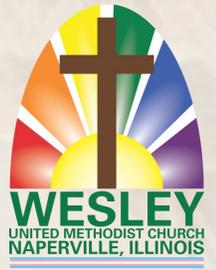




CHRISTMAS EVE

LESSONS AND CAROLS
DECEMBER 24, 2025



WELCOME



THE PEACE



PRELUDE



+OPENING PRAYER

We have waited for a long time for your hope, your joy, your love to shine in the darkness of this world, Almighty God. Even now, in our gathering here, we await you. In our hearts, we still hope that your light will blaze forth, banishing the shadows of this world and guiding all the people back to you.

Yet you did not come into this world in a show of power and glory. You did not shine forth for all of creation to behold. A tiny spark - a newborn baby, visible to parents and curious animals. A host of angels - away from the populated areas, singing to migrant workers. A sparkling star - guiding foreigners to see what neighbors could not.

Open our hearts, merciful God, to the sparks of your presence still in this world. Open our eyes, that we might behold your presence in the least likely of places, and among the least likely of people.

God with us, kindle your spark within us, that together we may shine forth your light, we might banish the shadows of this world, we might be the continuation of the Christmas miracle: Emmanuel is in this world, God is with us, now and evermore. Amen.



+OPENING HYMN

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Arr. S. Tucker

O Come, All Ye Faithful

UMH 234 (v. 1-3)



*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.*

Tonight, we celebrate the one moment, the one birth, and the one life that forever changed the world!

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Because you came to us, we have experienced the ultimate hope to combat even the darkest moments.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Because you came to us, we have seen the fullness of love to the highest degree.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Because you came to us, we have seen the face of peace in its purest form.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Tonight, we celebrate your birth that unleashes hope, love, peace, and joy into the world from now until the day of your return.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Tonight is the night we have been waiting for, when waiting is transformed into awestruck wonder. We celebrate Jesus coming into this world and light all five candles. The first candle reminds us of the ultimate hope that comes through our Savior's birth. The second candle beckons us to the peace of Christ that surpasses all understanding. The third candle invites us to share the joy of the shepherds and angels announcing the Savior's birth. The fourth candle reminds us of the Good News of great joy that tells us God's love is stronger than human sin. The Christ candle reminds us that, from the moment he took his first breath until the day of his glorious return, Jesus says to each of us, "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of this age."

The Christ candle 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.

INVITATION TO THE PRACTICE OF GIVING

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



TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Eunbae Doh

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

 CAROL	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	UMH 211 (v. 1-3)
 SECOND LESSON		Isaiah 11:1-4
 SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>O, Holy Night</i>	Nicole Melody and Pastor Eunbae Doh
 THIRD LESSON		Luke 1:26-33, 38
 CAROL	<i>Tell Out, My Soul</i>	UMH 200 (v. 1-2)
 FOURTH LESSON		Luke 2:1-7
 ANTHEM	<i>An Angelic Christmas Medley</i>	Arr. G. Gilpin
 FIFTH LESSON		Luke 2:8-16
 CAROL	<i>Sing We Now of Christmas</i>	UMH 237 (v. 1-3)
 CEREMONY OF LIGHTS		
 CAROL	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	UMH 239 (v. 1-4)
 +SENDING FORTH	People of the promise, go now to carry the story and the glory of all you have witnessed, that the world might know that good news has come to dwell among us now and forever. Amen.	
 +CLOSING HYMN	<i>Joy to the World</i>	UMH 246 (v. 1, 2, and 4)
 POSTLUDE	<i>He is Born with Pat-a-pan</i>	Arr. M. Hayes



We are grateful for all the poinsettias for our altar that were donated by....

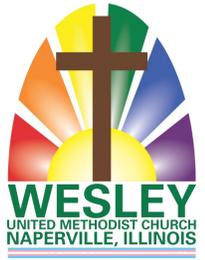


Rev. Eunbae Doh in memory of Jeong Een Doh, the **Hogan Family** in celebration of our Savior, Jesus Christ, **Chris McBroom** in celebration of our Wesley Friends, **Jerry and Marj McIntosh** in celebration of the wonderful Wesley Staff and our Parents, **Rev. Duane and Carol Mevis** in celebration of Christmas and the welcome news of the birth of Jesus, God with us, the **Priscilla and Lydia Circle of UWF (United Women in Faith)** in celebration of the Birth of Christ and Hope for the World, the **Trygstad Family** in celebration of Christmas and the hope & grace we have from God, and **Fay Wilson** in celebration of Wesley's loyal congregation and our strong, devoted Love for Wesley United Methodist Church.

Thank you from UWF!

Thank you from the Wesley United Women in Faith for supporting our Candy and Nut fundraising sale! We thank Ellen Sellberg for her dedication to our weekly sales during December and for our Wesley Family and Friends who are the greatest.

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

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)

6:45 PM

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 Barbara Burke, 239-405-5898, or email barbaraburke123@att.net 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
info@wesleynaperville.org

Building Events ext. 110
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Available by appointment

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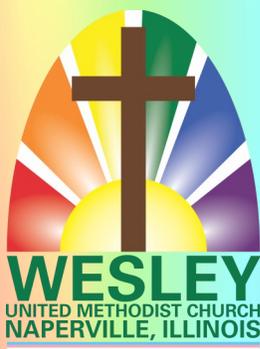
Christine Singer, *Director*
Sherice Horton, *Assistant Director*
Summer: T,W,TH 9am–1pm
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wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com



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Rev. Duane Mevis, *Pastor Emeritus*
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 "Holy Family", by JESUS MAFA, from Vanderbilt Divinity Library, <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/diglib-fulldisplay.pl?SID=20251218452125479&code=ACT&RC=47583&Row=7>, [retrieved December 18, 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.