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CONFIDENTLY SHARING JESUS WITH OTHERS

Sunday, November 23, 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>A Song of Thanksgiving</i> (arr. Wood)	Michele Kelly, organ
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We invite you to let the music quiet your mind and heart to prepare for worship.

Welcome & Announcements	Angela Macri
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* = please rise if you are able

*Call to Worship	Based on Matt 5:13-16; Colossians 4:2-6
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God's words in scripture remind us that He is the one who calls us to gather.

Leader: Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; you are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

All: We come to worship, called to season the world with grace and shine Christ's light in every place.

Leader: Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

All: We open our lives to God, seeking wisdom and grace to live as faithful witnesses in word and deed.

*Hymn	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i> (Crüger/Rinkart/Drake)	#664
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Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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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

Speak, O Lord (Getty/Townend)

#292

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Confession of Sin (unison)

Based on Matt 5:13-16; Colossians 4:2-6

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.

Gracious God, we confess that we have not always shined with the light of Christ or seasoned our words with grace. Too often, we have hidden our light, failed to pray as we ought, and spoken carelessly, forgetting the impact of our witness. Forgive us for neglecting opportunities to glorify You and bless others. Renew us by Your Spirit, that our lives and speech may reflect the love and wisdom of Jesus. In His name 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 Matt 5:13-16; Colossians 4:2-6

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 assurance of God's grace: In Christ, you are forgiven and empowered to be salt and light in the world. God's Spirit equips you to pray faithfully, speak graciously, and live wisely among all people.

All: Thanks be to God! We receive Your forgiveness and strength to shine for Christ wherever we go.

*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

Goodness of God (Bethel Music)

Elys & Natalia Suwuh Angkuw

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.

Testimony

Bali Ratsirarson

A Christian testimony is a personal account, detailing one's journey of faith in Christ and how God has worked in their life.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5: 13-16; Colossians 4: 2-6

Please turn in the pew Bible to pages 810 and 985 or flip ahead in the bulletin to page 9 to follow the text as it is read.

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.

HymnLift High the Name of Jesus (Cash/deBarra/Getty/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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***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!

We will decorate the church for Christmas TODAY! Lunch is provided!

Sermon Notes

*Evangelism as a Lifestyle:
Living On Mission Every Day*

Unashamed: Confidently Sharing Jesus with Others

- Identity Shapes Mission (Matt. 5:13-15)
- Merge Your Universe (Matt. 5:16)
- Seasoned Conversations (Col. 4:6)
- Prayer Fuels Courage (Col. 4:2)
- Final Challenge

Next Week: Advent Series – Jesus, The Unexpected King

King Jesus Brings Saving Hope in the Midst of Our Brokenness (Mark 13: 24-37)

Scripture

Matthew 5:13-16 – ¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Colossians 4:2-6 – ²Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— ⁴that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. ⁵Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Something to think about . . .

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

1. What does it mean to be “salt and light” in your everyday life? How can you apply this concept in your current relationships?
2. In what ways do you find it challenging to live faithfully among non-believers? How might Christ empower you in those moments?
3. Think about someone you know who doesn't have a relationship with Jesus. How can prayer for them change your perspective or actions?
4. Describe a time when you invited your Christian friends to join a time with your non-Christian friends. What did you learn from the experience?
5. How do you balance maintaining your Christian witness while being present and engaged with people who don't share your faith?
6. What steps can you take this week to ensure your life points others to Christ?
7. What specific wisdom, courage, or grace do you need to live evangelistically every day?

Financial Update

	Oct. Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income (\$K)	\$50.8 K	\$ 660.5 K	\$ 634.5 K	\$ 784.0 K
Expenses (\$K)*	\$ 88.7 K	\$ 703.8 K	\$ 698.0 K	\$ 824.8 K



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Excess Income/Expenses	-\$ 37.8 K	-\$ 43.3 K
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*Adjusted expense includes mortgage principal

YTD adjusted October expenses exceed YTD income by 43K. October offering Income was down, and October Expenses included HVAC, Plumbing and Roof Repairs.

Grow and Go with Us!

Next Generation Ministry

 **Neelsville Turkey Bowl is now on Sat 12/6!** All are invited for a flag football game on the backfield. Bring your “A” game!

 **Advent Series:** Next Gen Sunday School will have a special 3-week Advent study this year (11/30, 12/7, and 12/14).



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)

***Not mtg 11/26**

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 – Advent Devotional (TBD)

Contact: Jason Evans (jason.evans@vikamd.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) ***Not mtg 11/26**

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

Contact: Brian Farrell (bpf3356@gmail.com) ***Not mtg 11/26**

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

Contact: Sue Farrell (bfarrell01@aol.com) ***Not mtg 11/28**

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 11/23	12:30pm	Christmas Decorating Day! (Narthex)
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Monday 11/24

Tuesday 11/25

Wednesday 11/26

Thursday 11/27	Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed
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Friday 11/28	Church Office Closed
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Saturday 11/29

Sunday 11/30	9:15am	Sunday Morning Small Group (NPC Parlor)
	9:30am	Classes for All Ages!
	10:45am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Announcements

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

The Church Office will be closed THIS Thurs 11/27 and Fri 11/28 for Thanksgiving.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! (Psalm 107:1)

Missionary Prayers for November: Laszlo Mission League – Sisters Marilyn Laszlo and Shirley Killosky devoted their lives to serving Hauna Village, Papua New Guinea, one of the most remote places on Earth, planting a Gospel-rooted mission that continues to grow deep in the heart of the jungle. Since Marilyn's passing and Shirley's retirement, LML continues to minister in Hauna Village. <https://www.laszlomissionleague.com/>

Show love to a local family this Christmas with our Giving Tree! This year we will be serving 16 families from Neelsville Middle School and 2 additional families with whom we have built a relationship through past Christmases. Select a tag from the tree in the Narthex or use the signup genius at this QR code to select a gift or baked good that you would like to provide for one of these families. More needs will be added throughout the week. **Wrapped gifts and baked goods are due by Sun 12/21.** Contact Michelle Nelson at msn617@gmail.com with questions.



Christmas Decorating Day! - We will decorate the church for Christmas **TODAY after worship.** Lunch will be provided for those who help decorate. Please join us in this fun activity for you and your family! Please see Gerry Davis for questions.

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).



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.**



Join us for Second Sunday Fellowship on 12/14 after worship. We will have lunch together in the Fellowship Hall and hear the testimony of M and P, who came to the US last year in July. Since then, they've attended NPC's ESOL classes, learned more about the Christian faith and were baptized. In June, M was picked up by ICE, but God restored him to us after 5 weeks in detention in Texas. Join us to hear how God worked His miracles during M's detainment. Thanks be to God for this amazing story!

Save the Date! Neelsville's Christmas Eve service will be at 6pm on Wed, Dec 24.

Stay Connected with Neelsville

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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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