# 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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Director of Music and Arts, Lucas Gillan - <a href="mailto:lucas@napercov.org">lucas@napercov.org</a>

## **Weekly Events**

#### Sunday, November 12

UNITE Meeting @ 9:30 AM
Worship Service @ 10:30 AM
Confirmation @ 12 PM - 2 PM
Xmas Program Rehearsal @ 2PM - 3PM

### Monday, November 13

Executive Board @ 7:00 PM

#### Tuesday, November 14

Women's Bible Study @ 9:30 AM

### Wednesday, November 15

Ohana @ 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal @ 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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

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## NaperCov Youth

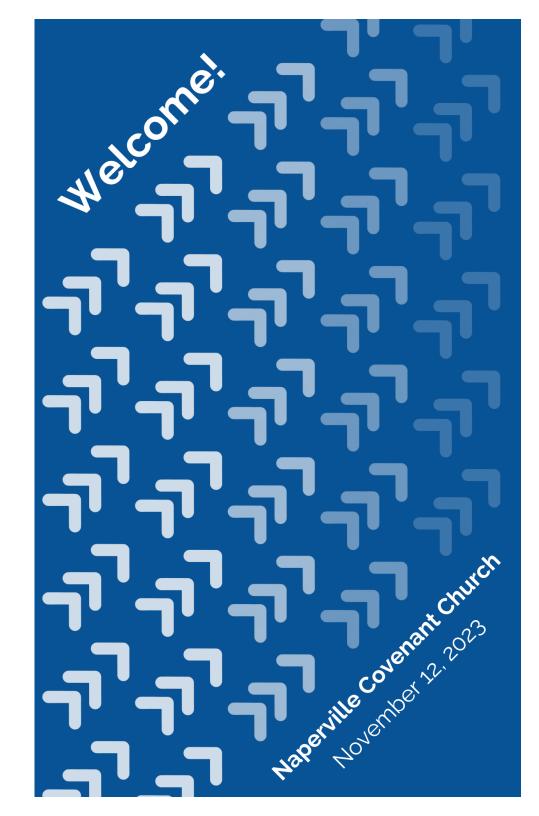
While engaging with peers and community, NaperCov Youth Ministry will be a place where students find acceptance for who they are and challenged to grow deeper in faith with Christ.

#### Upcoming Youth Events:

Today 11/12: Confirmation 12-2PM

Wednesday 11/7: Ohana 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Wed. 11/29: Service Project (Care packages for Pearl) 5PM



#### **Worship Music**

"Days of Elijah"

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

#### **Worship Music**

"Living Hope"
"I Love You Lord Today"

#### Message

"Good Grief"

Pastor Leslie X.

#### **Announcements & Prayer**

Giving of Tithes & Offerings Offertory: "Let All Mortal Flesh" (#127)

### **Closing Worship Song**

"Graves into Gardens"

#### **Benediction**

Pastor Leslie X.

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 bulletin insert. Please also stop by the Welcome Center for more information and a free gift!

**CHILDREN 1ST-5TH GRADE** are invited to head to Sunday Squad for prayer, learning, and fun right before the sermon begins. 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.

**NURSERY** is staffed by volunteers today. Infants and toddlers welcome!

**PRAYER AFTER SERVICE** - We have a rotating team of ministers who are ready to pray for anyone who would like it today. Head out the sanctuary to the library to receive prayer.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### TODAY! Christmas Program Rehearsal 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

This year our program will be held Sunday December 10 and all children and youth are encouraged to participate. Weekly rehearsals are Sunday afternoons, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. There are lots of ways to be involved - speaking parts, non-speaking parts, choir, and behind the scenes (costumes, props, scenery, tech). Parents, please take a moment to complete this form: <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/XmasProgram2023">tinyurl.com/XmasProgram2023</a>

Join the NaperCov Choir - rehearsal this Wed. 11/15 at 7:00 PM Choir is open to any and all interested singers. The choir will be singing on 11/19 and at our 12/24 Christmas Eve service. Rehearsals are 7:00 - 8:00 PM the two Wednesdays before each performance, and are planned to help everyone learn the music at a comfortable pace. If you are interested in singing with the choir, please contact Director of Music and Arts, Lucas Gillan (lucas@napercov.org).

Women's Bible Study Continues November 14 @ 9:30 a.m. - This fall WBS is studying Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story by Angie Smith. Contact: Kathy kathy\_buettner@comcast.net

Hanging of the Greens Nov. 26! Volunteers are needed to help decorate our church for Christmas. Please plan to stay after church service on Sunday 11/26. Lunch will be provided. "Many hands make light work" - your participation will be greatly appreciated! Contact our Worship Ministry Group Co-Directors, Shirley Gustafson and Sneha Augusthy, for more information.

**Scripture Readers Needed** Serve during Sunday morning worship by reading the Scripture passage for the day. This ministry is coordinated by Worship Ministry Group Co-Directors Shirley Gustafson and Sneha Augusthy - contact either if you are interested!

Shirley: shirley121@comcast.net; Sneha: sarah.augusthy@gmail.com.



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"Good Grief"

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