



# NEELSVILLE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 12, 2021 – 10:30 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!

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Worship via Facebook Live

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

**Prelude**

*Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*  
spiritual arr. Martin

Michele Kelly

**Welcome & Announcements**

Pastor Jeff Rickett

(\* = Please stand if you are able)

**\*Call to Worship** (unison)

Psalm 27:1, 4-6

Jamie Swope

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

**People:** One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

Leader: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

**People:** Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Hymn**

*To God Be the Glory*

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To God be the glory, great things He has done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

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*Refrain:* Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus, the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood-  
To every believer, the promise of God.  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (*Refrain*)

Great things He has taught us; Great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus, the Son.  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (*Refrain*)

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**\*Hymn**

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

Habershon/Merker

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*Refrain:* He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. (*Refrain*)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last! (*Refrain 2x*)

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**Confession of Sin** (unison)

Holy God, all my life I have been running from You and pretending that I was good enough to get to heaven and that there was no need for me to worry about sin, because there are so many people who are worse sinners than me. And yet, I realize that I am as much a sinner as every other person, and as much in need of a Savior as every man or woman that has ever been born. I realize that all sin is equally bad in Your eyes and the punishment for sin is spiritual death and separation from You for all eternity.

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Lord, I humbly kneel before You and confess my pride and foolishness, I admit I am a sinner in thought, word and deed and in desperate need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, as my Savior.

Father, I confess that it is only through the blood of the Lord Jesus that my sins can be forgiven, for now I believe and know that Jesus Christ died to pay the price for my sins, to forgive me of my sins, to break the power of sin in my life and to clothe me in His righteousness. Thank You, Father, for this free gift of grace, and thank You for pursuing me when I was running from you in my pride. Thank You in Jesus' name, Amen!

## **Silent Confession**

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

Isaiah 25:9

Leader: "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Friends, Hear the Good News, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven and enjoy all the benefits of being saved in Jesus Christ!

**People:** 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.

## **Children's Blessing**

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

## **Offertory**

*How Majestic is Your Name*

M. Smith/F. Bock

Michele Kelly, organ

Janna Leigh Ryon, piano

## **Scripture Reading**

James 1:1-11

<sup>1</sup> James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

<sup>2</sup> Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup> for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup> And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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<sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. <sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup> he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

<sup>9</sup> Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, <sup>10</sup> and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. <sup>11</sup> For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

**Sermon**

*The Benefits of Trials*

Pastor Jeff

## **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**

*When Trials Come* Getty

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When trials come, no longer fear, For in the pain our God draws near,  
To fire a faith worth more than gold; And there His faithfulness is told,  
And there His faithfulness is told.

Within the night I know Your peace; The breath of God brings strength to me.  
And new each morning mercy flows, As treasures of the darkness grow,  
As treasures of the darkness grow.

I turn to wisdom not my own, For every battle You have known.  
My confidence will rest in You; Your love endures, Your ways are good;  
Your love endures, Your ways are good.

When I am weary with the cost, I see the triumph of the cross;  
So in its shadow I shall run, Till You complete the work begun,  
Till You complete the work begun.

One day all things will be made new; I'll see the hope You called me to.  
And in Your kingdom paved with gold, I'll praise Your faithfulness of old;  
I'll praise Your faithfulness of old.

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**Charge and Benediction**

Pastor Jeff

**\*Postlude**

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* Webb/Mansfield

Michele Kelly

## 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.

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

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## Adult Ministry Opportunities

**Many new classes and small groups are starting up soon!**  
Scan this QR code or go to [neelsville.org/ministries/adults](http://neelsville.org/ministries/adults) for descriptions & details.



- CLASSES -----
- **Sunday 9:00am** – White Church, Large Classroom – *Reconciled: A Biblical Approach to Ethnic Unity* led by Courtney Midlam & Lynda Osei-Boateng
  - **Sunday 9:00am** – Welcome Center – *Coffee & Conversation* led by Pastor Jeff & Jonathan Harris
  - **Sunday 9:00am** – Conference Room & Online – *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth* led by Craig & Joanne Wilson
  - **Wednesday 7:00pm** – Online – *The Engagement Project* led by Tony Panettiere and Adam Condrick
- SMALL GROUPS -----
- **Sunday 9:00am** – Parlor – *Dangerous Prayers* led by Adam Condrick – Begins Sept 19
  - **Sunday 7:00pm** – Arols’ Home – Discuss the Sermon Series with Craig & Cindy Arols’ small group. – Begins Sept 26
  - **Monday 7:30pm** – Parlor – Biweekly Men’s Study led by Jonathan Harris – Next meeting on Sept 13
  - **Monday 7:30pm** – Online – Biweekly Women’s Study led by Michelle Nelson – Begins Sept 20
  - **Wednesday 7:15pm** – Online – Weekly Men’s Study led by Brian Farrell
  - **Friday 9:30am** – Front Lawn at NPC – Weekly Women’s Study led by Sue Farrell

**A Living Faith in Uncertain Times**  
**James Sermon Series**

**Sermon Notes:**

*The Benefits of Trials*

James 1:1-11

- Who is James and who is his audience? (v. 1)
  - James?
  
  - 12 Tribes in Dispersion?
  
- What Plays a Prime Part in Every Christian's life? (vv. 2, 9-11)
  - Various Trials
  
  - Rich and Poor and Everyone in between
  
- What are the Particular Pathways within Trials? (vv. 3-11)
  - Steadfastness (vv. 3-4)
  
  - Wisdom (vv. 5-8)
  
  - Dependence (vv. 9-11)
  
- What are the Precious Benefits of Trials?
  - Joy (v. 2)
  
  - Maturity in Christ (v. 4)

**Next Week:** *Blessed Endurance* (James 1:12-18)

## *Something to think about...*

1. What qualifies as a trial? How have you persevered through trials in your life?
2. When we experience trials, what does God provide for us in these times?
3. What are the benefits of trials? What is the meaning of joy? What does maturity in Christ look like?
4. Explain how believing in God's sovereignty through trials is crucial in persevering in the faith? List some ways painful circumstances and unanswered questions can actually strengthen your faith.
5. In what you learned in James 1:1-11, how would you counsel someone going through a difficult trial?

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## **Children's & Youth Ministry**

- **Sunday School at 9:00am**
  - Neelsville Kids (ages 3 thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) – Check in by the Parlor. Class will be held outdoors when weather allows.
  - NPC Students (youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) – Meet on the back field when weather allows or in the Fellowship Hall
- **Worship & Play Zone** is available during the service for children ages 3 thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
- **Nursery care** is available during the service for children ages 2 and younger. Nursery care is available during the Sunday School hour upon request by emailing [melissa@neelsville.org](mailto:melissa@neelsville.org).
- **Youth Group meets on Friday at 7pm for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade students.** They meet on the back field when weather allows.

## Announcements

We are once again forming team **Take a Lapp for ALS** to participate in the Walk to Defeat ALS in memory of our brother in Christ, Rodney Lapp. We will be participating in the Westminster walk which takes place in **Baker Park, Frederick on Sat 10/9**. We would love to have you either join or sponsor our team by visiting our team page at this QR Code. Contact Carol Harris with any questions ([cgharris84@comcast.net](mailto:cgharris84@comcast.net)).



**Choir is back!** Weekly rehearsals will be in the Sanctuary on Wednesdays 7:00pm. Contact Janna Leigh Ryon if you'd like to sing your heart out! ([jlryon@gmail.com](mailto:jlryon@gmail.com))

If you are new or have been visiting NPC for a while, we welcome you to **First Steps: Connect to NPC** on Sun 9/19 directly after church. Come discover more about Neelsville's identity and mission and get connected to NPC leaders. This will be held in the library across from the church office. Coffee and snacks will be available. We look forward to getting to know you!

**Thanks to everyone who came out to donate for the last two Red Cross Blood Drives at Neelsville!** We collected a total of 65 pints of blood. The need goes on indefinitely and your donation helps more than you think! Gratefully, Hugh Smith

**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](http://www.neelsville.org/give)
- (4) Bring your tithe to the offering box at worship services.

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