"NO ROOM"

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS
DECEMBER 28, 2025

WESLEY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

WELCOME

THE PEACE

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

PRELUDE

Guest Accompanist: Dhilanthi Fernando

+CALL TO WORSHIP

We waited.
And imagined a savior.
We imagined power.
One like the world but stronger and on our side.
We imagined a king on a white horse, wielding a sword.
We got a baby born in a stable among the livestock.
We imagined the work done for us through the destruction of our enemies.
We receive a baby who will teach us our calling to seek reconciliation and to love expansively.
Praise be to God for the unexpected babe of Bethlehem.
Praise to the wisdom of love. Amen!

+OPENING HYMN

There's a Song in the Air UMH 249 (v. 1-3)

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.

OFFERING PRAYER

Steadfast God of refuge and promise, even when the world makes no room, even when fear seems stronger than hope, you are with us. In the flight to Egypt, in the cries of grief, in the fragile beginnings of new life, you make a way. Receive these gifts, O God, as signs of our willingness to make room for your kingdom among us. Use what we bring—not just our treasure, but our time, our voices, our compassion—to heal what is broken, to protect the vulnerable, and to embody your saving love. In the name of Jesus, our Light in the shadows. Amen.

+GOSPEL READING

Stand in body. Stand in spirit. However you are led and able Matthew 2:13-23
The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Alexander Dungan

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child,
those who dropped all that they were doing
and traveled to worship the coming of God's love into this world.
We would like to be those who cared for God in infant vulnerability;
who tickled and cuddled and comforted the growing child,
that he might know love and safety.

And yet, merciful God,
we must recognize all the times we are more like Herod.
Whenever we, in our actions or in our inactions,
find our own need for control more compelling
than the needs of others for health and safety.
Whenever we cling to the security of our privilege,
rather than advocating for the rights of the oppressed.
Whenever we are complicit in the harming of innocents
for the sake of profit, or power,
or because we fear to know, and to change,
the injustices of this world.

Loving God,
we confess our sins against you and one another,
and pray that you will fill us with your light,
that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name,
without counting the cost.
In the name of Christ,
the one who showed us the way, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's light is present in this world.
Present in the Christ child, born to lead us out of darkness.
Present in the star, in all that guides us to love.
God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it.
God's grace is in the world, and our missteps will not overcome it.
We are loved, we are forgiven. Alleluia! 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.

CAROL	*What Child is This?*	UMH 219
SERMON	NO ROOM	Pastor Eunbae Doh
+CLOSING HYMN	*Sing We Now of Christmas*	UMH 237 (v. 1-3)

+SENDING FORTH

As we leave this place and scatter back out into the world,
may the God of hope who loves us and gave himself for us–
fill us with all joy and peace
as we trust in Him,
today and throughout the coming week,
so that in believing,
we may abound in hope,
through the love of Jesus Christ,
and the power of the Holy Spirit.

POSTLUDE

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

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)
	5th SUNDAYS ARE WORSHIP THROUGH MISSION
6:45 PM	**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 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.

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.

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.

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
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Chelsea Guanzon, *Ministry Candidate*

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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.

Wesley Kids Day Out! Since 1973

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 "Mother of God: Protectress of the Oppressed", by Kelly Latimore, from Kelly Latimore Icons, https://kellylatimoreicons.com/pages/gallery, [retrieved December 21, 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.