

Who we are at 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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Weekly Events

Sunday, March 3rd

UNITE Meeting @ 9:30am

Worship Service @ 10:30am

Confirmation @ 12pm

Service at the Pearl @ 1:15pm

Monday, March 4th

Monday Crew @ 2:30pm

Tuesday, March 5th

Women's Bible Study @ 9:30am

Building Rental @ 5pm

Wednesday, March 6th

Ohana @ 5pm

Discipleship Series @ 6:30pm

Thursday, March 7th

Building Rental @ 9am

Sign up for our **Weekly All-Church Email** and our **Parent Connection Email Newsletters**: <https://tinyurl.com/NECCNews>

Find us **@NaperCov** on Social Media

NaperCov Youth

While engaging with peers and community, NaperCov Youth Ministry will be a place where students find acceptance for who they are and challenged to grow deeper in faith with Christ.

Upcoming Youth Events:

Sun, March 3: **UNITE Meeting** at 9:30 am

Sun, March 3: **Confirmation** at 12pm

Wed, March 6: **Ohana** at 5pm

Sun, March 10: **Bean Bonanza** at 11:45am



Lent 2024 Naperville Covenant Church

Worship Music

“Echo (In Jesus’ Name)”
“Holy Spirit”

Prayer of Confession

Worship Music
“Mighty to Save”

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:1-6
John Murray

Message

“You Are Taken!”
Pastor Dawn Bodi

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Announcements & Prayer

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

“I Love You Lord / We Exalt Thee”

Closing Worship Song

“Lord I Need You”

Benediction

Pastor Dawn Bodi

A warm welcome to Naperville Covenant! Thank you for joining us today. If it's your first time visiting us, please fill out the Connection Card in the pew and place it in the offering bag or follow the QR code on the insert.

Children 1st-5th Grade will remain in the sanctuary today, activity bags are available at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Preschool/Kindergarten Room is open and staffed during our entire service. Children ages 2.5 - 5 are invited at any time to come explore the Bible together through story and play.

The Nursery is open and staffed by volunteers today, infants and children up through age 3 are welcome at any time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer After Service - Stephen Ministry has a rotating team who are ready to pray for anyone who would like it today. Head out of the sanctuary to the library after service in order to receive prayer.

Women’s Bible Study Continues This Tues, March 5 at 9:30am - This winter, WBS is studying Lisa Harper’s *How Much More: Discovering God’s Extravagant Love in Unexpected Places*. Contact Kathy Buettner for more information at kathy_buettner@comcast.net

Lenten Discipleship Series Continues This Wed, March 6 at 6:30pm - Greg Johnston is leading a series on Rev. Dennis Edwards' new book—*Humility Illuminated: The Biblical Path Back to Christian Character*. They meet on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the NECC library. This week, they will be discussing Chapter 3 on Communing and Chapter 4 on Reconciling.

Palm Sunday Kid’s Choir Rehearsals Begin Wed, March 6 at 6:30pm - We are organizing a Kids Choir for Palm Sunday! Our first rehearsal is this Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30pm. The Kids Choir will sing during the service on Sunday, March 24. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Melinda Alberty or Pastor Kelly.

Bean Bonanza (UNITE Fundraiser) Next Sun, March 10 After Service - Remember Spudfest? Join us this year for Bean Bonanza! We will have a coffee station, counting beans jar, bean crafts, silent auction and more. All proceeds support sending youth to UNITE. Contact Pastor Josiah with any questions or if you are interested in contributing to the silent auction.

Easter Egg Hunt on Sat, March 23 - This year, we plan to hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt Event on Saturday, March 23. We are still in need of additional volunteers for filling eggs, setting up, hosting our coffee station, overseeing outside activities, and clean-up. You can sign up in the narthex or visit the SignUp Genius page in the weekly email to see how you can help out. Please contact Pastor Kelly with any questions or feedback.

Volunteer as an Offering Counter - The Offering Count Team is in need of a couple of volunteers to help count the weekly offering and take the deposit over to the bank. If you are interested, please contact Scott Stenmark at sstenmark@sbcglobal.net or (773)-554-6662.

Monthly Financial Report - Below are the financials for January of 2024. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the mission and ministry of Naperville Evangelical Covenant Church.

NECC Financials – Month of January 2024`				
	Month		YTD	
	Actual	Plan	Actual	Plan
Giving	\$ 27,457	\$ 32,355	\$ 321,110	\$ 285,582
Expenses	\$ 43,335	\$ 43,338	\$ 303,435	\$ 314,998

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“You Are Taken!”

Ephesians 1:1-6; Matthew 26:26-28

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Sermon Notes

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Prayer of Confession

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven whose wrongs are pardoned.
I will confess my sins to the Lord, I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

Silence

God forgives and heals us.

We need your healing, merciful God:

Give us true repentance.

Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face.

Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.

God forgives you.

Forgive others; forgive yourself.

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Through Christ, God has put away your sin: approach your God in peace.

Taken From A New Zealand Prayer Book

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