

"GIFT OF THE MAGI"

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

JANUARY 4, 2026



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.



THE PEACE

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



PRELUDE

Away in a Manger

Arr. J. Sanborn



+CALL TO WORSHIP

Do you see what I see?

A star, a star rises in the night, leading us to Bethlehem, shining with the hope of a Messiah!

Do you hear what I hear?

A song, a song of laud and honor, our gift of devotion to this child, homage to his divine royalty.

Do you know what I know?

A dream, a dream calling us to a different path, leading us to disobey the crown, to protect the child.

Listen to what I say, people everywhere:

A ruler comes to shepherd his people, not one who rules with armies and gold, but a child who will lead with justice and truth. He will bring us goodness and light!



+OPENING HYMN

We Three Kings

UMH 254



+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 2:1-12



TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Alexander Dungan



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, Parent of disobedient children, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have been an obedient church but obedient to kings and empires rather than to you. We have refused to break their laws and, in doing so, we have broken your law to protect our neighbors. We have refused to rebel against the orders of Herod and, in our devotion to order, we have rebelled against your unbridled love. We have not loved our neighbors. We have ignored the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. If we are to be disobedient, let us disobey the demand to harm our neighbors. If we are to be rebellious, allow us to rebel against orders of injustice. Free us from the chains of the empire and allow us to forge a new path that leads not to the palace from which we came but to a new home in you, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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ANTHEM

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

by Chris Tomlin and Louis Giglio, arr. Joel Raney



SERMON

GIFT OF THE MAGI

Rev. Alexander Dungan



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is 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 in whatever language is on our hearts:



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.



SONG DURING COMMUNION

Sanctuary

TFWS 2164



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



+CLOSING HYMN

De Tierra Lejana Venimos

UMH 243



+SENDING FORTH



POSTLUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Arr. M. Hayes

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The flowers on the altar are presented in celebration of Jesus's coming and the opportunity it provides for us all.

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.

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
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WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT

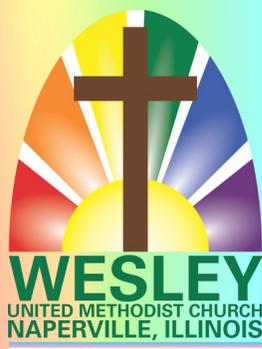
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Rev. Duane Mevis, *Pastor Emeritus*
Nicole Melody, *Director of Music*
Svetlana Mars, *Accompanist*
Chelsea Guanzon, *Ministry Candidate*



**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 "Our Lady of Humanitarian Aid", by Sabrina Zarco, from Visions Museum of Textile Art, <https://vmota.org/our-lady-of-humanitarian-aid-by-sabrina-zarco/>, [retrieved December 29, 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.