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January 14, 2024 – 10:45 a.m.

*Glorifying God by being and making disciples of Jesus Christ.*

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

If this is your first time at NPC, we'd love to connect with you!  
Would you share some information about yourself at this QR code?



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### Worship via Facebook Live

facebook.com/neelsville

#### **Prelude**

*Amazing Grace* Wood

Michele Kelly

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

(\* = Please stand if you are able)

#### **\*Call to Worship**

from Psalm 99:1-3

Eric Shirley

Leader: The LORD reigns! Let the people tremble.

**All:** He is enthroned between the cherubim. Let the earth quake.

Leader: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted above all the peoples.

**All:** Let us praise your great and awe-inspiring name. He is holy.

#### **\*Hymn**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Baird/Draper

All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing,

“Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!”

Thou, burning sun with golden beam,

Thou, silver moon with softer gleam,

Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless

And worship Him in humbleness.

Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son

And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One.

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Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood,  
Come and rejoice in His great love.  
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!  
Christ has defeated every sin;  
Cast all your burdens now on Him.  
Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign;  
Heaven and earth will join to say,  
"Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!"  
Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King!  
Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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## Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Jeff

**\*Hymn**      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*      Kauflin/Robinson/Wyeth

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!

Hitherto Thy love has blessed me, Thou has brought me to this place,  
And I know, Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face,  
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen, how I'll sing Thy sovereign grace.  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, bring Thy promises to pass,  
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me till I'm home with Thee at last.

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## **Confession of Sin** (unison)

In You, Christ Jesus, we find our true identity. We were once alienated from you and strangers to the good news of the gospel. But now we are a royal priesthood, a holy nation, distinctively chosen by You. As members of one body, may we stand firm in the radical truth of being rooted in Your love. In Jesus Christ, we are secure and loved beyond measure. We bask in Your loving embrace, Father, where our worth is found, and our purpose is realigned with Your desires for us. Forgive us when we try to find our identity and meaning in wealth, work, and play that then leads us to ignore or dismiss the radical grace that we have received in Jesus Christ. Enable us to bear fruit by Your Spirit that honors You and reflects our identity rooted in You. Amidst the noises of the world, let us never lose sight of this: we are Yours and Yours alone – handpicked by the You, Father, to dwell in Your holy presence as heirs with Christ Jesus. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Based on Ephesians 2:13

Leader: But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, believe the gospel. In Christ, you are forgiven!

**All:** Thanks be to God

### **\*Confession of Faith** (unison)

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

**\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

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Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Children's Blessing**

If your children (ages 3 thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) have checked-in for the Worship & Play Zone, they may follow a leader to the Worship & Play Zone after the blessing.

**Scripture Reading**

Ephesians 2:11-13

<sup>11</sup> Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— <sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

**Sermon**

Pastor SeongSu Hong

*Unity of Unlimited Grace – Identity Established!***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.

**\*Hymn***Living Hope*

Johnson/Wickham

How great the chasm that lay between us,  
How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine, so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame.

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The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.  
The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

*Chorus:* Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken every chain. There's salvation in your name.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope! (2x)

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me. (*Repeat verse*)

Jesus, Yours is the victory! (*Chorus 2x*)

Jesus Christ, my living hope! God, You are my living hope!

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**\*Charge and Benediction**

Pastor SeongSu

**\*Postlude**

*Trumpet Tune* Boyce

Michele Kelly

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## Prayer Concerns

**Our prayer chain delights to pray for our congregation throughout the week!** Use this QR code to submit your prayers thru our website or contact the office.  
To join the prayer chain, email [office@neelsville.org](mailto:office@neelsville.org)



**Next Week:** Unity of Unlimited Grace – Barriers Demolished! (Eph. 2:14-18)

## Walking in the Light of Gospel Grace

### **Ephesians Series**

**Sermon Notes:**     *Unity of Unlimited Grace – Identity Established!*     Eph. 2:11-13

Main Point: Grace tells us who we were and whose we are now.

- Who we Were (vv. 11-12)
  - We were the “\_\_\_\_\_.”
  - We were \_\_\_\_\_ from Christ
  - We were \_\_\_\_\_ from the Commonwealth
  - We were \_\_\_\_\_ to the Covenant
  - We had no \_\_\_\_\_ and without \_\_\_\_\_ in the World
- Whose we are (vv. 13)
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ are gone in Christ
  - Brought \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

### ***Something to think about...***

1. How does reminding ourselves “who we were” without Christ lead us to great worship of Christ?
2. How does being brought near through the blood of Christ give us our new identity?



## Adult Ministry Opportunities

Many classes & small groups meet throughout the week!

Scan this QR code or go to [neelsville.org/ministries/adults](http://neelsville.org/ministries/adults) for details & descriptions. Zoom links for online studies are in the Friday e-letter.



### CLASSES

- **Sunday 9:30am** – Fellowship Hall – ***Foundations of Christian Spirituality (Part 2)*** led by Jonathan Harris. ([jp.hrrs@gmail.com](mailto:jp.hrrs@gmail.com))  
*Discover a roadmap for our Christian journey that is in step with Jesus.*
- **Sunday 9:30am** – Classroom 1 - ***How to Talk about Jesus (Without Being That Guy)*** led by Michele Kelly ([mmkelly440@hotmail.com](mailto:mmkelly440@hotmail.com)) and Joanne Wilson ([joannelwilson@gmail.com](mailto:joannelwilson@gmail.com))  
*Equips the reluctant or nervous to talk about Jesus with another.*
- **Sunday 7:00pm** – Online via Zoom - ***Paul's Letter to the Ephesians*** led by Craig Wilson and others ([cdw6@msn.com](mailto:cdw6@msn.com))  
*Explore Ephesians to discover the powerful significance of the new creation.*

### SMALL GROUPS

- **Sunday 9:15am** – Parlor – Small Group led by Adam Condrick is discussing ***The Characters of Christmas*** by Daniel Darling. ([acondrick@segalco.com](mailto:acondrick@segalco.com))  
*Studying the minor characters at Jesus' birth so we can see Jesus with new eyes.*
- **Wednesdays 7:15pm** – Online – Weekly **Men's Bible Study** led by Brian Farrell ([bpf3356@gmail.com](mailto:bpf3356@gmail.com))  
*Discussing "Paul: A Man of Grace and Grit" by Charles Swindoll.*
- **Fridays 9:30am** – Parlor – Weekly **Women's Bible Study** led by Sue Farrell ([bfarrello1@aol.com](mailto:bfarrello1@aol.com))  
*Discussing "Paul: A Man of Grace and Grit" by Charles Swindoll.*

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## Young Adult Ministry Opportunities

20- & 30-somethings are invited to grow in Christ and in community

**Contact us at [youngadults@neelsville.org](mailto:youngadults@neelsville.org).**

- **Fridays 7:30pm** – Andrew Small Room – **Young Adult Weekly Gatherings**
- **Sunday 9:30am** – Basement Classroom L4 – **Young Adult Bible Study** led by Amanda Rickett, Sean Morrissey, Andie Harris – This class will begin next week, Sun 1/21 and continue every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.
- **Please scan the QR Code** to stay informed of upcoming events & service opportunities!



## Next Generation Ministry

### **Neelsville Kids** (Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

kids@neelsville.org

- **Sunday School at 9:30am**  
Ed Wing for Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- **Nursery Care 9:30am-12pm**  
Ed Wing for ages 2 & under
- **Worship & Play Zone** (3-2<sup>nd</sup> grade)  
Bible story & crafts during sermon  
Check in at Narthex before worship

### **NPC Students** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

students@neelsville.org

- **Sunday School at 9:30am**  
Andrew Small Rm  
See weekly e-letter for topic
- **Youth Group**  
Fridays at 7pm in Fellowship Hall

The wiggles and giggles of children are always welcome in the Sanctuary!
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## Announcements

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

**Please join us immediately after worship TODAY for our special Monthly Congregational Prayer.** Bring a yellow prayer card with you to share your praises and prayer requests (or drop your yellow card in the offering plate if you are unable to stay). We will gather in the front of the sanctuary for approximately 20 minutes of prayer, lifting up our petitions and praises to the Lord as we intercede on behalf of our brothers and sisters. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. James 5:13

**Next Generation Teachers, please join us for Teacher Training Meeting TODAY after Worship.** We will meet for discussion and lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Contact SeongSu Hong at [students@neelsville.org](mailto:students@neelsville.org) or Melissa Evans at [kids@neelsville.org](mailto:kids@neelsville.org).

**Next Generation Caregivers! - Save the date for a Parent Meeting NEXT Sun 1/21.** We will meet in the Fellowship Hall after Worship Service. This is for caregivers of students from birth – Gr. 12. Contact SeongSu Hong at [seongsu@neelsville.org](mailto:seongsu@neelsville.org) for more information.

**Monthly Game Night at Val Rickett's for NPC Women!** The next game night at Val's is scheduled for THIS Fri 1/19 at 7pm. Come join us for a fun night of laughing and getting to know each other better. Bring your favorite game with you!! For more information, please reach out to her directly at [val.rickett@gmail.com](mailto:val.rickett@gmail.com).

**Blanket Sunday is January 28th** - It only costs \$10 to supply a blanket for one of God's children in need through this Church World Service program. A total of 32,785 blankets were shipped in 2023! Prayerfully consider donating in a few weeks at NPC. See more at [cwsblankets.org](http://cwsblankets.org). *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* Matt. 25:40



**All Covenant Partners are invited to the Neelsville Presbyterian Church Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation on SUNDAY 2/4 in the Fellowship Hall.** The church leadership will present the "Big Picture" of 2023, as well as look ahead to 2024. A potluck lunch will be held after worship at 12:30pm with the meeting to follow. Please bring a dish to share. Last names A-G brings a main dish, H-M a dessert, and N-Z a side dish. Come and enjoy food and fellowship, as well as find out about the many thriving ministries here at NPC!

**You can prayerfully give your tithes & offerings** at [www.neelsville.org/give](http://www.neelsville.org/give) or by texting GIVE to 240-451-8511. Scan the QR code for more details.



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