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November 22, 2020 – 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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Welcome & Announcements

Brian Farrell

(* = Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Andante Stanley

Paul Park

*Call to Worship (unison)

Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7a

Brian Farrell

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Let us indeed come into His presence with thanksgiving and worship together.

*Hymn

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

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O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
The chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

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Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

***Prayer of Adoration**

Brian Farrell

***Hymn**

Behold, Our God

Baird/Altrogge

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus: Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare, Come, let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? (*Chorus*)

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! (*Chorus*)

Men: You will reign forever.

Women: Let your glory fill the earth.

(*Chorus*)

Confession of Sin (unison)

Brian Farrell

Father, we come to you as rebels; as sinful men and women who have done wrong in your sight. Lord God, we confess that, though you have created us and given us every good thing, from the smallest breath to our most precious possession, we have not given you thanks as you deserve. Though we have been made to worship you, and in your service is joy and liberty, we have put ourselves under the mastery of other things. We confess that we have made ourselves slaves to our desires – desires for comfort, desires for pleasure, desires for wealth and riches. We have regarded them as better masters than you, and they have borne us bitter fruit. We arrange our lives, not according to your commands as our Creator, but according to what will gratify the cravings of our hearts. Forgive us our ingratitude, Father. Forgive us our idolatry. Forgive us our rebellion and pride. We ask for your mercy and your grace in our helplessness. We ask in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. For his name's sake, Amen.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

from Psalm 103

Brian Farrell

Hear the comfort of the Word of God: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits – who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion. With unceasing gratitude for the atoning blood of Christ, we can be assured our sins are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*Confession of Faith (unison)

Nicene Creed

Brian Farrell

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.

Children's Message

Brian Farrell

Offertory Prayer

Brian Farrell

Special Music

Come Home Courtney

Jiyoung Savage

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:32-11:18

See printed insert or last two pages of the PDF for the scripture passage.

Sermon

*Good News for Both Believer and Nonbeliever:
An Apostle's Change and a Gentile's Conversion:
A Look at Peter and Cornelius*

Craig Wilson

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

Revelation Song Riddle

SHW #115

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; Holy holy is He;
Sing a new song to Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat. (2x)

Chorus: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color Flashes of lighting, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to You, the only wise King.
(*Chorus*)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, At the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water, Such a marvelous mystery.
(*Chorus 3x*)

*Charge and Benediction

Craig Wilson

*Postlude

Thanks Be to Thee Handel

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: *Good News for Both Believer and Nonbeliever:* Acts 9:32-11:18
 An Apostle's Change and a Gentile's Conversion:
 A Look at Peter and Cornelius

- Conversion – The initiative of God

- Conversions – Two people into one

- Conversion – Good news for all

Something to think about...

Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus speaks to the Jew and Gentile issues in Acts. Read the following passages this week:

1. Ephesians 1:9-10 – What was the plan of God in Christ?
2. Ephesians 2:11-22 – What was the plan for the Gentiles and why? (vs. 15)
3. Ephesians 4 – From this chapter, is unity the same as uniformity?

***Next Week: The King Has Come! Advent Sermon Series Begins
The King With Us! (Isaiah 7:10-17 and Matthew 1:18-25)***

Adult Sunday School Classes

Three 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.

- Join Brian Farrell and Joanne Wilson for “How to Read the Bible for all Its Worth.” Contact joannelwilson@gmail.com for materials.
- Join Craig Wilson for a continuation of the Genesis study. Contact cdw6@msn.com for materials.
- Join Adam Condrick’s small group for discussion of “The Engagement Project.” Contact acondrick@segalco.com for 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 www.facebook.com/neelsville/live.

The Friday Morning Women's Bible Study will not meet on 11/27. They will resume their study on the Sermon on the Mount on Fri 12/4. Contact Sue Farrell at bfarrell01@aol.com for more info.

Our Christmas Giving Tree will be VIRTUAL this year. Beginning Sun 11/29, you can use our Sign-Up Genius to select a gift or a baked good that you would like to provide for a local family in need. Wrapped gifts and baked good are due by Sun 12/20. Look for more info in our e-letter and contact Michelle Nelson at msn617@gmail.com with questions.

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at NPC's Fellowship Hall on Sat 12/5 from 9am-2pm. Please consider donating, especially now with COVID-19. Visit our website, redcrossblood.org, and search for Neelsville to sign up early, as spaces are limited. If there are no registration spots available, please email Hugh Smith at hugh3smith@comcast.net to get on the wait list. We always have cancellations that we can fill on the day of the drive.

Registration is open for the 2021 Virtual ECO National Gathering! There will be a variety of speakers from our denomination at this online conference on Fri 1/29 thru Sun 1/31. The event is FREE and is a great opportunity for spiritual growth. Find out more at econationalgathering.org.

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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Scripture Reading

Acts 9:32-11:18

³² Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. ³³ There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed. ³⁴ And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. ³⁵ And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

³⁶ Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴² And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

¹ At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, ² a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. ³ About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, "Cornelius." ⁴ And he stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. ⁵ And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. ⁶ He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea." ⁷ When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him, ⁸ and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

⁹ The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. ¹⁰ And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance ¹¹ and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. ¹² In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. ¹³ And there came a voice to him: "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." ¹⁴ But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." ¹⁵ And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has made clean, do not call common." ¹⁶ This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.

¹⁷ Now while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision that he had seen might mean, behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood at the gate ¹⁸ and called out to ask whether Simon who was called Peter was lodging there. ¹⁹ And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you. ²⁰ Rise and go down and accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them." ²¹ And Peter went down to the men and said, "I am the one you are looking for. What is the reason for your coming?" ²² And they said, "Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say." ²³ So he invited them in to be his guests.

The next day he rose and went away with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. ²⁴ And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. ²⁵ When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. ²⁶ But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am a man." ²⁷ And as he

talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered. ²⁸ And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. ²⁹ So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me." ³⁰ And Cornelius said, "Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing ³¹ and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. ³² Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.' ³³ So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord."

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

¹ Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³ "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." ⁴ But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶ Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷ And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' ¹⁰ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹ And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹² And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' ¹⁵ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸ When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."