




Transfiguration  
Sunday  
March 2, 2025




The altar flowers are presented by the McIntosh Family  
in celebration of the birthdays  
of Jerry and Beth in March




 WELCOME

 PRELUDE *Prelude in C* J. Blied



 +CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 46:1-3  
*Stand in body. Stand in spirit. Please share in the words in bold.*


God is our refuge and strength, **a very present help in trouble.**  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
**though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**  
though its waters roar and foam,  
**though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

 +HYMN *Come, Christians Come to Sing* UMH 158

 SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**


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 OPENING PRAYER “Transfiguration” by Lauren Hull Stookey UMH 259

 HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 46:4-11 UMH 780  
*Please share in the words in bold.*

+GOSPEL READING Luke 9:28-36 NRSVUE  
*Please stand in body, stand in spirit for the reading of the Gospel. Listen to your body.*

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “**Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,**” not realizing what he was saying. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “**This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!**” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

  
*This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.*

+DOXOLOGY *Come, Thou Almighty King* UMH 61 v. 4  
**To thee, great One in Three, / eternal praises be,  
hence evermore. / Thy sovereign majesty / may we in glory see,  
and to eternity love and adore!**



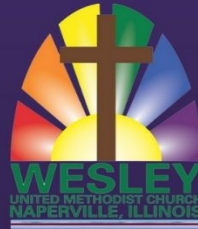


# Imposition of the Ashes

Wesley UMC

21 E. Franklin Ave, Naperville IL 60540  
630-355-1834

\*Drop-in during these times\*



🕒 8:45 - 9:15 am

🕒 11:15-11:45 am

🕒 1:45 - 2:15 pm

*In the Sanctuary & Atrium*

## Evening Worship Service

First Congregational UCC

25 E Benton Ave, Naperville, IL 60540

🕒 7:30 pm

### SAVE THESE DATES

**Sun. 3/30 Worship Through Mission**

at 10 am

Feminine Hygiene Kit Assembly  
for Midwest Mission

**Sun. 4/13 Palm Sunday**

Worship at 10 am

Children and Youth are invited to join  
the Palm Processional

**Thurs. 4/17 Maundy Thursday**

Worship at First Congregational UCC @ 7pm

**Fri. 4/18 Good Friday**

Ecumenical Service at Community UMC  
(20 Center Street) at 7:00 p.m.

**Sun. 4/20 Easter Sunday**

Worship @ 10am

### Upcoming Sunday Focus Scriptures

3/9	Ezekiel 37:1-14,
LENT I	John 3:1-8
3/16	Romans 8:18-25
LENT II	Luke 8:40-55
3/23	Exodus 16:2-18
LENT III	Psalms 65:5-13 Luke 9:12-17
3/30	Psalms 56:1-13
LENT IV	Luke 10:38-42
<i>Worship Through Mission</i>	
4/6	1 Kings 10:1-10, 13
LENT V	Luke 11:27-32
4/13	Matthew 21:1-11
PALM SUNDAY	Psalms 118:19-29
EASTER	Psalms 18:2-11, 16-19 John 20:1-18



## TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

Alexander Dungan



## HYMN OF PREPARATION

*We Would See Jesus*

UMH 256 (v. 2-5)



## SERMON and INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Alexander Dungan



## MUSICAL WITNESS

*My Lord, What a Morning*

Trad. Spiritual, arr. Victor C.



## INVITATION to the PRACTICE of GIVING

*As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.*

Give by Text: (630) 528-0155, Online: [wesleynaperville.org/giving](http://wesleynaperville.org/giving)

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



## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive. Gluten free wafers are available, and all cups are non-alcoholic.*

## 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 are they who come 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.**



And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

## 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.**



**HYMNS DURING COMMUNION** *I Come with Joy* UMH 617, *One Bread, One Body* UMH 620

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant**

**that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name**

**of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## +CLOSING HYMN

*O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair*

UMH 258



## +BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Just A Closer Walk With Thee*

Trad., arr. B. Erdstrom

*All are invited to a time of MARDIS GRAS THEMED fellowship in the Atrium following the postlude.*



## 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.

## 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. 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 Teacher, Substitute Teacher, and Director. 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](mailto:barbaraburke123@att.net) for more information.

## MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto: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—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)

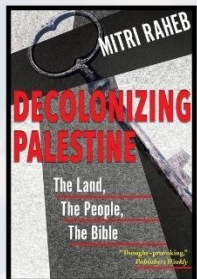
## LENT BOOK STUDY OPPORTUNITY

*with Pastor Emeritus, Duane Mevis*



“Decolonizing Palestine” by Mitri Raheb

I’ve been privileged to tour Israel/Palestine 7 times. I visited the holy sites but also tried to meet the people of the land. One of my favorites was Mitri Raheb, who was born near Bethlehem. He went on to become a Lutheran minister and serve the Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem. I enjoyed worshipping with him and learning his story.



He is now retired from the church but founded a college near Bethlehem with the mission of helping Palestinian youth. He recently wrote a book entitled “Decolonizing Palestine: The Land, The People, The Bible”. It’s an interesting book telling his story and the story of the conflict from a different perspective.

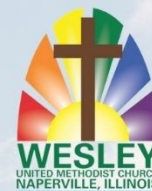


Sundays 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, and 3/30  
immediately after worship

**Books are available for \$17.50**

You can also join via Zoom!

Contact the church office for the link ->



 [INFO@WESLEYNAPERVILLE.ORG](mailto:INFO@WESLEYNAPERVILLE.ORG)

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# Spring Break One-Day Vacation Bible School

FOR AGES 3-12

\$10 per child  
Includes  
snacks and  
supplies!



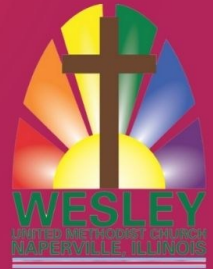
Wednesday  
April 2

9:00 AM  
-  
1:00 PM

**SPACE IS LIMITED! REGISTER TODAY!**

[tinyurl.com/WesleySpringVBS](http://tinyurl.com/WesleySpringVBS)

21 E. Franklin Ave, Naperville IL 60540  
[info@wesleynaperville.org](mailto:info@wesleynaperville.org) / 630-355-1834



*Notes and Reflections*





# 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](http://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](http://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)

**5th SUNDAYS ARE WORSHIP THROUGH MISSION**

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

A community meal. All are invited. All can serve.

#### IN PERSON HOURS

#### CHURCH OFFICE

(630) 355-1834

**Emily Miller, Administrative Assistant**

Sundays: 9am—1pm

M- 8am--3pm

T, TH: Closed

W, F: 8:30 am—3:30 pm

ext. 110

*Building Events*

[events@wesleynaperville.org](mailto: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](mailto:wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com)

**Rev. Megan Tobola, ext. 102**

*Lead Pastor*

*Tuesdays are sabbath*

[pastor@wesleynaperville.org](mailto:pastor@wesleynaperville.org)

**Alexander Dungan, ext. 104**

*Minister of Family & Justice*

W, TH 9am -2pm

[alexander@wesleynaperville.org](mailto:alexander@wesleynaperville.org)

**Rev. Duane Mevis, Pastor Emeritus**

**Nicole Melody, Director of Music**

**Svetlana Mars, Accompanist**

**Chelsea Guanzon, Ministry Candidate**

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Our weekly e-news helps us stay connected.

We can also send it in the regular post per



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

**So do we.**

[wesleynaperville.org](http://wesleynaperville.org)