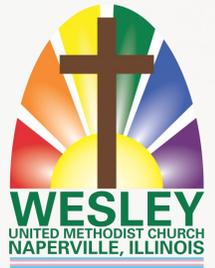




FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“KEEP AWAKE”
NOVEMBER 30, 2025



 WELCOME

 THE PEACE

 PRELUDE

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

In the Bleak Midwinter

Arr. B. Erdstrom

 ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING
Responsive Litany

Music: *Light of Hope* by Joel Raney

We begin the season of Advent with expectant and believing hearts.

We wait upon the Lord and place our hope in God’s word.

During Advent, we confront the darkness that so often exists around us.

We wait upon the Lord and place our hope in God’s word.

During Advent, we confront the doubt that so often resides within us.

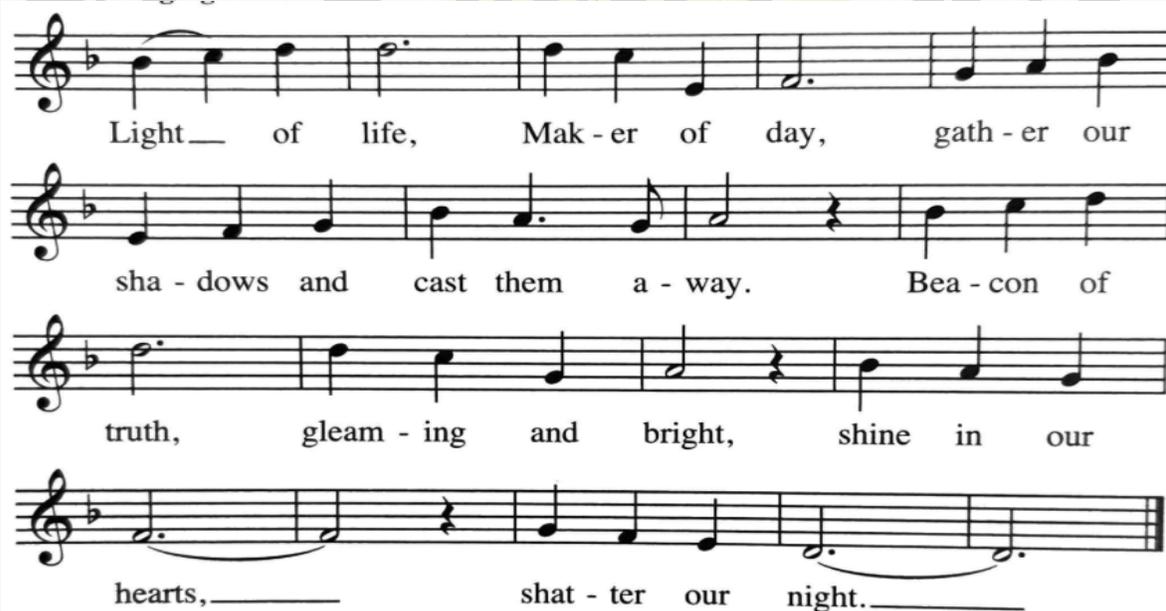
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During Advent. We confront the division that so often occurs between us.

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The morning we light the first candle which reminds us of the ultimate hope that comes through our Savior’s birth. In a world where we often get overwhelmed by our circumstances, Advent comes as a gentle whisper offering us hope to heal the broken, befriend the lonely, and share the good news of the Gospel. This morning, let us begin this Advent season with expectant and believing hearts.

The first candle of the Advent wreath is lit.



Light of life, Mak - er of day, gath - er our
sha - dows and cast them a - way. Bea - con of
truth, gleam - ing and bright, shine in our
hearts, shat - ter our night.

 OPENING PRAYER
Holy God of Hope,

Give us ears to hear and hearts to trust the promises you offer to us in this season of Advent.

As we worship together, we offer ourselves to you, and we open ourselves to your abundant grace. Amen.

 +OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UMH 196

 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

Ever-Watchful God, you call us to live not in fear, but in faithful anticipation. As we offer these gifts, we do so as people preparing our hearts, our hands, and our world for your coming reign. We confess that we often cling too tightly to our comforts and schedules, forgetting that your kingdom calls us to loosen our grip and lift our eyes. Awaken us, Lord, to the “someday” you are already shaping through our love, our justice, and our generosity. Let these offerings be signs of readiness, trust, and joy as we wait—and work—for your future to break into our present. In the name of the one who comes, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 24: 36-44

 TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Alexander Dungan

 JOYS AND CONCERNS PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord,
kindle in us the desire to remain awake;
that we might be ready for your coming and eager to pray.

**O God, in days to come,
the mountain of your house will be established,
and your joy shall reign.
We pray for our church,
that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths.
Come, Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

Out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and you, O God, shall judge between the nations.
We pray for our nation, and all nations,
that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.
Come, Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

**In your Kingdom, O Lord,
wolves lie down with lambs
and children play with serpents without fear.
We pray for the sick, the suffering,
and those in distress of any kind (especially...);
that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief,
and settle all wrongs.
Come, Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

Come among us, O God, and hear our prayers;
so that when your Son Jesus comes among us
with great might, and in manger mild,
we might recognize his face and his voice,
and come to adore him. 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

Keep Your Lamps

Victor C. Johnson

 SERMON AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

KEEP AWAKE

Rev. Eunbae Doh

 +CLOSING HYMN

I Know Whom I Have Believed

UMH 714

 +SENDING FORTH

 POSTLUDE

Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow

Arr. L. Larson

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The flowers on the altar are presented by Russetta Rauch in celebration of family- past, present, and FUTURE!

As we near Advent, I would love to invite any families to be part of our Christmas pageant in church this year! Any child can join and all ages are welcome! We have speaking roles, nonspeaking roles, and behind-the-scenes puppetry and prop roles for any comfort level. The pageant will be on Sunday, December 21st during our 10am worship. If you're interested in participating, please let Pastor Alexander know as well as what your child/children's comfort level is for participating. We hope to see you there! You can reach out to Pastor Alexander at alexander@wesleynaperville.org.

Thank you!



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

The deadline for ordering poinsettias is

December 7, 2025

If you wish to order poinsettias to be placed in our church sanctuary during the Christmas season, please complete the form below. After completion, it can be placed in the offering basket on Sunday morning or brought to the church office.

COST PER PLANT: \$20.00

of red: _____ # of white: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

In celebration of _____

Other dedication: _____

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST- 10 AM

SERVICE OF CAROLS AND HYMNS

AND CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH- 3 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE

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

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

5:00 PM

Center Street Table Dinner Dialogues (Across the Street @ Community UMC).

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.

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 she recovers 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: Jun 29, Aug 31, Nov 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
info@wesleynaperville.org

Building Events ext. 110
events@wesleynaperville.org
Available by appointment

WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT

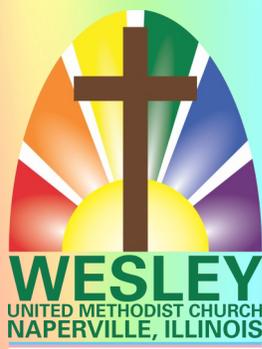
Christine Singer, *Director*
Sherice Horton, *Assistant Director*
Summer: T,W,TH 9am–1pm
(630) 355-1758
wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com



Rev. Eunbae Doh, ext. 102
Lead Pastor
M, W, TH
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Rev. Alexander Dungan, ext. 104
Pastor of Family & Justice
W, TH 9am–2pm
alexander@wesleynaperville.org

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 "The Risen Lord", by He Qi, from St James United Church, <https://www.glebestjames.ca/sunday-november-20th-2022-reign-of-christ-sunday>, [retrieved November 19, 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.