# Merry Christmas from Naperville Covenant Church



# Naperville Covenant Church



We desire to be an increasingly diverse, compassionate community committed to knowing, loving, and serving Jesus Christ in our neighborhoods and world.

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## **Welcome to Naperville Covenant Church**

Friday, December 24, 2022 - Candlelight Christmas Eve

## **Opening Worship**

"Joy To The World (Joyful, Joyful)"

#### Welcome

Pastor X

### **Worship Music**

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"
Naperville Covenant Church Choir

"What Child Is This?"

"O Come All Ye Faithful (His Name Shall Be)"
Naperville Covenant Church Choir

## Children's Message

Pastor Kelly

#### Offertory

for Covenant World Relief and Development

Special Music

"Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella"

Naperville Covenant Church Musicians

Anna and Lucas Gillan

#### Message

"On the Run Pt. 1" Matthew 2:1-12 Pastor X

## **Advent Reading/Candle Lighting**

Verdonna Spencer

## **Candle Lighting Song**

"Silent Night"

#### **Closing Worship**

"Trenches"

#### Benediction

Pastor X

## **ABOUT US**

#### Knowing, Loving and Serving...

A warm welcome to Naperville Covenant! Thank you for joining us today for worship. While face masks are encouraged, they are not required. If today is your first day visiting us, please fill out the Connection Card (or scan the QR Code and visit the website link on the right) and place it in the offering plate or take it to the front office desk. Please also stop by the Welcome Center for more information and a FREE gift!

**CHILDREN K-5TH GRADE:** Pastor Kelly will be sharing activity packets with kids of all ages as part of the children's message, including a glow stick to use during the candlelit portion of our service.

**PRESCHOOL ROOM:** Our Preschool Room is open and staffed during the entire worship service this evening. Children 2 - 5 are invited at any time to come explore the Bible together through story and play.

**NURSERY:** Our Nursery is located across the Preschool Room near the back of our church.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:** Please write prayer concerns on the back of Connect cards or send an email to <a href="mailto:necchurch@napercov.org">necchurch@napercov.org</a>.

## - Who We are at Naperville Covenant Church -

At Naperville Covenant Church, our mission is to Know God fully, Love authentically and serve courageously.

In pursuing our mission, we work toward fulfilling our vision of an increasingly diverse, compassionate community in our neighborhoods and world.

Through a process of assessing our strengths, identifying potential growth areas, and seeking God's direction, we have affirmed a guiding mission and vision for NaperCov. Our vision looks to a preferred future that we believe God has for us.

We as a church have always had a strong connection to the local community and feel challenged and called to take advantage of our physical location as a meeting place and crossroads of culture here in Naperville.

Come join us and be a part of our mission as we continue to build and develop relationships where the hurting are helped and the lost are found.

This is Naperville Covenant Church.

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Takeaway #1:

Takeaway #2:

Takeaway #3:

Takeaway #4:

