"Invited In, Invited Out"

Proper 23
October 11, 2026

WESLEY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

WELCOME

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.

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken — Arr. M. Hayes

+CALL TO WORSHIP

from enfleshed by M Jade Kaiser

God is calling us
Out of the places we hide
Out of insecurity
Out of shame
Out from under that which silences love and justice.
Come out, people of God!
Though we may be afraid
Though we will be at risk
Though the cross stands as a threat
God calls us to courage!

+OPENING HYMN

Jesus Loves Me — UMH 191

+GOSPEL READING

Stand in body. Stand in spirit. However you are led and able — Matthew 22:1-14

The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Alexander Dungan

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS FOR BROKEN CLOSET DOORS

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...Lord, for all those who are invited out of the closet, adorned with new robes, we pray:

Thank you to you who are yet to come,
who will expand our understanding
and help us love more deeply
– ourselves and each other.
Thank you to every queer beloved and trans love who keeps choosing to live.
And choosing to love.
And choosing to support each other.

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.

PREPARATION HYMN	*Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*	UMH 339 v. 1,2, and 5
SERMON	INVITED IN, INVITED OUT	Rev. Alexander Dungan
+CLOSING HYMN	*They'll Know We Are Christians*	TFWS 2223
+BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	*Blessed Assurance*	Arr. T. McKibben

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The flowers on the altar are donated by Marj McIntosh in celebration of Clergy Appreciation Day. We at Wesley wish to honor our Pastor Alexander. We look forward to your leadership this coming year.



Advent on Stage

Join us for a musical sermon series

as we begin a new church year with song!

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)

CHILDREN and YOUTH

Time for Young Disciples in worship, immediately followed by Sunday School (2nd—4th Sundays). Talk to Pastor Alexander 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 Wednesdays when we return in September!

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

We are working on updating them.We will let you know when they are available.If you have any changes you would like made, contact the office or Lynn T 630-957-7612.

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 wesleynaperville@gmail.com

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.

IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WE PRAY…

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

(1-20-26) For protection for the immigrant community as they experience heartbreaking levels of violence.

(8-23-26) For Chelsea Guanzon as they enter into a new school year and face additional complications with their knee. May they continue to heal.

(9-6-26) For Rev. Duane Mevis as he recovers from medical testing. Prayers and cards are much appreciated.

If you have a prayer concern, email us at wesleynaperville@gmail.com, contact the church office, or Pastor Alexander.

WORSHIP RESOURCES USED TODAY Keith Haring. National Coming Out Day, from The Keith Haring Foundation. [retrieved October 8, 2026]. https://www.haring.com/!/art-work/national-coming-out-day:, *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.

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

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."

Wesley has entered into a discernment process highlighted in Paragraph 213 of *The Book of Discipline.* This process allows us to partner with members of the community and the conference to evaluate

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