Weekly Events at Naperville Covenant Church

Sunday, November 28 Worship Service @ 10:30 am Sunday Squad ~ 10:45 am Christmas Decorating @ Church ~ 11:45 am Confirmation @ 12-2 pm

> Monday, November 29 No Events

<u>Tuesday, November 30</u> Women's Bible Study @ 9:30 am <u>Wednesday, December 1</u> MOPs Playdate @ 10 am Youth Christmas Party @ 5 pm Christmas Program Rehearsal @ 6:30-7:30 pm

> Thursday, December 2 No Events

Friday, December 3 No Events

Saturday, December 4 No Events



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 an 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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November 28, 2021 **First Sunday of Advent**

Welcome to Naperville Covenant Church

Sunday, November 28, 2021 - First Sunday of Advent

Worship Music "Joy To The World (Joyful Joyful)"

Advent Reading/Candle Lighting Aaron and Allison Smith

Worship Music "Days of Elijah" "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

> Message "Sign of the Times" Luke 21:25-37 Pastor X

Prayer and Announcements Pastor Josiah

> Closing Worship "Everlasting God"

> > Benediction Pastor X

A warm welcome to Naperville Covenant! Thank you for joining us today for worship. Please wear a mask and plan to use the portable church hand sanitizer stations at each door when you enter. We are taking every precaution to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all who worship in person with us. If today is your first day visiting us, please fill out the Connection Card 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: Sunday Squad today! Join Pastor Kelly and friends in the Fellowship Hall for a Bible lesson, craft, and games. Kids will be dismissed right before the sermon. Parents, please come to the Fellowship Hall 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 the entire worship service every week. 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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Knowing, Loving and Serving...

Christmas Decorating @ NaperCov TODAY! - Please join us TODAY to decorate the church for Christmas! We'll get started right after service. There will be lunch served for those who help out. For more info, please see Brandi Sanders or Pastor X.

Fall Women's Bible Study Tuesdays @ 9:30am RESUMES Nov. 30 - Our Fall Women's Bible Study will resume in-person at church on Tuesday, 11/30 at 9:30 am. For questions, please contact Kathy Buettner at <u>kathy buettner@comcast.net</u>.

MOPs Playdate Dec. 1! - Join Pastor Kelly and friends Wednesday for a MOPs (Mothers of Preschoolers) play date at church! The date is open to all moms and little ones to come play and connect. For more info, please see Pastor Kelly.

Children & Youth Christmas Program - Rehearsals continue this week! We are excited to be putting on a Christmas program during our worship service Sunday, December 19. All kids and youth are invited to participate. We will be rehearsing Wednesday evenings, 6:30-7:30 pm. Please see Pastor Kelly if your kids plan to be involved. We'd love to have some parent helpers too!

NaperCov Youth Christmas Party December 1! - Join us for the NaperCov Youth Christmas Party Wednesday, Dec. 1. Parents, please drop your kids off 5pm at the Dwyer's. We will provide rides from then on moving 5:45 at the Sladkeys finishing 6:30 at the Anderson's. Please sign up for us to provide the addresses. Make sure your student brings a wrapped white elephant gift (something from home they no longer want). There are sign up sheets in the back of church. You can also "Sign Up" by speaking with or emailing Josiah (josiah@napercov.org)!

Deep Freeze Youth Retreat - Jan. 7-9, 2022 - Coming the weekend of January 7-9, 2022, enjoy winter activities, food, lodging, and Christian speakers with worship leaders. The end result is students and leaders alike leaving the weekend refreshed, more connected to their youth group and energized to serve Jesus as well as those in their community. This will be a winter retreat for 6-12th grade. Please register at <u>covenantharbor.org</u>.

Summer Camp Registration at Covenant Harbor/Point is NOW OPEN!

Make sure to sign up (<u>https://tinyurl.com/CovCamp22</u>) as soon as possible for your preferred dates for Summer Camp! We will have a printout today to coordinate having students attend camp at the same time. For questions, please contact the church office at <u>necchurch@napercov.org</u>.

Sponsor a Child with World Vision - NaperCov has become the first Evangelical Covenant Church to have the opportunity to sponsor Covenant Kids in Karawa, DRC, a new development area where Covenant mission in Congo began in 1937! Sponsorship is one of the most personal and effective ways we can address global childhood poverty and if you are able, child sponsorship folders are available at church to choose from. If you wish to find and sponsor Karawa Kids online, please follow the link <u>https://teamworldvision.org/napercov.</u>

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Worship Service Sunday November 28, 2021

> Sign of the Times Pastor X (Luke 21:25-37)

Takeaway #1:

Takeaway #4:

Takeaway #2:



Takeaway #3: