



# NEELSVILLE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 21, 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](https://facebook.com/neelsville)

### **Prelude**

*More Precious Than Silver* arr. Hayes

Yi Xu, piano

### **Welcome & Announcements**

Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

(\* = Please stand if you are able)

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

based on 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36-48

Leader: Peace be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

Leader: Come and see the love God has given to us in Jesus Christ.

**All:** Come and see what it means to be children of God.

Leader: Come with this hope, that Christ's presence, promises, and power are real.

**All:** With gospel hope and joy, we come to worship the Lord.

### **\*Hymn**

*By Faith*

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By faith we see the hand of God, in the light of creation's grand design,

In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth, with the pow'r of His promise in their hearts,

Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.

*Chorus:* We will stand as children of the Promise;  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done.  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

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By faith the prophets saw a day, when the longed-for Messiah would appear,  
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,  
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go, in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,  
To deliver captives and to preach good news, in ev'ry corner of the earth. (*Chorus*)

By faith this mountain shall be moved, and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,  
For we know in Christ all things are possible, for all who call upon His name. (*Chorus 2x*)

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## Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Jeff

### \*Hymn

*What a Beautiful Name*

Fielding/Ligertwood

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High.  
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

*Chorus 1:* What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.  
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, You brought heaven down.  
My sin was great, Your love was greater, what could separate us now?

*Chorus 2:* What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.  
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

*Bridge 1:* Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You.  
You silence the boast of sin and grave.  
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again.

*Bridge 2:* You have no rival, You have no equal.  
Now and forever God, You reign.  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory,  
Yours is the Name above all names.

*Chorus 3:* What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is.  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against.  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

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*(Bridge 2) (Chorus 3)*

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

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

Almighty God, you created work from the very beginning for us to enjoy and bear fruit. You created work to be good. But since the fall of Adam and Eve, work has become laborious, difficult, and broken. We confess that we have become lazy and fruitless in our work; we confess we are envious of others who have greater power and influence in our workplace; we confess that we are often jealous of the material blessings of others; we confess that we at times work long hours for selfish reason to prove to others we are worthy or out of fear of being passed over for a promotion. We confess that we often see our work as a “means to an end” instead of as a place to show Your glory and grace. Heavenly King, forgive us when we are fruitless instead of fruitful in our work. Forgive us for not seeing our work as a place to show Christ. Forgive us when we gossip about others or fail to submit to our leaders. Father, we confess in all these things that we do not show either love for You or others, and we fail to submit our work under Your Lordship. Renew us, Gracious God, and help us, Holy Spirit, to view work to show forth the glory and grace of your beautiful creation and declare the joy of our salvation. Through Christ we pray.

## **Silent Confession**

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

Colossians 1:13-14

Leader: Hear the Good News! For he [the Father] has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**All:** Thanks be to God

### **\*Confession of Faith**

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

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*  
Michele Kelly, organ and Yi Xu, piano

arr. Hamlin

## \*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 6:5-9

<sup>5</sup> Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, <sup>6</sup> not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, <sup>7</sup> rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, <sup>8</sup> knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. <sup>9</sup> Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

## Sermon

*We Walk in Obedience to the Lord*

Pastor SeongSu Hong

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Pastor Jeff

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

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Chisholm/Runyan

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain:* Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (*Refrain*)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (*Refrain*)

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## Charge and Benediction

Pastor SeongSu

### \*Postlude

*You Are My All in All* Jernigan arr. Hayes

Yi Xu, piano

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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)



## **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:**

*We Walk in Obedience to the Lord*

Ephesians 6:5-9

Obeying Authority - What It Does *Not* Mean

Obeying Authority - What It *Does* Mean

Being in Authority - What It Means

**Next Week:** *Unlimited Grace to Overcome the World's Evil* (Ephesians 6:10-24)

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

1. What does it look like to obey those who have authority over us?
2. What is our fuel to obey and submit to those who have authority?
3. How should those in authority lead those under them?
4. What areas do I need to repent of as I begin?
5. What are steps we can take immediately?

## 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.



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CLASSES  
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- **Sunday 9:30am** – Ed Wing Rm 1 – *Prayers of Scripture* led by Eileen Bauer & Kim Evans  
*Learn how to pray God’s words back to Him and so become more like Jesus.*
- **Sunday 7:00 – 8:00pm** – Online – *Serving God with Our Worship* led by Craig Wilson and others. **Note: Not meeting 4/21; Back on 4/28**  
*See how worship changes us and opens up the reality of God at work.*

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SMALL GROUPS  
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- **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!
- **NEW! Tuesdays at 8pm** – Online – Our **Young Adult Bible Study** will now meet weekly on Tuesdays via Zoom.
- **Please scan the QR Code** to stay informed of upcoming events & service opportunities!



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## 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

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

**VBS is coming July 10-14!** Scuba-themed Vacation Bible School is THE summer event that will help children dive into friendship with God. Please pray for all the kids who will attend (we're hoping for 60), the volunteers, and the life-changing experience. More information rolling in with the next tide.

## Announcements

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

**NPC will hold a congregational meeting TODAY after the worship to elect one Deacon to fill a term through December 2026.** The Nominating Committee is nominating Karen DeMatteo to fill this position. She is already an ordained Deacon and had agreed to serve if elected.

**Next Generation will have a Missions Training Meeting after church TODAY** in the Parlor. This is to help prepare for the trip to Pittsburgh on June 22-28. Questions? Contact Pastor SeongSu at [seongsu@neelsville.org](mailto:seongsu@neelsville.org).

### **Please note:**

**The Church office will be closed this Tuesday, April 23 for a staff retreat.**

**Serve with us on our 21<sup>st</sup> Rebuilding Together project!** We will work on a home in Dickerson, MD **this Sat 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](mailto:jan196@gmail.com) if you can help. We'd love to have you on the team!

**Middle and high school students are invited to a Youth Rafting Trip this Sat 4/27 at Harpers Ferry Adventure Center.** The cost is \$50. We will leave from the church at 8:30am and return around 4pm. Sign up at this QR code. Contact [seongsu@neelsville.org](mailto:seongsu@neelsville.org) with questions.



**Join us for a potluck lunch as we honor Pastor Jeff with a "Sabbatical Sendoff" after worship next Sun 4/28 in the Fellowship Hall.** Please bring a main dish or side to share. No desserts please – a special dessert will be provided by the Fellowship Team. Questions or would like to help? Contact Gerry Davis ([Gerry.davis@outlook.com](mailto:Gerry.davis@outlook.com)) or Michelle Nelson ([office@neelsville.org](mailto:office@neelsville.org)).

**Pray for Pastor Jeff as he begins his sabbatical on May 1.** May this be a time of physical and spiritual rest for him as he seeks God for reflection and renewal. May it be a time of rich refreshment and steadfast preparation for his continued service to NPC when he returns on August 5.

**Thank you to all that have volunteered to work with the Arab Family.** The family is still living in Silver Spring and has extended housing until September. In the meantime, they have specific items needed for their apartment. Do you have any items that you are able to donate? If so, please sign up through this QR Code. Contact Joanne Wilson ([joannelwilson@gmail.com](mailto:joannelwilson@gmail.com)) with questions.



## More Announcements

**Supporting Rockville Women's Center Baby Bottle Campaign April 14 – May 12.** A special thank you to the congregation - we raised \$847.74 in 2023. Ways to donate this year: (1) Place a check or cash in the RWC envelopes provided in the pews and place it in the offering. (2) For youth and children (with parents' support), fill an empty baby bottle with coins and/or cash. (3) Participate in Inspire Life 5K on 5/4.

**Rockville Women's Center will host its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Inspire Life 5K on Sat 5/4 from 8am to 12pm at Wheaton Regional Park.** Register through this QR code for the 5K



Run or 1-mile walk. Or register with Lena Shirley at shirloo3@icloud.com for a group discount by next Sun, 4/28. This is an event for all ages! There are playgrounds for kids and the paths are stroller friendly for the 1-mile walk. Invite a friend and help support life at this special event!

**Monthly Game Night at Val Rickett's for NPC Women!** The next game night at Val's is scheduled for **Fri 5/10 at 7pm**. Come join us for a fun night of laughing and getting to know each other better. Bring your favorite game with you! Don't like games? Come hang out with us anyway! For more info, please contact her directly at val.rickett@gmail.com.

**Free guitar clinic in the NPC Welcome Center on Sat 5/18 at 9-10:30 am.** Bring a guitar or just listen in and we'll go over the basics of the instrument and simple pointers on types of guitars, pick and fingerpicking styles. We'll see how the guitar works in Christian worship music. This is for any age and level of skill. Contact Craig Wilson cdw6@msn.com for more info or questions.

### Financial Update for March 2024

[neelsville.org/give](https://neelsville.org/give)

	Income (\$K)		Expenses (\$K)		
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Adjusted *
March	\$ 64 K	\$ 66 K	\$ 67 K	\$ 91 K	\$ 95 K
Year to Date	\$ 191 K	\$ 147 K	\$ 202 K	\$ 208 K	\$ 220 K

\* Includes mortgage principal



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