

Weekly Events at Naperville Covenant Church

Sunday, May 29

Worship Service @ 10:30 am
Annual Meeting (Virtual) @ 12:30 pm

Monday, May 30

Church Office Closed - Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31

No Events

Wednesday, June 1

Community Meal @ 6 pm
Courageous Conversations @ 6:30 pm
Courageous Kids @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, June 2

No Events

Friday, June 3

No Events

Saturday, June 4

No Events

Youth Events at Naperville Covenant Church

NaperCov Youth >>

We challenge our students to dig into their faith and deepen their understanding of biblical truth. Through fun activities and meaningful conversations, they will explore what it means to be a Christian in the world.



Summer Plans!

Be sure to stay in touch for upcoming Youth Ministry summer plans at NECC!

Our Mission: to glorify God by being an authentic Christian community that brings people to Jesus Christ, builds them up to maturity in the faith and equips them to be disciplemakers who **KNOW**, **LOVE** and **SERVE** God.

Our Vision: An increasingly diverse, compassionate community committed to knowing, loving, and serving Jesus Christ in our neighborhoods and world.

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May 29, 2022
Graduation Sunday

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Welcome to Naperville Covenant Church

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Sunday, May 29, 2022 - Graduation Sunday + Service of Lament

Worship Music

“Hosanna”

“Drive Out The Darkness”

Recognition of Graduates

Pre-School

Elementary and Middle School

College and Post-Graduate

High School

Service of Lament

“Be Still My Soul”

“Alpha And Omega”

A Time To Remember The Sins And Grievs Of Our Nation

Psalm 2

A Time To Remember The Sins And Grievs Of Our Church

Psalm 109:1-21, 30-31

A Time To Remember Personal Sins And Grievs

Psalm 88

The Hopeful Promise

Message

“More Than Thoughts and Prayers”

Matthew 15:1-9

Pastor X

Prayer

Pastor Josiah

Offertory

Closing Worship

“Spirit Of The Living God”

Benediction

Pastor X

A warm welcome to Naperville Covenant! Thank you for joining us today for worship. While face masks are encouraged, they are not required. (We will continue to require masks however in our nursery and preschool room as long as children under the age of 5 are unable to get vaccinated). 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!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: Please write prayer concerns on the back of Connect cards or send an email to necchurch@napercov.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Knowing, Loving and Serving...

Graduation Sunday - TODAY Celebrate with us in honoring all those who are moving up and graduating from various programs. We will honor pre-school, elementary, middle school, high school, college, and other program graduates. We would like to give special recognition to our high school seniors moving on to college.

NECC Annual Meeting TODAY (after service) We will be holding our annual meeting virtually at 12:30 pm today. While we realize this is a holiday weekend, please make every effort to join us if you can. To join the meeting, please follow: <https://tinyurl.com/NECCMeeting22>.

NECC Office Hours Memorial Day May 30 The NECC office will be closed Monday in observance of the holiday. We will resume normal in-office business hours Tuesday, May 31.

Courageous Conversations Continues Wednesday, June 1 @ 6:30 pm

Join Pastor X this Wednesday evening for a night of engaging, sustaining and deepening conversation. This month's theme will be centered around 'I 'meme' well'. A meal will be provided beforehand at 6 pm.

Courageous Kids June 1 @ 6:30 pm - Join Pastor Kelly and friends as we go on an exploration of Jesus' teachings about "the least of these" and how kids can respond and make a difference. This month's discussion focuses on 'I was thirsty and you gave me water to drink'. A meal will be provided beforehand at 6 pm. For more information, please contact the church office at necchurch@napercov.org.

REGISTRATION OPEN: Discovering God Summer Series - Preschool and elementary aged kids are invited to join us this summer at NaperCov as we DISCOVER GOD together on Sunday evenings: 6/12, 6/19, 7/10 & 7/17. Each week of our series this summer we'll explore how we can discover and connect with God through the basic elements of the world God made: earth, water, wind, and light. We'll have fun group games, engaging Bible stories with hands-on activities, creative prayer and crafts, and dinner together too. To register, follow <https://tinyurl.com/napercovkids-summer>. For more information, please contact Pastor Kelly.

CHILDREN K-5TH GRADE: CHILDREN K-5TH GRADE: Sunday Squad today! Join Pastor Kelly and friends for a Bible lesson, craft, and games. Kids will be dismissed right before the service of lament. Parents, please come to the elementary classroom K after service to retrieve your kids (Sunday Squad is every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday of the month).

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

NURSERY: Our nursery is unstaffed, but available for parents and their infants to use.



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Liturgy For Grieving National Tragedy

Pastor: O God who gathers what has been scattered,
All: Shelter us now in the shadow of your wings.

O Christ who binds our wounds,
Be our great healer.

O Spirit who enters our every grief,
Intercede now for this hurting people, in this broken land.

Be present in the midst of this far-reaching pain, O Lord, for we are reeling again, at news of another loss of life that touches us all; news of flourishing diminished; of individuals harmed; of pain imposed, not only upon victims and their families who bear now the immediate brunt of it—but also upon our nation. For we are connected as a people, and this hurt, this grief, touches us all.

Engage our imaginations and move our hearts to compassion, O Lord, that we would interact with these casualties, not as news stories or statistics, but as our own sisters and brothers, flesh and blood, divine image-bearers, irreplaceable individuals whose losses will leave gaping holes in homes, friendships, workplaces, churches, schools, organizations, and neighborhoods.

Be merciful to those now wounded.

Be present with those now bereaved.

You do not run from our brokenness, O God. You move ever toward those in need. Your heart is always inclined toward those who suffer. Now let your mercies be active through the hands, the words, and the compassionate care of those who willingly enter this sadness to console and to serve.

Be with all who move toward this need:

The helpers, the counselors, the first responders, those who offer aid and protection, the pastors and intercessors, those who meet immediate practical needs, those who seek to heal physical wounds, and those who come after to carry on the long, hard work of rebuilding families and hearts and lives and community.

Grant each of them wisdom, courage, vision, sympathy, and strength to serve effectively in their various capacities.

Even in the shadow of such tragedy, let us not lose hope. Give us eyes to see the rapid movements of mercy rushing to fill these newly wounded spaces. Let us see in this the echoes of your own mercy and compassion—a foretaste of your kingdom coming to earth. And move our own hearts also, equipping us to intercede, to act, and to respond however we are able.

Move, O Holy Spirit, in the midst and in the aftermath of this tragedy, in the wake of our wounding, in the shock and the sorrow.

Arrest the hearts and stay the hands of any who even now might be plotting further evil and violence against others, O Christ.
Turn them from hatred. Turn their hearts to you.

You once brooded over the formless chaos of ancient waters and brought forth the order and flourishing of creation.
Do so again, O Spirit of God.

From the chaos of this tragedy call forth new life and order and flourishing. Take even what our adversary might have meant for evil, and from it bring forth eternal good.

You alone have strength to carry this people.
Carry us now, O Lord.

You alone have wisdom and power to heal the wounds of a nation.
Heal us, O Lord.

You alone have compassion enough to enter our widespread grief, and turn it to hope.
Be merciful, O Christ!

Amen

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