



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



Sunday, August 31, 2025 – 10:45am Worship

Welcome to Neelsville!

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

First Time Here?

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

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 – 3rd 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.

Our Classes for All Ages will be back on Sun 9/7 at 9:30am. We have offerings for everyone from preschoolers to adults. Learn more on page 10.

Order of Service

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

Janna Leigh Ryon, piano

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

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

* = please rise if you are able

*Call to Worship

Based on Mark 11:17

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

Leader: The Lord declares, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations." We gather not in our own strength, but in the welcome of Christ, who invites every heart to draw near.

All: We come as one people, drawn from many places, to seek the face of God together.

Leader: Let us set aside distractions and open our hearts, for in this sacred space, God's presence dwells among us. Here, prayers are lifted, hope is rekindled, and grace is poured out on all who seek.

All: With reverence and expectation, we come to worship the Lord, who gathers a multi-nation people as a family in His house of prayer.

Leader: Come, let us worship our God, whose love knows no bounds and whose mercy welcomes all.

All: Amen

*Hymn

Rock of Ages

Toplady/Bourque/Hastings

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands, Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
These for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone;
In my hand no price I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyes shall close in death,

When I rise to worlds unknown, And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Jeff

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.

*Hymn

The Lord Is My Salvation

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The grace of God has reached for me, And pulled me from a raging sea,
And I am safe on this solid ground: The Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: The Lord is my salvation.

Chorus: Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won: The Lord is my salvation.

My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow'rs each promise of His word.
When winter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need, When I know loss, when I am weak.
I know His grace will renew these days: The Lord is my salvation. (*Chorus*)

And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave.
But I will rise, He will call me home: The Lord is my salvation. (*Chorus*)

Glory be to God, the Father. Glory be to God, the Son.
Glory be to God, the Spirit. The Lord is our salvation. (2x)

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*Hymn

Lead Me to the Cross

Ligertwood

Savior, I come, quiet my soul; Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled for my ransom.
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss.

Chorus: Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out.
Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down.
Rid me of myself, I belong to You.
Oh, lead me, lead me to the cross.

You were as I, tempted and tried, human.

The Word became flesh, bore my sin in death; now, You're risen.
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss. (*Chorus*)

Bridge: To Your heart, to Your heart, lead me to Your heart, lead me to Your heart. (*Chorus 2x*)

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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

Janna Leigh Ryon, piano & Michele Kelly, organ

"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 18th 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

Mark 11:15-17, Isaiah 56:7

Please turn in the pew Bible to page 847 and 616 or flip ahead in the bulletin to page 7 to follow the text as it is read.

Sermon

The House of Prayer for All Nations

Pastor SeongSu Hong

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 6.

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.

*Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Scriven/Converse

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge; Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised Thou wilt all our burdens bear;
May we ever, Lord, be bringing all to Thee in earnest prayer.
Soon, in glory bright unclouded there will be no need for prayer;
Rapture, praise and endless worship will be our sweet portion there.

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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.

*Postlude

Janna Leigh Ryon, piano

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

- Relationship
- Guidance
- Growth and Transformation
- Intercession

Scripture

Mark 11:15-17

¹⁵ And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹⁶ And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷ And he was teaching them and saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a den of robbers.”

Isaiah 56:7

⁷ “these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

Something to think about . . .

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

1. What keeps us from praying?
2. What does our prayer life say about our relationship with God?
3. What does our corporate prayer life say about our church’s relationship with God? What steps can we take to begin and continue in our prayers?
4. How can we deepen our prayer life as a church?

Grow and Go with Us! _____

Next Generation Ministry



Ages: Birth – 5th grade

Contact: kids@neelsville.org

- ★ **Sunday School returns next week on Sept 7 at 9:30am!**
We meet in the Ed Wing (lower entrance) for PreK – 5th Grade.



Ages: 6th – 12th grade

Contact: students@neelsville.org

- ★ **Our school year schedule resumes next week!**

STARTS 9/7 - Sunday School at 9:30am (Andrew Small Room)

STARTS 9/10 - Youth Group is moving to Wednesdays at 7pm.
We will continue to meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Young Adult Ministry

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



Contact: youngadults@neelsville.org

Thursdays at 7:30pm – Weekly Gathering (Andrew Small Room)
***Paused until 9/11**

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

Adult Ministry

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

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



**Sundays at 9:30am – Study of Discipleship, Grace and the
Believer's Response** (Conf Rm)

Contact: Craig Wilson (cdw6@msn.com)

New Small Groups begin the week of Sept 7!

*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. Groups will meet throughout the week at a
variety of locations including NPC, in homes and online.*



This Week at Neelsville

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 8/31

Monday 9/1

Labor Day Holiday – Church Office Closed

Tuesday 9/2

Wednesday 9/3

Thursday 9/4

Friday 9/5

Saturday 9/6

Sunday 9/7	9:15am	Small Group led by Adam & Diane Condric (NPC Parlor)
	9:30am	Classes for All Ages!
<i>Discipleship</i>	9:30am	Small Group led by Eric & Lena Shirley (NPC Lg Classroom)
<i>Explored</i>	10:45am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
<i>Small Groups</i>	12:00pm	Men's Ministry Meeting (Conference Room)
<i>Begin!</i>	12:30pm	Women's Lunch at Panera (Seneca Meadows)
	5:30pm	Small Group led by the Hongs & Ricketts (Frederick)
	5:30pm	Small Group led by Jason Evans (NPC Parlor)

Announcements

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

**Please note that the Church Office will be closed tomorrow,
Monday, September 1 for Labor Day**

We will hold a congregational meeting NEXT Sun 9/7 directly after the worship service in the sanctuary to elect officers (Elders, Deacons, and Trustees). Please mark your calendar for this important meeting.

Men are invited to attend a planning meeting after worship NEXT Sun 9/7 in the Conference room. This meeting takes place after Worship on the first Sunday of each month.

Women's Ministry Lunch - Let's get together for lunch after church NEXT Sun 9/7! We will meet at 12:30-ish at Panera (Seneca Meadows) for a nice time of fellowship. Bring a friend!

MomCo Volunteers Needed - MomCo (formerly MOPS) is looking for volunteers to help with childcare for children aged 1-5 during our bi-monthly meetings on Tuesday mornings from 10am -12pm. Please contact Danielle Harris if you're willing to help! (DL.HRRS13@gmail.com)

Help Wanted for Church Picnic – We need volunteers to help with the picnic on **Sun 9/14** following the church service. Also, we need someone to lead this fun event! Please contact Connie Barnes (ConnieSueBarnes@proton.me) or Gerry Davis (gerry.davis@outlook.com) if you can help. Many hands make light work!

Luisa, our Community School Liaison at Christa McAuliffe sent the following note: *“Thank you so much for the backpacks! Many parents had signed up for one. I truly appreciate our partnership. I had a table with your ESOL flyer and your church's name displayed so parents know where the backpack donations came from. With your support, we were able to help so many families.”*

Financial Update

	July Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income (\$K)	\$47.7 K	\$ 465.4 K	\$ 442.5 K	\$ 784.0 K
Expenses (\$K)*	\$ 57.0 K	\$ 466.3 K	\$ 486.4 K	\$ 824.8 K



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Excess Income/Expenses	-\$ 9.3 K	-\$ 0.9 K
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*Adjusted expense includes mortgage principal

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Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 10am-4pm

Fri 10am – 1pm

PRAYER REQUESTS

Email office@neelsville.org to join the prayer chain.



E-LETTER SIGNUP

The Weekly Neelsville News is delivered each Friday at 10am.



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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

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

Moderator – Peggy Hurkett

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

Moderator – Jason Craft

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