

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 10th

Worship Service @ 10:30am

Bean Bonanza @ 11:45am

Confirmation @ 1pm

Service at the Pearl @ 1:15pm

Monday, March 11th

Monday Crew @ 2:30pm

Executive Board Meeting @ 7pm

Tuesday, March 12th

Women's Bible Study @ 9:30am

Wednesday, March 13th

Ohana @ 5pm

Kids Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30pm

Discipleship Series @ 6:30pm

Choir Rehearsal @ 7:30pm

Thursday, March 14th

Building Rental @ 10am

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 10: **Bean Bonanza** at 11:45am

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Wed, March 13: **Ohana** at 5pm



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Lent 2024 Naperville Covenant Church

Worship Music

“The Blessing”
“Who You Say I Am”

Prayer of Confession

Worship Music

“Jesus Messiah”

Scripture Reading

John 12:20-33
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Message

“Gritty Glory”
Pastor Kelly Johnston

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

“Anything You Ask”

Announcements & Prayer

Closing Worship Song

“How Marvelous”

Benediction

Pastor Kelly Johnston

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.

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.

Children 1st-5th Grade are welcome to come to Sunday Squad after the opening worship set of songs. We will return to the sanctuary during the closing song.

Preschool/Kinder 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

Bean Bonanza (UNITE Fundraiser) Today - Join us after service for Bean Bonanza! We will have refreshments, a coffee bean station, counting beans jar, bean crafts, silent auction and more. All proceeds support sending NaperCov's youth to UNITE.

Women's History Month Spotlight - Be sure to check NaperCov's weekly announcement email each week this month to learn about influential women from throughout church history. This past week's spotlight was Perpetua.

Women's Bible Study Continues This Tues, March 12 at 9:30am - WBS is currently 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 13 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 4 on Reconciling and Chapter 5 on Shepherding.

Palm Sunday Kid's Choir Rehearses on Wed, March 13 at 6:30pm - We are organizing a Kids Choir for Palm Sunday! Our next rehearsal is this Wednesday, March 13 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.

Easter Egg Hunt on Sat, 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.

Palms at the Pearl on Sun, March 24 - On Palm Sunday this year, you're invited to join the service at the Pearl nursing home and share our church's palm branches with the residents! This is a simple but significant way to bless folks in our community with the presence of God. Please RSVP to Pastor Kelly.

Good Friday Service on Fri, March 29 at 7pm - We will be hosting a collaborative Good Friday Service with Christ Covenant Church, Church of the Good Shepherd, and Batavia Covenant. There will be a fellowship hour before the service at 6pm.

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.

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

NECC Financials – Month of February 2024				
	Month		YTD	
	Actual	Plan	Actual	Plan
Giving	\$ 22,873	\$ 32,355	\$ 343,984	\$ 317,936
Expenses	\$ 31,330	\$ 44,533	\$ 334,765	\$ 359,531

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Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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