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Sunday, November 2, 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.

Join us for Classes for All Ages at 9:30am Sunday. We have offerings for everyone from preschoolers to adults. Learn more on page 10.

Order of Service

Worship is not something that we conjure up ourselves and invite God to attend. It is vital that we all understand that we come as an act of God's grace by invitation of God Himself. When we gather together, there is a very real sense in which we are joining the mighty chorus of angels, those who have gone before us, and indeed those that will come behind us to lift up the name of Jesus and respond to the redemptive acts of God in Christ. – the Getty Worship Team

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

Psalm 100

Brian Farrell

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

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

All: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Praise the Lord!

*Hymn

Lift High the Name of Jesus (Cash/DeBarra/Getty)

#487

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.
Make known the power of his grace, the beauty of his peace.
Remember how his mercy reached, and we cried out to him!
He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.

Chorus: Oh sing, my soul, and tell all he's done
Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord.
His pow'r in us is greater than, is greater than this world.
To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace,
That all who see him shine through us might bring the Father praise. (*Chorus*)

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus, our Light.
No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life.
He opens up our eyes to see the harvest he has grown.
We labor in his fields of grace as he leads sinners home. (*Chorus*)

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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

Grace (Robinson/Shepherd/Thompson)

#148

Your grace, that leads the sinner home from death to life forever.
And sings the song of righteousness by blood and not by merit.

Chorus: By grace I am redeemed, by grace I am restored;
And now I freely walk into the arms of Christ, my Lord.

Your grace, that reaches far and wide, to every tribe and nation,
Has called my heart to enter in the joy of your salvation. (*Chorus*)

Your grace that I cannot explain, not by my earthly wisdom:
The Prince of Life without a stain was traded for this sinner. (*Chorus*)

Let praise rise up and overflow, my song resound forever;
For grace will see me welcomed home to walk beside my Savior. (*Chorus 2x*)

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Confession of Sin

Based on Romans 10:14-17

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.

Leader: As we come to a time of corporate confession of sin, we remember the words from Romans: “How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ... So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” Let us confess together:

All: Merciful God, we confess that though You invite us to Your table later this morning, we have often ignored Your call. Forgive us for our unbelief, for closing our hearts to Your word. We have been silent when we should have spoken, and inattentive when we should have listened. Wash us clean, and feed us with Your grace, that we may truly hear and truly believe.

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 Romans 10:14-17

When we confess our sins, we are assured that He will extend grace, mercy and forgiveness because Jesus paid the penalty for our sins on the cross.

Leader: Hear the promise of the gospel: "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." Christ has spoken; His word brings life. As we trust in Him, our sins are pardoned and our souls made whole.

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Come and rejoice, for the table is prepared and the Lord welcomes you home.

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 and 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

Close To Thee
(Crosby/Vail arr. Pethel)

Chancel Choir

When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried "Alleluia!"

*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.

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus said: "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do... for your Father know what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this:"

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.

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 & Priase Zone following the blessing.

*Hymn	<i>Jesus, Strong and Kind</i> (Buchanan/Robinson/Farren/Thompson)	#362
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Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.

Chorus: For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.

Scripture Reading	Matthew 28:18-20 and Romans 10:14-17
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Please turn in the pew Bible to pages 835 and 946 or flip ahead in the bulletin to page 9 to follow the text as it is read.

Sermon	<i>The Call to Go: Evangelism as a Command</i>	Pastor Jeff
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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!

Facing a task unfinished that drives us to our knees,
A need that, undiminished, rebukes our slothful ease.
We who rejoice to know thee renew before thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe thee to go and make thee known.

Chorus: We go to all the world, with kingdom hope unfurled;
No other name has power to save, but Jesus Christ the Lord!

Where other lords beside thee hold their unhindered sway,
Where forces that defied thee defy thee still today,
With none to heed their crying for life, and love, and light,
Unnumbered souls are dying and pass into the night. (*Chorus*)

We bear the torch that, flaming, fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives, proclaiming that Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission, the same glad message ours;
Fired by the same ambition, to thee we yield our pow'rs. (*Chorus*)

O Father who sustained them, O Spirit who inspired,
Savior, whose love constrained them to toil with zeal untired,
From cowardice defend us, from lethargy awake!
Forth on thine errands send us to labor for thy sake. (*Chorus 2x*)

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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**

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

After Worship Today!

Men's Ministry Meeting is at **12:00pm** in the Conference Room.

Choir rehearsal will be in the **Sanctuary at 12:30pm**. All are welcome!

- The Authority of Christ: Our Confidence (Matt. 28:18)

- The Call of Christ: Our Mission (Matt. 28:19-20)
 - The Universal Scope of Our Mission –

 - The Implication of Our Mission –

 - The Depth of Our Mission –

 - The Promise of Our Mission –

- The Need for Christ: Our Responsibility (Romans 10:14-17)

Next Week: *Evangelism Through Relationships: The Power of Personal Witness*
(John 4:1-30; 39-43 and 1 Thes. 2:8)

Scripture

Matt. 28:18-20 – ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Romans 10:14-17 – ¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Something to think about . . .

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

1. In what ways is God calling you personally to participate in His mission—are you being prompted to go, send, or share the gospel in your current context?
2. Who in your life (your "one")—at work, school, or in your neighborhood—has yet to hear the message of Christ, and how can you intentionally build a relationship with them?
3. What obstacles or fears might be holding you back from sharing your faith, and how can you trust in Jesus' promise to be with you always as you step out in obedience?
4. How can you support the sending of others, such as missionaries, through prayer, giving, or encouragement?
5. Reflecting on Romans 10:14-17, how does understanding the necessity of hearing the word of Christ encourage you to take action in your community?

Grow and Go with Us! _____

Next Generation Ministry



Ages: Birth – 5th grade

Contact: kids@neelsville.org

Sunday School at 9:30am (Ed Wing for PreK - 5th Grade)



Ages: 6th – 12th grade

Contact: students@neelsville.org

Sunday School at 9:30am (Andrew Small Room)

Wednesday Night Youth Group at 7pm (Fellowship Hall)

Young Adult Ministry

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



Contact: youngadults@neelsville.org

Fridays at 7:30pm – Weekly Gathering (Parlor)

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 9:15am – Small Group (Parlor)

Contact: Adam Condrick (acondrick@segalco.com)

Sundays at 9:30am –

Sing! A New Hymnal Rooted in Old Worship (Room 1)

Contact: Jonathan Harris (jp.hrrs@gmail.com)

1st & 3rd Sundays at 5:00pm – Frederick Small Group

Contact: Pastor SeongSu Hong (seongsu@neelsville.org)

Sundays at 7:00pm – TBD (Online)

Contact: Craig Wilson (cdw6@msn.com) ***Begins 11/9**

Wednesdays at 7:00pm – Co-Ed Bible Study on *Revelation* (Online)

Contact: Craig Wilson (cdw6@msn.com)

Wednesdays at 7:15pm – Men's Bible Study on *Fulfillment* (Online)

Contact: Brian Farrell (bpf3356@gmail.com)

Fridays at 9:30am – Women's Bible Study on *Abraham* (Parlor)

Contact: Sue Farrell (bfarrell01@aol.com)

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 11/2	12:00pm	Men's Ministry Meeting (Conference Room)
	12:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	5:30pm	Frederick Small Group (Pastor SeongSu's House)

Monday 11/3

Tuesday 11/4

Wednesday 11/5	7:00pm	NPC Students Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Co-Ed Bible Study – <i>Revelation</i> (Online)
	7:15pm	Men's Bible Study – <i>Fulfillment</i> (Online)

Thursday 11/6

Friday 11/7	9:30am	Women's Bible Study – <i>Abraham</i> (Parlor)
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Saturday 11/8	9:00am	ESOL Classes (Fellowship Hall Entrance)
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Sunday 11/9	9:15am	Sunday Morning Small Group (NPC Parlor)
	9:30am	Classes for All Ages!
	10:45am	Worship Service & the Lord's Supper (Sanctuary)
	12:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Sunday Night Study (Online)

Financial Update

	Sept. Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income (\$K)	\$47.8 K	\$ 609.6 K	\$ 572.4 K	\$ 784.0 K
Expenses (\$K)*	\$ 74.7 K	\$ 613.7 K	\$ 630.8 K	\$ 824.8 K



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Excess Income/Expenses	-\$ 26.9 K	-\$ 4.1 K
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*Adjusted expense includes mortgage principal

YTD September Income and Expense are fairly even. Expenses this month were higher than usual with additional cleaning, repairs and property taxes, while Income was lighter than average.

Announcements

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

A huge "Thank you" to all who helped with our first ever Fall-O-Ween event! We served approximately 150 children and almost that same number of adults this year. Pastor SeongSu has already heard some great feedback on what worked well and what might work for future events. If you attended or helped on the day and have insight to share, we really appreciate it. Thanks again for your servant's heart in giving back to our community.

Return your OCC shoebox by next Sun 12/9! – Thank you to those who have returned a filled Operation Christmas Child shoebox for children around the world sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Boxes are still available in the Narthex (with brochures/information too) for pickup, and the deadline has been extended to next Sunday. Contact Juanita with questions.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THANKSGIVING BOXES - We will receive **Holiday Giving families from Neelsville Middle School this year** so we can begin to build a relationship with the families and the school. For the first time, we will be giving our families Thanksgiving boxes of non-perishable food. **We are asking the congregation to donate the following:** soup, mac & cheese, canned vegetables, canned fruit, nut butters (peanut, almond, etc), jelly, rice, pasta, bottles of juice, oatmeal, canned meats, granola bars and gift cards from Aldi or Walmart (\$35, \$50, \$100). **Please drop off items in the Narthex by Sun 11/16.** Let's celebrate all we are thankful for by sharing with others in our community.

Neelsville is doing a new pictorial directory! We want everyone to get a new picture made so that our new directory will be complete. IT WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU! You can make your appointment online at this QR code or see one of our sign-up team members after worship service. **Photo dates are Fri 11/21 and Sat 11/22.** You will have a professional photography session, see your proofs, and can purchase extra portraits for family and friends. **You will receive a free 8x10 of your chosen directory photo along with a hard copy of our new directory!!**



The Cost and Rewards of Discipleship! Stewardship reminder - Please turn in your Estimated Giving Cards by placing them in collection plate, sending to the church office or submitting online through this **QR code**. Hard copies of this information can be found on a table in the narthex or bit.ly/2026_stewardship. **We hope to receive all responses by Sun 12/7!**



Save the Date! Mark your calendars and please join us for a **Women's Christmas Brunch on Sat 12/6** at 10am – 12noon.

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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.*

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Moderator – Jason Craft

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