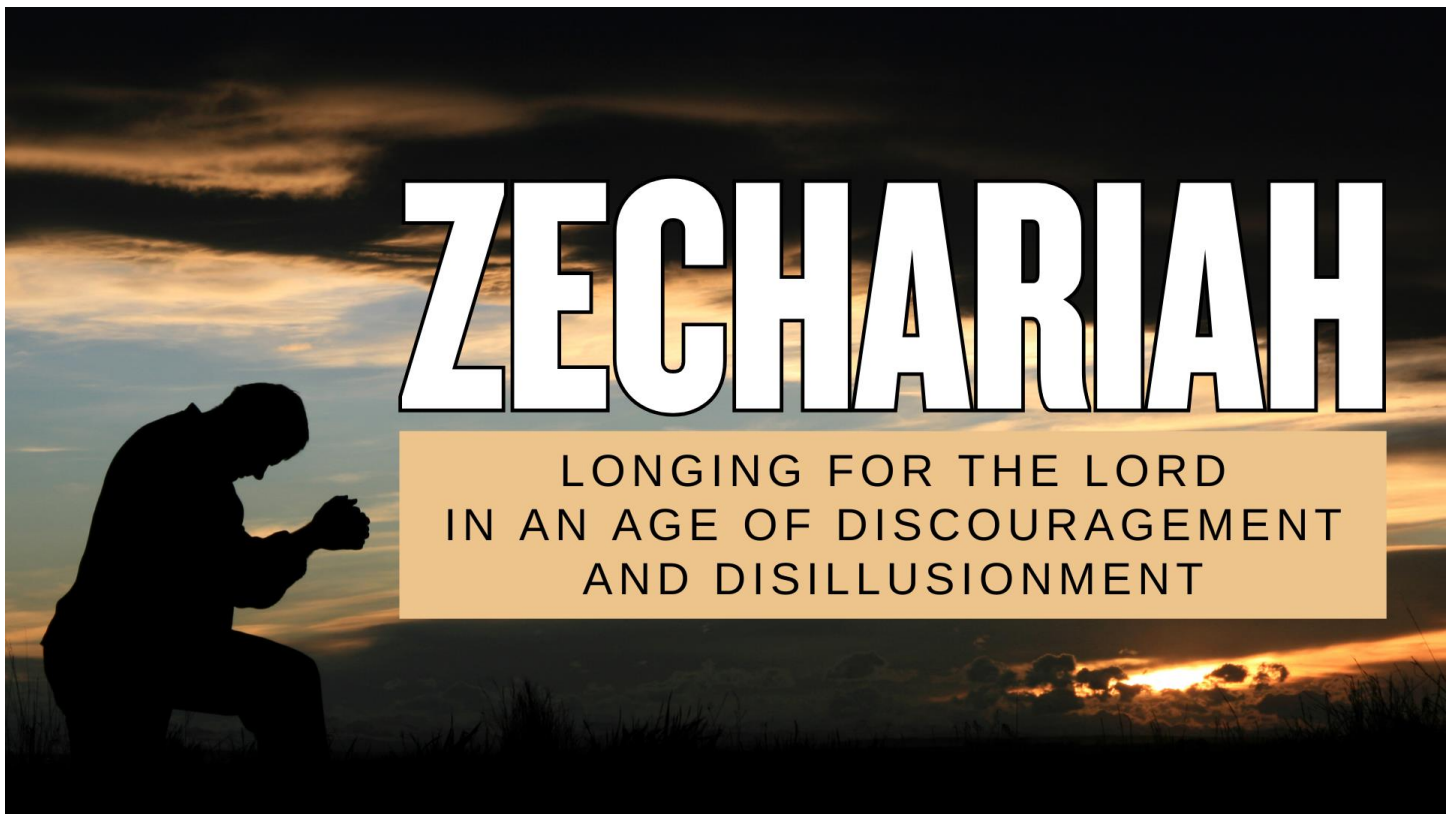




*NPC strives to be an intercultural church of believers in Jesus Christ who delight to share the good news in Germantown and beyond.*

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**Sunday, August 3, 2025 – 10:45am Worship**



# Welcome to Neelsville!

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Welcome to Neelsville Presbyterian Church! We are so thrilled that you have visited with us today. We are a church that is growing more and more captivated by Jesus Christ, delighting to glorify and serve Him in every area of our lives. Wherever you are in your walk with God, we have resources for you and your family. Please contact me if you have any questions or desire additional information. Thanks for visiting and I hope you experience the welcome of Christ during your time with us!

Warmly in Christ,

Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

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

## First Time Here?

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We're so glad you've joined us! Please fill out a green guest card in the pew and hand it to a Welcome Team member for a small gift. They can help connect you with our various ministries and answer any questions you may have.

When you join us again, please take a moment each Sunday to sign in with our Welcome Team. This helps us to stay connected and to reach out to ensure you are well if we haven't seen you in a while.

## Tips for Families

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We are a church who believes in the value of families worshipping together, and we welcome the wiggles & giggles of little ones in the pews.

Look for the  station outside the Sanctuary to learn more about...

- **Nursery Care** – Available for children 2 years and under during the service.
- **Worship & Praise Zone** – Children ages 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to a Bible Story & crafts during the sermon. Please check-in before worship at the kids' station.
- **Worship Activity Bags** – Feel free to grab one for your child to use during the service.

# Order of Service

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Worship is seeing what God is worth and giving him what he's worth. Worship is pulling our affections off our idols and putting them on God. Worship is treasuring God. – Tim Keller

**Prelude**                      *Blessed Assurance* (Knapp/arr. Bober)                      Christine Gormley, piano

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*We invite you to let the music quiet your mind and heart to prepare for worship.*

**Welcome & Announcements**                      Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

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\* = please rise if you are able

**\*Call to Worship**                      based on Zechariah 14                      Brian Farrell

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*God's words in scripture remind us that He is the one who calls us to gather.*

**Leader:** Come, all who thirst for living water, all who long for the presence of the King! The Lord has promised to stand upon the Mount of Olives, to bring light to darkness and living streams to the weary.

**All:** Let us gather before the victorious Christ, who reigns over all nations and calls us to worship in the beauty of His holiness. Lift up your hearts and behold your King—holy, sovereign, and gracious.

**\*Hymn**                      *Come People of the Risen King*                      Getty/Townend

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Come people of the Risen King, Who delight to bring Him praise  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing, To the Morning Star of grace  
From the shifting shadows of the earth, We will lift our eyes to Him  
Where steady arms of mercy reach, To gather children in

*Chorus:* Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice  
One heart one voice  
O Church of Christ rejoice

Come those whose joy is morning sun, And those weeping through the night  
Come those who tell of battles won, And those struggling in the fight  
For His perfect love will never change, And His mercies never cease  
But follow us through all our days, With the certain hope of peace (*Chorus*)

Come young and old from ev'ry land, Men and women of the faith  
Come those with full or empty hands, Find the riches of His grace

Over all the world His people sing, Shore to shore we hear them call  
The truth that cries through ev'ry age, "Our God is all in all!" (*Chorus 2x*)

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## Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

*Our Pastor leads a prayer in which we lift our hearts to praise God for who He is and to express our deep love for Him.*

### \*Praise Song

*Only A Holy God*

Smith/Robinson/Farren/Thompson

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?  
Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendor outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a Holy God.

*Chorus:* Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.  
Cry out sing holy , forever a Holy God.  
Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated?  
Only a Holy God. (*Chorus 2x*)

Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
Who else would offer His only Son?  
Who else invites me to call Him Father?  
Only a Holy God. Only my Holy God. (*Chorus 2x*)

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## Confession of Sin (unison)

*Seeing how great and good God is, we are reminded that we have, more often than we wish, failed to live as God has designed.*

Merciful God, Your Word in Zechariah reveals a world in rebellion, yet destined for renewal. We confess that, though Christ reigns as King, we often live as if our hope rested in circumstances, not in Your unchanging rule. We confess our worship is sometimes half-hearted, our obedience selective, and our lives marked by compromise rather than holiness. Forgive us for the ways we have withheld our hearts, neglected Your glory, and failed to proclaim You among the nations.

Lord, write “Holy to the Lord” upon every part of our lives. Cleanse us, renew us, and restore us by Your living water, that we might serve and honor You—our Redeemer and King. Amen!

## Silent Confession

*Written words can never reflect exactly what is in each individual’s heart, so this is a time for us to consider our own waywardness and speak it silently to God.*

### \*Assurance of Pardon

Based on Zechariah 14

*When we confess our sins, seeking God’s help to turn away from them, we are assured that He will extend grace, mercy and forgiveness. He is willing to do this because Jesus paid the penalty for our sins on the cross.*

**Leader:** Hear the good news! Zechariah’s vision points to the One who would stand for us—Jesus Christ, who defeats evil, restores creation, and reigns forever. To all who repent and trust in Him, the King offers forgiveness, renewal, and the gift of His Spirit.

As living water flows from Jerusalem, so grace flows to all who believe. In Christ, you are cleansed, marked holy, and welcomed into the presence of the King. Rejoice and live in the freedom and assurance of His pardon. Amen.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

### \*Confession of Faith (unison)

Apostle’s Creed

*Since the earliest years when disciples gathered, Christians have formulated statements to summarize what we believe. These creeds help remind us of the richness of our faith and can help answer the questions of those who may be wondering about Christianity.*

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 & generations.

## Time of Offering

*We have an opportunity to give financially to support the work of the local and global church, offering what we are able with cheerful hearts, grateful for God’s blessings. Giving also includes generously sharing our time and talents to care for one another and the community around us.*

**Please take the plate and pass it down the pew to the usher. To give online, scan the QR code.**



## Offertory

*From Everlasting (Psalm 90)*  
(Hudson/Clow)

Leia Faradonez, clarinet  
Adynda Faradonez, piano

*"The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul." – Johann Sebastian Bach*

## \*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

*A song of praise used by Christians since the early 18<sup>th</sup> century.*

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

*On alternate Sundays, the young children receive a blessing or they gather to hear a mini-message, often sharing a point from the upcoming sermon in a relational way with the children.*

**Children ages 3-3rd grade will be dismissed to the Worship & Praise Zone following the blessing.**

## Scripture Reading

Zechariah 14:1-21

*Please turn in the pew Bible to page 798 or flip ahead in the bulletin to page 9 to follow the text as it is read.*

## Sermon

*The Final Renewal*

Pastor Jeff

*A pastor or an elder of the church gives this extended message explaining the scripture passage, what it meant to the original readers, and how it applies to us today. Our pastor often preaches through a book of the Bible, using a selection of verses each week.*

**Space for Sermon Notes is provided on page 8.**

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*The Lord's Supper was instituted by Jesus on the night before He was crucified. He blessed bread and wine to remind us of his sacrifice - the bread is the sign of his broken body and the juice we use is the sign of his shed blood.*

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy and merciful God, our Father, you have made us in your image and for yourself. You have made this good world for us to tend and to enjoy. God our Father,

**People:** Hear the praise of grateful hearts.

Leader: You sought your ancient people when they strayed from you.  
You freed them from the oppressor and brought them home. God,  
our Father,

**People:** Hear the praise of grateful hearts.

Leader: You have sent your Son to bring us home to you.

Leader: By his Incarnation—

**People:** You have found us.

Leader: By his Death—

**People:** You have forgiven us.

Leader: By his Resurrection—

**People:** You have freed us.

Leader: God, our Father,

**People:** Hear the praise of  
grateful hearts.

## Prayer of Consecration

*God's promises are  
confirmed as we partake  
in faith – spiritual  
nourishment enabling our  
growth in grace,  
affirmation of our union  
with God, and gratitude  
for our fellowship with  
other believers.*

***The congregation will be  
invited by rows to  
receive bread and juice.  
When returning to your  
seat, please wait for us  
to take the elements  
together.***

Leader: Holy and merciful God, our Father, send down your Holy Spirit  
on our bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood  
of Christ, and on your people, that we may be the body of Christ,  
reconciled to you and to each other by his blood. By your Holy  
Spirit make us—

**People:** One with Christ, one with each other, and one in mission to all  
the world,

Leader: Until Christ shall come in final victory and we feast together at  
his heavenly banquet. We cry,

**People:** Maranatha! Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen!

## Congregational Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

*At this time, the Pastor  
may pray for the needs of  
individuals, the church,  
the community or nation.  
We join in with the words  
Jesus taught us to pray.*

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.



O great God of highest heav'n, Occupy my lowly heart  
Own it all and reign supreme, Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r  
Let no vice or sin remain, That resists Your holy war  
You have loved and purchased me, Make me Yours forever more

I was blinded by my sin, Had no ears to hear Your voice  
Did not know Your love within, Had no taste for heaven's joys  
Then Your Spirit gave me life, Opened up Your word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son, Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life, That's dependent on Your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul, From the evils that I face  
You are worthy to be praised, With my ev'ry thought and deed  
O great God of highest heav'n, Glorify Your Name through me

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O great God of highest heav'n, Glorify Your Name through me

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**\*Charge & Benediction**

*The pastor gives a charge to go into the world in Jesus' name, living and serving in ways that give witness to God's love. He then raises his hands, giving a blessing for the congregation to receive.*

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**\*Postlude**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
(arr. Tornquist)

Christine Gormley, piano

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*We close with another instrumental piece, carrying praise to God out of the church and into the world.*

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**After Worship Today!**

**The Women's Ministry is meeting for lunch at Panera at 12:30pm** (Seneca Meadows location). Please join us!

**VBS Decorating will take place at 12:30pm TODAY!** Come help us transform the Sanctuary, Welcome Center & Narthex into the Alaskan Wilderness. Lunch will be provided.

### *Longing for the Lord in an Age of Discouragement and Disillusionment*

Big idea: No matter how small or big the trials we experience here on this earth, those whose hope is in Jesus Christ can live holy before the Lord and will be ushered into the final glorious renewal when Christ comes again on that day!

On that day:

- Jesus will come again for the \_\_\_\_\_ renewal. (vv.1-2)

In the meantime:

- Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ for His people. (v. 3)
- Jesus will provide \_\_\_\_\_ to our souls. (vv.4 -8)
- Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ as the Universal King. (vv. 9-16)
- Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ and restore. (vv. 17-19)
- Jesus will provide the \_\_\_\_\_ needed until that final day. (vv. 20-21)

**Next Week: New Sermon Series – *Who Is the Church?***

*The People and the Family of God*

<sup>1</sup> Behold, a day is coming for the LORD, when the spoil taken from you will be divided in your midst.

<sup>2</sup> For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken and the houses plundered and the women raped. Half of the city shall go out into exile, but the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city. <sup>3</sup> Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. <sup>4</sup> On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward. <sup>5</sup> And you shall flee to the valley of my mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

<sup>6</sup> On that day there shall be no light, cold, or frost. <sup>7</sup> And there shall be a unique day, which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but at evening time there shall be light. <sup>8</sup> On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter. <sup>9</sup> And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.

<sup>10</sup> The whole land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. But Jerusalem shall remain aloft on its site from the Gate of Benjamin to the place of the former gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses. <sup>11</sup> And it shall be inhabited, for there shall never again be a decree of utter destruction. Jerusalem shall dwell in security.

<sup>12</sup> And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples that wage war against Jerusalem: their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

<sup>13</sup> And on that day a great panic from the LORD shall fall on them, so that each will seize the hand of another, and the hand of the one will be raised against the hand of the other. <sup>14</sup> Even Judah will fight at Jerusalem. And the wealth of all the surrounding nations shall be collected, gold, silver, and garments in great abundance. <sup>15</sup> And a plague like this plague shall fall on the horses, the mules, the camels, the donkeys, and whatever beasts may be in those camps.

<sup>16</sup> Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths. <sup>17</sup> And if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. <sup>18</sup> And if the family of Egypt does not go up and present themselves, then on them there shall be no rain; there shall be the plague with which the LORD afflicts the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths. <sup>19</sup> This shall be the punishment to Egypt and the punishment to all the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.

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<sup>20</sup> And on that day there shall be inscribed on the bells of the horses, “Holy to the Lord.” And the pots in the house of the LORD shall be as the bowls before the altar. <sup>21</sup> And every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holy to the LORD of hosts, so that all who sacrifice may come and take of them and boil the meat of the sacrifice in them. And there shall no longer be a trader in the house of the LORD of hosts on that day.

## Something to think about . . .

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*Use these questions for your own personal reflection and study at home.*

1. What will happen on that last day to God's people? To God's enemies? To God?
2. How does Zechariah's prophecy about "that day" comfort us when we face trials or when we are unfaithful to Him?
3. What does it mean for our church corporately, as well as for you personally, to live in light of the final renewal?
4. What difference would it make if "HOLY TO THE LORD" was written on your bathroom mirror, your office computer, on your classroom desk, or your car dashboard?
5. In the book of Zechariah, in what ways have you seen Jesus fulfill God's prophecies and how does that encourage you to hope in him as you live in a world of disillusionment?

# Grow and Go with Us! \_\_\_\_\_

## Next Generation Ministry

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**Next Gen Summer Sundays will be focusing on VBS Decorations today!**

*Our 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to help immediately after worship. Lunch provided!*

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*Ages: Birth – 5th grade*

Contact: [kids@neelsville.org](mailto:kids@neelsville.org)

★ **We reached capacity for VBS! Praise God!**

**VBS takes place THIS WEEK (Aug 4-8 at 9am – 12pm)**

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*Ages: 6th – 12th grade*

Contact: [students@neelsville.org](mailto:students@neelsville.org)

★ **Pastor SeongSu has some outings planned for our middle & high school students! Reach out to him to join the fun!**

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## Young Adult Ministry

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*A place for those aged  
18-40ish to grow in  
Christ & community.*



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

**The Young Adults will not meet this Thurs 8/7.** See you next Thurs 8/14 at 7:30pm for our Weekly Gathering (Andrew Small Room).

**Join our Group app!** Scan the QR code to stay informed of upcoming events and service opportunities.

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## Adult Ministry

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*Join a class or small  
group that meets  
throughout the week!*

*Scan the QR code for  
more details and  
descriptions.*



**Sundays at 9:30am – Attributes of God and God's Love (Conf Rm)**

Contact: Jason Evans ([evans@vika.com](mailto:evans@vika.com))

**New Small Groups in the Fall!** Learn more about Discipleship Explored and sign up for a Small Group at this QR Code or at the paper sign-up in the Narthex.



# This Week at Neelsville

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More details of this week's schedule and upcoming events can be found in our weekly e-letter. Scan this QR code for last Friday's edition.



Sunday 8/3	12:30pm	Women's Ministry Lunch (Panera, Seneca Meadows)
	12:30pm	VBS Decorating (Fellowship Hall)

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Monday 8/4	9am – 12pm	Vacation Bible School (Sanctuary)
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Tuesday 8/5	9am – 12pm	Vacation Bible School (Sanctuary)
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Wednesday 8/6	9am – 12pm	Vacation Bible School (Sanctuary)
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Thursday 8/7	9am – 12pm	Vacation Bible School (Sanctuary)
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Friday 8/8	9am – 12pm	Vacation Bible School (Sanctuary)
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Saturday 8/9

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Sunday 8/10	9:30am	Adult Ministry Class (Conf. Rm.)
	10:45am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:00pm	VBS Fellowship (Welcome Center)

# Announcements

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Please send your announcements to [office@neelsville.org](mailto:office@neelsville.org) by Tuesday at Noon for next week's bulletin & e-letter.

**Women's Ministry Lunch** - Let's get together for lunch after church TODAY! We will meet at 12:30-ish at Panera (Seneca Meadows) for a nice time of fellowship. Bring a friend!

**True North VBS is THIS WEEK! Our team is finishing up with decorations after worship service TODAY!** This is a great chance to see the behind-the-scenes magic firsthand and to share your gifts and talents. Open to all ages and abilities.

**After over 18 years of dedicated and sacrificial service, our staff Treasurer, Wendy Couillard, will be retiring on 8/31.** I encourage you to thank her for serving with humility and distinction in this essential role for our church. **Due to her retirement, we will be looking for a new part-time staff Treasurer.** If interested in finding out more about this position, please contact Pastor Jeff at [pastorjeff@neelsville.org](mailto:pastorjeff@neelsville.org). The job description will be available soon.

**Germantown HELP is seeking donations for its food pantry supply.** Please drop off your canned and boxed nonperishable items in our Narthex bin and we will transport. **Specific requests are canned chicken/salmon/tuna, boxed cereal, canned tomatoes, and spaghetti sauce.** Please see Kim Evans ([kyejohn316@gmail.com](mailto:kyejohn316@gmail.com)) for more info. Thank you!

**Backpacks for McAuliffe Elementary School** – This month we are helping Christa McAuliffe Elementary (a Title 1 school in Germantown) prepare for the school year. We have been asked to donate **NEW EMPTY PLAIN COLORED BACKPACKS**. The school asks for plain backpacks in different colors for girls and boys so the children don't compare them. They have other supplies, so they are requesting the backpacks be empty. **Please place your backpack donation in the Local Missions box in the Narthex by Sun 8/17.**

**NPC will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Sat 8/30 from 9am – 2pm.** Scan the QR Code or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and search for "NeelsvillePresbyterian" (no spaces) to sign up to support this life-giving program. Questions? Contact Hugh Smith at [hugh3smith@comcast.net](mailto:hugh3smith@comcast.net).



**ESL Classes Start in September** – Know anyone who would like to be in an English as a Second Language (ESL) class? We will be starting classes on Sat 9/13. Students of all ages, and levels of English proficiency are welcome. There are flyers in the Narthex to give to friends, co-workers and others you may come in contact with. Flyers direct the student to the online registration at this QR code. Take some to share!



# Stay Connected with Neelsville

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Fri 10am – 1pm

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Email [office@neelsville.org](mailto:office@neelsville.org) to join the prayer chain.



## E-LETTER SIGNUP

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## LAY LEADERSHIP

**Elders** – *Oversee the spiritual health of the congregation as well as the congregation's faithfulness to God's mission.*

Clerk of Session – Eileen Bauer

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

**Deacons** – *Nurture fellowship and caregiving within and beyond the congregation.*

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**Trustees** – *Provide care and oversight for Neelsville's buildings and grounds.*

Moderator – Jason Craft

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