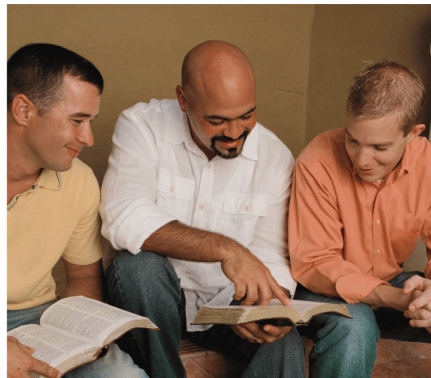




NPC strives to be an intercultural church of believers in Jesus Christ who delight to share the good news in Germantown and beyond.



UNASHAMED

CONFIDENTLY SHARING JESUS WITH OTHERS

Sunday, November 9, 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 11.

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	<i>Amazing Grace</i> (arr. Labenske)	Janna Leigh Ryon, piano
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We invite you to let the music quiet your mind and heart to prepare for worship.

Welcome & Announcements	Pastor SeongSu Hong
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* = please rise if you are able

*Call to Worship	Based on John 4:14	Adam Condrick
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God's words in scripture remind us that He is the one who calls us to gather.

Leader: Jesus said to the Samaritan woman, "Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again."

All: Just as Christ invited her to draw near and receive living water, so too He invites us.

Leader: Let us come, seeking the One who knows us fully and loves us deeply, that we may worship in spirit and in truth.

*Hymn	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i> (Fosdick/Hughes)	#475
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God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy pow'r;
Crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

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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.

*Hymn

Lord, from Sorrows Deep I Call (Boswell/Papa)

#540

Lord, from sorrows deep I call when my hope is shaken;
Torn and ruined from the fall, hear my desperation.
For so long I've pled and prayed: God, come to my rescue!
Even so, the thorn remains; still my heart will praise you.

Chorus: Oh, my soul, put your hope in God; my help, my Rock, I will praise him.
Sing, oh, sing, through the raging storm. You're still my God, my salvation.

Storms within my troubled soul, questions without answers;
On my faith these billows roll; God, be now my shelter.
Why are you cast down, my soul? Hope in him who saves you.
When the fires have all grown cold, cause this heart to praise You. (*Chorus*)

Should my life be torn from me, ev'ry worldly pleasure;
When all I possess is grief, God be then my treasure.
Be my vision in the night, be my hope and refuge,
Till my faith is turned to sight; Lord my heart will praise You! (*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, You know us just as Jesus knew the woman at the well—our struggles, our stories, our thirsts. Yet, we confess that we have often sought satisfaction apart from You, turning to empty wells that cannot sustain us. Forgive us for withholding ourselves from You and from one another, for not sharing the gospel as tenderly as Paul shared his life with the Thessalonians. Cleanse us, and fill us with Your living water, that we may pour out Your love to others. In Christ we pray. 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 1 Thess. 2:8

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 good news! Jesus did not turn away from the woman at the well, but revealed Himself as the Messiah and brought salvation to her and her town. As Paul wrote, “We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.”

In Christ, we are welcomed, restored, and sent to share His love. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Drink deeply of His grace and rejoice!

All: Thanks be to God.

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism (Q/A 15-18)

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.

Leader: What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?

All: One who is a true and righteous human, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.

Leader: Why must the mediator be a true and righteous human?

All: God's justice demands that human nature, which has sinned, must pay for sin; but a sinful human could never pay for others.

Leader: Why must the mediator also be true God?

All: So that the mediator, by the power of his divinity, might bear the weight of God's wrath in his humanity and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life.

Leader: Then who is this mediator—true God and at the same time a true and righteous human?

All: Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given to us to completely deliver us and make us right with God.

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

All Creatures of Our God and King
(arr. Hamlin)

Janna Leigh Ryon, piano
& Michele Kelly, organ

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 Message

Melissa Evans

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 message.

*Hymn

Jesus, Strong and Kind
(Buchanan/Robinson/Farren/Thompson)

#362

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.

Please turn in the pew Bible to pages 888 and 986 or flip ahead in the bulletin to page 9 to follow the text as it is read.

Sermon

Evangelism Through Relationships: The Power of Personal Witness

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.

*Hymn

O Church, Arise (Getty/Townend)

#470

O church, arise and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is "Love!" reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died: an inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit, come! Put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory!

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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!	Choir rehearsal is in the Sanctuary at 12:30pm. Join us!
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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.

Sermon Notes

Unashamed: Confidently Sharing Jesus with Others

- The Relational Approach: Jesus and the Samaritan Woman (John 4:1-30)
- The Power of Personal Testimony: The Samaritan Woman and Her Community (John 4:28-30 and 39-43)
- Sharing Life and the Gospel: Paul's Example (1 Thessalonians 2:8)
- Final Remarks

Next Week: *The Role of the Holy Spirit in Evangelism*
(Acts 1:6-11 and 1 Corinthians 2:1-16)

Scripture

John 4:1-30; 39-43 – ¹ Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John ² (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), ³ he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. ⁴ And he had to pass through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" ³⁰ They went out of the town and were coming to him.

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world." ⁴³ After the two days he departed for Galilee.

1 Thessalonians 2:8 – ⁸ So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

Something to think about . . .

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

1. Read reflectively John 4 and 1 Thessalonians 2:8.
2. What are some ways that you can build authentic relationships with others in your daily life to share the gospel?
3. How does the example of Jesus and the Samaritan woman illustrate the importance of relational evangelism?
4. Why do you think personal testimony is such a powerful tool in sharing your faith?
5. According to 1 Thessalonians 2:8, what does it mean to share not only the gospel, but also your life with others?
6. If you feel hesitant or unsure about sharing your faith, what encouragement can you draw from the idea that God uses ordinary people for extraordinary purposes?
7. What practical steps can you take this week to pray for courage and seek opportunities to share your “God story” with someone? Who is a Christian friend that you can ask to help each other to share your faith?
8. In what ways can you demonstrate compassion and love to those around you, reflecting the heart of Jesus in your relationships?

Grow and Go with Us! _____

Next Generation Ministry

 **Neelsville Turkey Bowl on Sat 11/22 at 1-3pm!** All are invited for a flag football game on the backfield. Bring your “A” game!



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)

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 11/9	12:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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Monday 11/10

Tuesday 11/11

Wednesday 11/12	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 11/13

Friday 11/14	9:30am	Women's Bible Study – <i>Abraham</i> (Parlor)
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Saturday 11/15	9:00am	ESOL Classes (Fellowship Hall Entrance)
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Sunday 11/16	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
	12:30pm	Packing Party for NMS Thanksgiving Boxes

Announcements

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

OCC shoebox are due TODAY and help is needed. Thank you to those who have returned a filled Operation Christmas Child shoebox for children around the world sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you can help go through the boxes after worship today or help transport them to Greenridge Baptist Church on Tues 11/18, please see Juanita Rosser.

Veterans' Day Celebration TODAY: Please join us for a mini reception in the Welcome Center following the church service. We are honoring veterans, active military and their families for their service. We are grateful! We could use some help with clean up. See Gerry Davis for any questions. Remember – many hands make the work light.

Donations are still needed by Sun 11/16 for our Thanksgiving Boxes for Neelsville Middle School families. Scan this QR code for a list of items needed or pick up a list in the Narthex. **Join us after worship on Sun 11/16 for pizza and a packing party** to get these items ready for the families. Please let Dave Adams know if you can attend so we have enough pizza for everyone.



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 our signup 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 try to turn in your Estimated Giving Card for 2026 – in the offering plate, to the church office or submit online at this QR code. Our Elders are working on next year's budget and **giving information received by Sun 12/7 will be especially helpful.** All ministries of our church are dependent on the generosity of God's people. Together we are making a difference!



Women's Christmas Brunch!! Ladies, plan to join us on **Sat 12/6 from 10am- 12noon.** Together, we will enjoy food, fun, fellowship, music and reflection on the significance of Christmas. Invite a guest to come along! Ages 12 and up are welcome. **Register by Sun 11/30** using the QR code or in the Narthex after worship. Contact Cathy Brown with questions (women@neelsville.org)



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



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

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