing money problems,
 and all who are fearful for their jobs.

**Lord, for us all the future is unknown—
 help us to have the faith to trust in you,
 the wisdom to do the right thing,
 and to be guided by you constantly.**

Remind us, Lord, that you always keep your promises;
 remind us too that they are kept in your time and not ours.

**We ask your blessing on all who have turned their back on You;
 or who have not known You.
 May they hear your word and respond to your love
 Be with those who are lost,
 who have never known you.
 Help them to seek and find the peace and love found in you and you alone.**

Lord God, guide us in our lives.
 May others see your love shine through us.
 May our words and actions constantly point to you;
 may we put You first in everything
 and serve You always.

**We ask you to be with us
 and give us a year where we know and feel and are guided by your presence.
 Whatever the year holds may we never lose sight of you.
 In Jesus' name. Amen.**



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.**



CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

INTRODUCTION

Siblings in Christ:
 Through the Sacrament of Baptism
 we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.
 We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
 and given new birth through water and the Spirit.
 All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.
 Through the reaffirmation of our faith
 we renew the covenant declared at our baptism,
 acknowledge what God is doing for us,
 and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you,
will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.
Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
[who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
[the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.]**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father:

When nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the dark waters
and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah

you saved those on the ark through water.

After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan
to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb.

He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.

He called his disciples

to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare Christ's works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
and by this gift of water call to our remembrance
the grace declared to us in our baptism.
For you have washed away our sins,
and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives,
that dying and rising with Christ
we may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you,
that having been born through water and the Spirit,
you may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

We give thanks for all that God has already given us.

As members of the body of Christ

and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,

we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church

by our prayers, our presence, our gifts,

our service and our witness

that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish and strengthen you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.



SERMON

WELL PLEASED

Pastor Eunbae Doh



+CLOSING HYMN

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

UMH 605



+SENDING FORTH

Go now as a light to the nations.

Honor the Lord;

preach what you know of the risen Christ,

and fulfil all righteousness.

And may God strengthen you and bless you with peace;
May Christ Jesus bring forth justice for you and among you;
And may the Holy Spirit alight on you
and affirm you as God's beloved ones.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen.



POSTLUDE

Prelude in G Minor

J. Pachelbel



The flowers on the altar are presented by Wesley in celebration and hope for a new year!

As we enter into 2026, please reach out to the church office to dedicate our altar flowers one week!

WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.

Amen.



ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

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

10:00 AM (Hybrid):

2nd - 4th Sundays:

After Worship In Person

6:45 PM

Worship in-person or online wesleynaperville.org (Sanctuary–Level 1)

Sunday School immediately following the time for Young Disciples.

Fellowship in the Atrium (Coffee and Nibbles–Level A)

5th SUNDAYS ARE WORSHIP THROUGH MISSION

Foxhall AA (Enter through Franklin Street Entrance–Fellowship Hall)



CHILDREN and YOUTH

Time for Young Disciples in worship, immediately followed by Sunday School (2nd–4th Sundays). On 5th Sundays we worship through hands on mission at 10am. Talk to Pastor Alexander for more info.

WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT

Flexible part-time daycare ministry during the school year Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9am to 2pm, June & July Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9am to 1pm for children 6 months to 5 years of age. Contact Christine and Sherice for more information and tours (630) 355-1758 wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com.

If you have a love for children ages 6 months to 5 years and are interested in working with them part-time, the Staff Parish Relations Committee would love to hear from you. We are presently considering applications for Substitute Teachers.

Please visit wesleynaperville.org/kdo for more info.

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 our finance chair, Ron Sellberg, at rpsellberg@aol.com for more information.

JOIN THE CHOIR!

Lend your voice at our weekly choir rehearsals at 6:30pm on Wednesday! Contact Nicole Melody (Director of Music) info@wesleynaperville.org with questions.

IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WE PRAY...

(6-14-25) For continued courage to fulfill our baptismal vows to *accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.*

(8-11-25) For Russetta Rauch and her son, Doug, as he transitions to a new medication. Prayers of strength and healing in the midst of change.

(11-19-25) For Chelsea Guanzon as they recover from surgery.

(11-20-25) For Fay Wilson as she recovers from surgery.

STYROFOAM RECYCLING

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. Help our earth!

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 info@wesleynaperville.org

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, Menstrual Hygiene Products, Shampoo & Conditioner (Travel Size Preferred), Soap, Socks, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Wash Cloths.

LOAVES & FISHES COMMUNITY SERVICES

The needs in our community outpace supply. You are welcome to drop off items to the donation baskets.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

To subscribe to our weekly e-news scan the qr code, or contact Pastor Alexander. If you would like KIT mailed to your door every two to three weeks, please let Alexander know.



FIFTH SUNDAY WORSHIP THROUGH MISSION

On 5th Sundays we Worship Through Mission by doing some hands-on act of service that helps children and youth. We also have a special collection for United Voices for Children. If you have an idea for a Worship Through Mission opportunity, please reach out to Alexander or Pastor Doh. Next: Mar. 29, May 31, Aug. 30.

If you have a prayer concern, email us at prayers@wesleynaperville.org, contact the church office, Pastor Doh, Pastor Duane, or Pastor Alexander.

CHURCH OFFICE

Sundays: 9am–1pm
M– 8am–3pm
T, TH: Closed
W, F: 8:30 am–3:30 pm
(630) 355-1834 ext. 101
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WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT

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Nicole Melody, *Director of Music*
Svetlana Mars, *Accompanist*
Chelsea Guanzon, *Ministry Candidate*



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

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About Wesley UMC

Founded in 1832

Mission Statement

To proclaim God's grace through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to nurture spiritual growth throughout life, and to serve God by caring for all people.

Welcome Statement

God, as known to us in Jesus Christ, welcomes all. So do we. All people of any race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, economic status, or life situation are welcome here. Wesley is also proud to be a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network, which is "Mobilizing United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to transform our Church and world into the full expression of Christ's inclusive love." www.rmnetwork.org

What We Believe In

Proclaiming God's grace through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Nurturing spiritual growth throughout life.
Serving God by caring for all people.

We try to live into the challenge of John Wesley, who said:

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways
you can. In all the places you can.
At all the times you can. To all the people you can. For as long as ever
you can."

As much as we love our time together on Sunday morning, we believe that our highest ministry is out in the world. This is why we have moved from the "traditional" model of church, to being a Center for Peace and Justice in accordance with our United Methodist Social Principles.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Wesley Kids Day Out was established in 1973 as a Christian outreach to parents and children of our community. Our mission is to offer children a constructive, fun environment, as well as an opportunity to socialize with

children their own age while developing skills to aid them
in preschool and kindergarten.

Summer: June & July T, W, TH 9am–1pm
Fall, Winter, Spring: Late August–May M, W, F 9am–1pm

WORSHIP RESOURCES USED TODAY "The Baptism of Our Lord", by Fr. Luke Dingman, from Union of All Icons, <https://unionofallicons.com/products/the-baptism-of-our-lord> [retrieved December 31, 2025]. United Methodist Discipleship Ministries, *The United Methodist Book of Worship. The United Methodist Hymnal. New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition.* Images by Alexander Grey and Unchalee Srirugsar via Pexels.