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January 10, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

Glorifying God by being and making disciples of Jesus Christ.

In the name of our Lord Jesus - Welcome to Worship!

Worship via Facebook Live

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Prelude

Arioso Bach

Paul Park

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Jeff Rickett

(* = Please stand if you are able)

***Call to Worship** (unison)

Psalm 63:1-4

Tony Panettiere

God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

***Hymn**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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I sing the mighty power of God That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread, Or gaze upon the skies!

There's not a plant or flower below But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

*Prayer of Adoration

Tony Panettiere

*Hymn

Desert Song Fraser

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This is my prayer in the desert, When all that's within me feels dry.
This is my prayer in my hunger and need. My God is the God who provides.

This is my prayer in the fire, In weakness or trial or pain.
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold.
So refine me, Lord, through the flame.

Chorus: I will bring praise. I will bring praise.
No weapon formed against me shall remain.
I will rejoice. I will declare, God is my victory, and He is here.

This is my prayer in the battle, When triumph is still on its way.
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ, So firm on His promise I'll stand. (*Chorus*)

All of my life, in every season, You are still God.
I have a reason to sing. I have a reason to worship. (2x)
(*Chorus*)

This is my prayer in the harvest, when favor and providence flow.
I know I'm filled to be emptied again. The seed I've received I will sow.

Confession of Sin (unison)

Tony Panettiere

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Tony Panettiere

Based on Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 17-18

Our Lord Jesus Christ — truly God and at the same time truly human and truly righteous — is the mediator who was given to set us completely free and to make us right with God. By the power of his divinity, he bore the weight of God's anger in his humanity, restoring us to righteousness and life.

Friends, this is Good news — your sins are forgiven!

*Confession of Faith (unison)

Tony Panettiere

From Westminster Confession, Chap. VIII, Sec. 1, 5

God was pleased, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the mediator between God and human beings. As the mediator, he is the prophet, priest, and king, the head and Savior of the church, the heir of all things, and the judge of the world. God gave to him, from all eternity, a people to be his seed and to be by him, in time, redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified. The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself— which he through the eternal Spirit once offered up to God— has fully satisfied the justice of his Father. He purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven for all those whom the Father has given to him.

Children's Message

Tony Panettiere

Offertory

Grace arr. Lopez/Hamlin

Janna Leigh Ryon & Paul Park

Scripture Reading

Acts 12:25-13:12

^{12:25} And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had completed their service, bringing with them John, whose other name was Mark.

^{13:1} Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

⁴ So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵ When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. ⁶ When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus. ⁷ He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. ⁹ But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him ¹⁰ and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? ¹¹ And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time." Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand. ¹² Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HymnGoodness of God*

Johnson

I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus: All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God. (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You everything.
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me. (2x) (*Chorus*)

Charge and Benediction

Pastor Jeff

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Paul Park

In-Person Congregation - Please remain seated until an usher dismisses you individually.

Prayer Concerns

To make a Prayer Request, use the form under Resources on Neelsville.org or contact the church office at 301-972-3916 or office@neelsville.org.
To join the email Prayer Chain, contact the church office.

Find NPC on Facebook and Instagram for announcements, reminders, and resources!

Sent: Every Christian's Call to Share the Good News

The Acts of the Apostles Series

Sermon Notes: *Paul Shares the Good News (Part 1)* Acts 12:25-13:12

- Two characteristics of a gospel-centered missional church (13:1-3):
 - Multi-ethnic and Diverse Leadership and Membership (v. 1)
 - Spirit-Directed and Church-Sent/Supported Missionaries (vv. 2-3)
 - Worship and Expectant Prayer Fueled the Gospel-centered Mission.
 - The Spirit and the Congregation Together Affirmed the Gospel-centered Mission.
 - The Church sent out Impactful Leaders on Gospel-centered Mission.
- Relevant application of the gospel-centered missional church from the first missionary journey of Paul and Barnabas (13:4-52):
 - Location 1: The Church will face a variety of responses as you proclaim the gospel (vv. 4-12).
 - Some people will be open to the Gospel. (vv. 4-7)
 - Some people will oppose the Gospel. (vv. 8-11)
 - Some people will embrace the Gospel. (v. 12)

Next Week: *Paul Shares the Good News (Part 2) (Acts 13:13-52)*

Something to think about...

1. What can we learn from the church in Antioch about making the gospel known to the world? What are some characteristics of a gospel-centered missionary church? What made the missionaries in Antioch so effective?
2. Why should Christians value ethnic and economic diversity within the church? How can diversity in leadership help reach unbelievers?(vv. 13:1-3)
3. How does the ministry to Serigus Paulus encourage us in our evangelism? What does it teach about opposition? (vv. 4-12)
4. What are some ways people respond to the gospel? How is knowing this helpful in your gospel sharing?

Adult Sunday School Classes

Four Adult Classes are meeting online at 9am on Sunday mornings. More details and the Zoom info will be in our Friday e-letter and our private Facebook group.

- *Living in a Pluralistic Society* – This class is intended to help Christians meet the challenges they face in a society that is not committed to the gospel. Contact Eric Shirley at shirleyfamily4@gmail.com for more info.
- *Being a Christian: What Does That Mean?* – We will be exploring discipleship and reviewing basic beliefs to help us develop answers to doubts within, as well as challenges without. Contact Michele Kelly at mmkelly440@hotmail.com for more info.
- *The Gospels: An Introduction and Overview* – Have you ever wondered why we have four gospels, how they are related, their origins and what they tell us about the mission of God begun in Genesis? Contact Craig Wilson at cdw6@msn.com for more info.
- *I Once Was Lost: What Postmodern Skeptics Taught Us About Their Path to Jesus* – This book equips you to think like non-believers so that you can best learn how to love and help the lost to know Christ! Contact Adam Condrick at acondrick@segalco.com for more info.

Announcements

Registration for next Sunday's service will be posted today! Capacity is limited due to current COVID regulations, so REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CONGREGANTS AND VOLUNTEERS. Seating in for walk-ins is likely not available. Look for our Sunday e-letter and Facebook post for more details and to register for the worship service. The service will continue to be livestreamed at <http://www.facebook.com/neelsville/live>.

Bible Studies - All of these groups are back and would love to have you join them!

- The Monday Night Women's Bible Study meets every other week at 7:30pm. Their next meeting is Jan 18. Contact Michelle at msn617@gmail.com for info.
- Wednesday Night Men's Bible Study meets weekly at 7:15pm. Contact Brian at bpf3356@gmail.com for info.
- Friday Morning Women's Bible Study meets weekly at 10am. Contact Sue at bfarrello1@aol.com for info.

Our "virtual" Blanket Sunday is January 31st! When disasters strike, when temperatures drop, when sidewalks become home...you make sure someone is there offering warmth. Each blanket is only \$10, but the difference our congregation can make by providing blankets is inspiring. Last year we collected \$1009 which was enough for 100 blankets! Look for our dedicated NPC Blanket Sunday donation webpage to be announced soon! Or mail your check to church made out to NPC with "Blanket Sunday" noted in the memo space. Our Global Missions Team thanks you all for generously supporting Blanket Sunday for many years.

Neelsville has several ways that you can prayerfully give your tithes and offerings.

- (1) Mail a check to the Office: 20701 Frederick Rd, Germantown, MD 20876
- (2) Text GIVE to 240-451-8511
- (3) Donate online at www.neelsville.org/give.

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