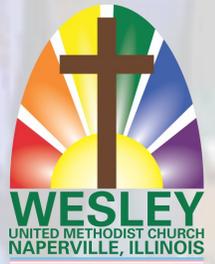




# REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

PROPER 29  
NOVEMBER 23, 2025



 WELCOME

 THE PEACE

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

 PRELUDE

*God Leads Us Along*

Arr. L. Shackley

 +CALL TO WORSHIP

*Stand in body. Stand in spirit.*

God is with His people. He dwells in their midst. Listen and hear Him speak.

**Our hearts long for his word. We wait upon the Lord so that we may renew our strength.**

God is our help and our support. His spirit moves among us to lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

**With joyful hearts, we sing God's praise. With rejoicing, we call upon Him. The Lord is our hope and our salvation.**

 +OPENING HYMN

*He Is Exalted*

TFWS 2070

 INVITATION TO THE PRACTICE OF GIVING

Give by Text: (630) 528-0155, Online: [wesleynaperville.org/giving](http://wesleynaperville.org/giving)  
The offering basket is also available at the front of the sanctuary.



 OFFERING PRAYER

**Compassionate Shepherd, You do not abandon your flock, even when we wander or divide. You gather us in Christ, our righteousness, and teach us to live in unity, mercy, and peace. As we bring these gifts, may they be signs of our desire to follow your way—offering compassion where there has been hurt, justice where there has been harm, and hope where there has been despair. Strengthen us to live as people waiting not in fear, but in faith—serving the reign of Christ not just with words, but with lives shaped by generosity and love. In the name of the One who gathers and leads us always. 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!**

Luke 23: 33-43

 TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Alexander Dungan

 JOYS AND CONCERNS

 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, as You hung on a cross, Your first thought was for others. You forgave the ones who ridiculed and tortured You, You accepted the criminal who hung beside You. And it was You who made a mockery of the sign they placed above Your head. For little did they know that they did indeed gaze at a king.

**We don't need signs and labels to recognise Your power and Your authority, Lord. It is because we have seen the unlikely become reality; because we have witnessed You in the unexpected, and because we believe in truths honed by a carpenter's son, that we dare to hope, Lord, that Your kingdom has come among us and continues to come, day after day, among the poor and the lonely, the sick and the weary, the angry and the abused, the warmongers and the peace seekers.**

And so it is for those and others whose lives are touched by grief and greed, injustice and injury, emptiness and endlessness that we pray now, trusting in the goodness and the grace that retrieved lost sheep and wayward sons; that consoled grieving mothers and weeping women at a tomb; that fed aching stomachs and eager minds; that soothed the open wounds of untouchables and the throbbing scars of hatred; that laid open itself to pain, rejection and abandonment so that we might know healing, acceptance and belonging.

**And if we catch only a glimpse of Your mercy among the hardness of life, if we can sense Your presence only for a fleeting moment in the busyness of life, if we can witness that wholeness happens among the brokenness of life.**

Spirit of God, resting upon us: may your power enflame us with your peace; may your peace touch us with your grace; may your grace fill us with your hope; may your hope lead us into your Kingdom.

**God in Community, Holy in One, may your word be on our lips, as we pray together as Jesus has taught us, saying,**



#### 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

*We Will Glorify the King of Kings*

TFWS 2087



#### SERMON AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

YOU ARE NOT A KING

Rev. Eunbae Doh



#### +CLOSING HYMN

*Victory in Jesus*

UMH 370



#### +SENDING FORTH

May the path that Christ walks bring justice upon the earth, to bring light to those who sit in darkness, to bring out those who live in bondage, to bring new things to all creation,

**May this path run through our lives. May we be the road Christ takes.**



#### POSTLUDE

*Trumpet in Dialogue*

L.N. Clerambault

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

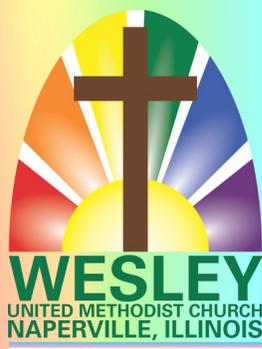
Christine Singer, *Director*  
Sherice Horton, *Assistant Director*  
Summer: T,W,TH 9am–1pm  
(630) 355-1758  
wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com



Rev. Eunbae Doh, ext. 102  
*Lead Pastor*  
M, W, TH  
pastor@wesleynaperville.org

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](http://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.