

## 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, December 17th

Worship Service @ 10:30am  
Confirmation @ 12pm - 2pm  
Caroling at Pearl @ 2pm

### Monday, December 18th

BSL Christmas Party @ 6:30pm

### Tuesday, December 19th

Women's Bible Study @ 9:30am

### Wednesday, December 20th

Ohana @ 5pm  
Choir Rehearsal @ 7pm

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, 12/17: **Youth Service** 10:45am  
Sun, 12/17: **Confirmation** 12pm - 2pm  
Sun, 12/17: **Caroling @ The Pearl** 2 PM  
Wed, 12/20: **Ohana** 5pm-6:30pm



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Welcome!

Naperville Covenant Church  
December 17, 2023

**Opening Song**

“In The Sanctuary”

**Advent Reading and Candle Lighting**

The Sanford Family

**Worship Music**

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

“10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)”

**Dedication of Kiah Millie-Ellise Sanders**

Pastor Josiah and Pastor Kelly

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 1:26-38

**Message**

“God Can”

Min. Pierre Keys

**Announcements & Prayer**

**Giving of Tithes & Offerings**

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

**Closing Worship Song**

“The Blessing”

**Benediction**

Min. Pierre Keys

**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 in this bulletin. 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 up through age 3 are welcome at any time for care.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Caroling at the Pearl Today @ 2pm** - Come out and spread some holiday joy to the residents of The Pearl nursing facility at 200 W Martin Ave. in Naperville. We will make the rounds with Christmas carols and give out care packages. RSVP to Pastor Josiah or Pastor Kelly.

**Holiday Gifts for Scott Preschoolers!** Let's bless Preschool families at Scott Elementary School with educational gifts and books this holiday season. Complete information is available on SignUp Genius at [tinyurl.com/scott-gifts2023](https://www.signupgenius.com/scott-gifts2023). Deadline to bring unwrapped gifts to church is this Tuesday, Dec. 19. Contact Alice Salzman or Pastor Kelly for more information.

**Christmas Eve Service at 5 PM** - In addition to our regular Sunday morning worship, we invite everyone to join us for a candlelight service in the evening. Pre-K care will be offered at the evening service only.

**Youth Service Today** - After worship music, junior and senior high school students are invited to head to the fellowship hall for youth service.

**Help Send Our Youth to UNITE!** Be on the lookout for a variety of fundraising opportunities over the next couple of months in order to send NaperCov's youth to UNITE this summer. Contact Pastor Josiah for more details.

**Women's Bible Study Continues Tuesday, December 19th @ 9:30 a.m.** - This fall WBS is studying *Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story* by Angie Smith. Contact Kathy Buettner for more information: [kathy\\_buettner@comcast.net](mailto:kathy_buettner@comcast.net)

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

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

NECC Financials – Month of November 2023`				
	Month		YTD	
	Actual	Plan	Actual	Plan
<b>Giving</b>	\$ 34,739	\$ 30,289	\$ 171,610	\$ 196,881
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 34,326	\$ 37,293	\$ 215,185	\$ 227,325

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