



# NEELSVILLE

P R E S B Y T E R I A N   C H U R C H

March 17, 2024 – 10:45 a.m.

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

---

## 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?



---

### Worship via Facebook Live

[facebook.com/neelsville](https://facebook.com/neelsville)

#### **Prelude**

*Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down*  
Doherty arr. Hayes

Yi Xu, piano

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

Pastor SeongSu Hong

(\* = Please stand if you are able)

#### **\*Call to Worship**      based on Psalm 51:1-12 & Jeremiah 31:31-34      Eric Shirley

Leader: We are alive to see this new day – Shout hallelujah, my brothers and sisters.

**All:** Hallelujah! We are God's people.

Leader: Behold, the Lord has made a new covenant with us in Jesus Christ. Our hearts and minds are being renewed and restored. Rejoice and be glad for now we will know and see God's awesome presence and power more clearly.

**All:** Hallelujah! We are God's people.

#### **\*Hymn**

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Wesley/Glaser

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise;  
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim;  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus! the name that calms my fears, that bids my sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears. 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

(continued next page)

He breaks the power of canceled sin. He sets the prisoner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

© Words: Public Domain CCLI License # 1534861

## Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

### \*Hymn

*Lord Have Mercy (For What We Have Done)*

Boswell/Papa/Tealy/Keyes

For what we have done and left undone, we fall on Your countless mercies.  
For sins that are known and those unknown, we call on Your name so holy.  
For envy and pride, for closing our eyes, for scorning our very neighbor;  
In thought, word and deed we've failed You, our King, how deeply we need a Savior.

*Chorus:* Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.

For what You have done, Your life of love You perfectly lived, we praise You.  
Though tempted and tried, You fixed Your eyes, You finished the work God gave You.  
And there on the tree, a King among thieves, You bled for a world's betrayal.  
You loved to the end, our merciful Friend, how pure and forever faithful. (*Chorus 2x*)

*Bridge:* For hearts that are cold, for seizing control,  
For scorning our very Maker;  
In thought, word and deed we've failed You, our King,  
How deeply we need a Savior.

(*Chorus 3x*)

© 2019 10000 Fathers CCLI License 1534861

## Confession of Sin (unison)

from God of Grace, Valley of Vision

Thou hast imputed my sin to my substitute, and hast imputed his righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe, decking me with jewels of holiness. But in my Christian walk I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin; my penitential tears are so much impurity; my confessions of wrong are so many aggravations of sin; my receiving the Spirit is tintured with selfishness. I need to repent of my repentance. I need my tears to be washed; I have no robe to bring to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness; I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and by grace am always receiving change of raiment, for thou dost always justify the ungodly; I am always going into the far country, and always returning home as a prodigal, always saying, Father, forgive me, and thou art always bringing forth the best robe. Every morning let me wear it, every evening return in it,

(continued next page)

go out to the day's work in it, be married in it, be wound in death in it, stand before the great white throne in it, enter heaven in it shining as the sun. Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, the exceeding wonder of grace. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

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

Based on Romans 3:22-26

Leader: Hear the Good News of the Gospel - the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we are reconciled to God.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

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

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*The term "catholic" means "universal," throughout all ages and generations.

## **Offertory**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

arr. Gaspard/Hayes

Michelle Kelly, organ & Yi Xu, piano

### **\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

#592

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 5:8-21

<sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” <sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

## Sermon

*Unlimited Grace to Walk in the Ways of Jesus*

Pastor Jeff

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Minister: Let us boldly proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**People:** Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

## Silent Confession

## Words of Institution

## Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace. By our communion, keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel, preserve us from all sin and strengthen us for life as your ambassadors in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer

If so led, please pray the Lord's Prayer in your language of origin.

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

### *Christ Our Hope In Life and Death* Boswell/Getty/Kauflin/Merker/Papa

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*Chorus:* O sing, "Hallelujah!" Our hope springs eternal. O sing "Hallelujah!"  
Now and ever we confess: Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore, the rock of Christ (*Chorus*)

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore. (*Chorus 2x*)

© 2020 Getty Music Hymns and Songs CCLI License 1534861

## \*Charge and Benediction

Pastor Jeff

## \*Postlude

The Battle Belongs to the Lord  
Owens-Collins

Yi Xu, piano

## 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)



## **Meditations during the Lord's Supper**

NPC welcomes all Christians, who profess faith in Jesus Christ for their salvation, who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaim the gospel and are at peace with God and neighbor (1 Cor. 11:17, Matt. 5:21-26) to participate and to receive Communion. If you are unable to receive Lord's Supper today, we welcome you to reflect on one of the following prayers.

### **Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth**

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### **Prayer of Belief**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin**

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and that I may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

### **Prayer of Commitment**

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

## Walking in the Light of Gospel Grace

### **Ephesians Series**

**Sermon Notes:**    *Unlimited Grace to Walk in the Ways of Jesus*

Eph.5:8-21

Big idea: Walk in the ways of Jesus!

- Walking in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (vv. 8-14)
- Walking in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (vv. 15-17)
- Walking with and by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (vv. 18-21)
  - “Be Filled With the Spirit” (v. 18)
    - To \_\_\_\_\_ in God-focused ways to One Another (v. 19)
    - To \_\_\_\_\_ God Together (v. 19)
    - To \_\_\_\_\_ to God (v. 20)
    - To Reverently \_\_\_\_\_ to One Another (v. 21)

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

1. In vv. 8-14, how does Paul describe how we are to walk in Christ? What will that mean in practice?
2. In vv. 15-17, how does Paul describe how we are to walk in Christ? Where does our wisdom come from? What will that mean in practice?
3. In vv. 18-21, Paul describes what it looks like to be filled with the Spirit. What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit? What are the fruits of being filled with the Spirit? What will that mean in practice?
4. Share one or two areas that God is working on in your walk with Him to a friend, spouse, parent, child, etc.

<b>Next Week: <i>Palm Sunday</i></b>
--------------------------------------

## 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. Links for online studies are in the Friday e-letter.



### CLASSES

- **Sunday 9:30am** – Fellowship Hall – ***The Prodigal God*** led by Bill Kroah & Jason Evans (billtrac108@gmail.com)  
*Examining this parable through a video series from Tim Keller & other resources.*
- **Sunday 9:30am** – Room 1 & Online - ***A Lesson In Repentance: The Story of Jonah*** led by Eric Shirley & others (shirleyfamily4@gmail.com)  
*Studying Jonah to examine our need to see others as God sees them, sinners in need of repentance and forgiveness by our Lord.*

### SMALL GROUPS

- **Sunday 9:15am** – Parlor –Small Group led by Adam Condrick is discussing the ***Gospel of Mark*** (acondrick@segalco.com)  
*Jesus' story in the Gospel of Mark shows us that the glorious kingdom comes at the end of suffering and service.*
- **Wednesdays 7:15pm** – Online – Weekly **Men's Bible Study** led by Brian Farrell (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)  
*Discussing "Real Women, Real Faith," a DVD Series on 6 women from the Bible.*

## Young Adult Ministry

*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**  
Bible Study, games, arts & crafts – join us as we get to know one another!
- **Sunday 9:30am** – Basement Classroom L5 – **Young Adult Bible Study on Philippians** led by Amanda Rickett – Come discover how to find joy when life is hard! This class will 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](mailto:kids@neelsville.org)

- **Sunday School at 9:30am**  
Ed Wing for Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- **Nursery Care during Worship**  
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](mailto: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

<p>The wiggles and giggles of children are always welcome in the Sanctuary!</p>
---

*Please note that there will be no Sunday School, Nursery Care, or Worship & Play Zone on Easter Sunday, 3/31. Families are invited to take part in the Egg Hunt, Flowering of the Cross, and Easter Brunch between the 9am and 11am worship services.*

## **Announcements**

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

Please join us in the Welcome Center after worship **today, Sun 3/17 for a mini St. Patrick's Day celebration!**

**NPC men are planning a Duck Pin Event at Mt. Airy Bowling Lanes this Sat 3/23 from 10am to noon.** The fee is \$15 for lanes and shoes and lunch is available. All men are welcome and kids that can handle duck pin balls too (gutter guards provided). Please think about inviting your friends and neighbors. Please contact Hugh Smith (hugh3smith@comcast.com)

**Please join us after worship next Sun 3/24** for a reception in the Welcome Center to greet our newest Covenant Partners, Jeffrey Scott and Shannon Yazurlo.

**Neelsville Membership** - Would you like to learn more about becoming a Covenant Partner (member) of NPC? The first step is to attend two brief sessions to learn more about our church, our denomination, and our beliefs. Then you can decide if you would like to join. The sessions can be scheduled when convenient for you- on Sunday mornings, weekday evenings, or even remotely. For more info contact Pastor Jeff or Brian Farrell (bpf3356@gmail.com).

**NPC Women** - Interested in an evening bible study? a one-day retreat? We're trying to gauge interest so please complete this brief survey by scanning this QR code. Thanks!



**The Nominating Committee is seeking names of people who are recommended to serve as elders, deacons, and trustees.** 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1:6-9, and 1 Corinthians 4:2 are some of the guiding passages for selecting elders, deacons, and trustees. Names can be given to any member of the Nominating Committee (Evelyn Asante, Tina Craft, Brian Farrell, Bob Macri, Amanda Rickett, Eric Shirley) or names may be submitted through this online form. You can also pick up a paper copy in the Narthex & drop it off in the Church Office.



**Serve with us on our 21st Rebuilding Together project!** This year we will work on a home in Dickerson, MD on Sat 4/6 and 4/27. We will primarily be helping a family deal with rainwater drainage issues, but there are projects for every ability! Contact James Nelson at jan196@gmail.com if you can volunteer for a few hours, a whole day or multiple days. This is always a fun opportunity to serve our neighbors and we'd love to have you on the team!

## **Announcements for Lent & Easter**

**Please join us for Lent Family Worship and Prayer** – We have been meeting each Sunday during Lent for a time of worship and prayer in the Sanctuary. Praise and Prayer is an essential part of the Christian walk for us individually, as a family and a church! We will seek God together in praise, repentance, and restoration. Experience the power and grace of God as we first seek Him in all things! Last meeting is **TONIGHT March 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30pm**. Contact Pastor Jeff for more details.

**Please place your Easter lily order by this Thurs 3/21** for Easter Sunday on 3/31. The cost is \$14 for a single-stem pot with 4 to 6 blooms. To order, use this QR code or pick up an order card in the Narthex. Please attach payment and note “Easter Lilies” in the memo. Place the order in the Offering plate or mail to the church office. You may give your lily “In Honor of”, “In Memory of . . .”, or “To the Glory of God.” Lilies can be picked up after the 11am worship service on Easter Sunday. Questions? Contact Michele Kelly at [mmkelly440@hotmail.com](mailto:mmkelly440@hotmail.com).



**Next Generation Palm Sunday Art Project** - We have handed out a take-home packet for those interested in designing the cover of our Palm Sunday Bulletin. **Return your artwork today, 3/17!** All art projects will be displayed next week on Palm Sunday in Narthex. If you have any questions, you may email [kids@neelsville.org](mailto:kids@neelsville.org).

**Please help fill our Easter donation bin with individually wrapped candy and non-food items.** We are collecting through **next Sunday, 3/24**. Need ideas? Check out our Amazon wish list by scanning this QR Code. Thank you for supporting this ministry!



**Come and pray on Good Friday 3/29 anytime between 7am-4:30pm.** We will have Prayer Stations set up for people to go through individually and at their own pace. The stations are designed to have us slow down to quiet our heads and hearts before God. In this time, we will reflect on our fallen, sinful state and about who God is and what he has done. We will close with an Encouragement and Prayer Wall for people to post and read.

**Get ready for Easter Brunch!** We will have a reception in the Welcome Center following the 9:00am Easter service and before the 11:00am service. Would you please bring a finger-food to share? Also, we will be decorating the cross, so flowers would be appreciated, too. An Easter Egg hunt is planned for the little ones behind the church and cross decorating will take place in the front by the Welcome Center Entrance. Clean up help is appreciated! Any questions or if you can help, please contact Gerry Davis ([Gerry.davis@outlook.com](mailto:Gerry.davis@outlook.com)).

## **Celebrate Easter with Neelsville!**

Scan the QR code or go to [neelsville.org/ministries/easter-2024](https://neelsville.org/ministries/easter-2024) to find all the information on Neelsville's Holy Week and Easter Events, including:

- Palm Sunday Worship @ 10:45am
- Good Friday Prayer from 7am – 4:30pm
- Good Friday Service @ 7:00pm
- Easter Sunday Services @ 9am & 11am.



Pick up a postcard in the Narthex to invite your friends and neighbors!

**Thank you, Church Family, for your support of Blanket Sunday this past January.** Neelsville collected \$1,176.61 for the Church World Service Blanket Program, which will buy 117 Blankets!

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



---

## **Neelsville Ministry Staff**

**Rev. Jeffrey Rickett**, Lead Pastor

[pastorjeff@neelsville.org](mailto:pastorjeff@neelsville.org)

**Rev. SeongSu Hong**, Director of Next Generation Ministries

[seongsu@neelsville.org](mailto:seongsu@neelsville.org)

**Dr. Janna Leigh Ryon**, Director of Worship Music

[janna@neelsville.org](mailto:janna@neelsville.org)

**Michelle Nelson**, Director of Ministry Support

[office@neelsville.org](mailto:office@neelsville.org)

**Melissa Evans**, Children's Ministry Coordinator

[melissa@neelsville.org](mailto:melissa@neelsville.org)

**Contact Us:** E: [office@neelsville.org](mailto:office@neelsville.org) Ph: 301-972-3916 Web: [www.neelsville.org](https://www.neelsville.org)