

"YOU ARE THE SALT AND LIGHT"

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 8, 2026



Arr. M. Hayes



WELCOME



PRELUDE

As the Deer



OPENING PRAYER

God of compassion and justice, the worship you choose for us is to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free, to share bread with the hungry, to shelter the homeless poor.

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly. So, in praise and wonder, we come to worship you not just with our words but with our hearts and our lives.

Glory and honor be to you, O God, Creator of a new heaven and a new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



+CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

We are the light of the world.

We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.



+OPENING HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

TFWS 2173



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

Liberating God, You call us to a fast not of silence, but of service; not of hiding, but of healing. You ask that our worship be more than words, that our offerings be more than ritual. Receive these gifts as signs of our willingness to share bread with the hungry, to break chains of injustice, to repair what is broken. May our generosity reflect your mercy and our living mirror your love. Use us and these gifts, so that light might rise in the darkness and hope take root where despair has reigned. 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 5:13-20



TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Alexander Dungan



JOYS AND CONCERNS



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Lord, you placed us in the world to be its salt.

We were afraid of committing ourselves, afraid of being stained by the world.

We did not want to hear what 'they' might say, and our salt dissolved as if in water.

Forgive us, Jesus.

 **Kyrie Eleison**

UMH 484

Lord, you placed us in the world to be its light.
We were afraid of the shadows, afraid of the poverty.
We did not want to know 'difficult' people, and our light slowly faded away.
Forgive us, Jesus.

 **Kyrie Eleison**

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Lord, you placed us in the world to live in community.
Thus, you taught us to love, to share in life, to struggle for bread and for justice,
Your truth incarnates in our lives.
So be it, Lord Jesus.

 **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love;
know that our sins have been forgiven.
May we be strengthened in all goodness.
Since we have been raised with Christ,
let us seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
Thanks be to God, 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.

 **ANTHEM**

Amen, So Be It

Natalie Sleethe

 **SERMON**

YOU ARE THE SALT AND LIGHT

Pastor Eunbae Doh

 **+CLOSING HYMN**

Pass It On

UMH 572

 **+SENDING FORTH**

May our love be like salt that makes life tasty and worthwhile.
May our Christian living be a light to those who live in darkness.
May our Christian communities be cities of light to be seen from afar
as signs that God lives and works in his people.
Go now, and let the light of Christ shine on all those who live around you.
Thanks be to God!

 **POSTLUDE**

What a Friend We Have In Jesus

Arr. J. Shakley

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The flowers on the altar are presented by the Trygstad family in celebration of family birthdays and anniversaries.

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.

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.

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.

(11-20-25) 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.

(1-20-26) Protection for the people of Minneapolis and the immigrant community as they experience heart-breaking levels of violence.

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
events@wesleynaperville.org
Available by appointment

WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT

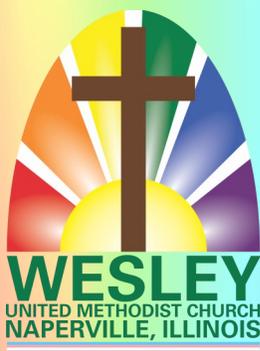
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Chelsea Guanzon, *Ministry Candidate*



**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.



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.

WORSHIP RESOURCES USED TODAY "Let Your Light Shine", by Cara B. Hochhalter, from Vanderbilt Divinity Library, <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/diglib-fulldisplay.pl?SID=20260204434110055&code=act&RC=59298&Row=24> [retrieved February 4, 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.