



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



Sunday, November 30, 2025 – 10:45am Worship
First Sunday of Advent

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

The season of Advent invites us to pause and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. In the midst of twinkling lights, carols and gatherings, we remember that Christmas is not simply about celebration – it is about incarnation. This Christmas, let us reflect on how Christ’s presence transforms our lives. Where there is fear, He brings courage. Where there is sorrow, He brings comfort. Where there is division, He brings reconciliation. Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and wise men responded with worship – may we do the same, offering our hearts in gratitude and service.– Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

Prelude	<i>Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming</i> (arr. Bedford)	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	Pastor Jeffrey Rickett
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* = please rise if you are able

*Call to Worship	From Isaiah 40 and Psalm 33
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God’s words in scripture remind us that He is the one who calls us to gather.

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

All: He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength.

Leader: Those who hope in the Lord shall renew their strength they shall soar on wings like eagles

All: They will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.

Leader: The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love

All: Today we come to worship God who is our hope and strength.

Advent Reading & Lighting of the 1st Candle	HOPE	Emmanuel & Deborah Boateng
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A family will present a biblical reading to reflect on Christ’s birth and continued presence in the world to help prepare individuals and the community for the celebration of Christmas. A new candle is lit each week in the four weeks before Christmas. The Advent wreath is circular shape representing God’s infinite love.

Congregational Prayer (unison)

Advent worship has a focus on “already” and “not yet.” We reflect on the wonder of the first coming of our Lord Jesus. We also long for his promised second coming to set all things right for the new heavens and new earth.

Father God, our hearts are heavy as we long for your return. Forgive us when we forget who You are and who we are in Christ. Every day we need You to rescue us from despondency. Renew our hope day by day, by the work of your Spirit, the riches of your grace, and hope of glory. Free us to live with a greater sense of hope, confidence and trust, and boldness in sharing that same hope with others. Even so, Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

*Hymn

Angels From the Realms of Glory (Montgomery/Smart)

#763

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye, who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

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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.

*Praise Song

Come Adore the Humble King

Boswell/Papa

Come adore the humble King, lowly in the manger,
Fall before His majesty, hail the little Savior.
Hope, what hope no tongue could tell, God has come with us to dwell,
His name is Emmanuel, O praise the humble King.

Come adore in humble state, He the song of angels,
Join the wise who call His name, and with all creation;
Who, O who would condescend? God unknown now calls us friend.
Love that none could comprehend, O praise the humble King.

Come adore the King who came to our world to save us,
Born to heal our prideful race, crown us with forgiveness;

Fall, O fall before the One who in mercy left His throne,
Chris the Lord, God's only Son, His glories now we sing, O praise the humble King.

Come adore, come adore, come adore the King;
Bow before, come adore the Name above all names. (4x)

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

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***Praise Song**

What a Beautiful Name

Fielding/Ligertwood

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

Chorus 1: What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater, what could separate us now?

Chorus 2: What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

Bridge 1: Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again.

Bridge 2: You have no rival, You have no equal.
Now and forever God, You reign.
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory,
Yours is the Name above all names.

Chorus 3: What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is.
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against.
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus. (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	<i>Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates</i> (arr. Hudson)	Michele Kelly, organ
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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 & Praise 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.

Please turn in the pew Bible to pages 850 or flip ahead in the bulletin to page 9 to follow the text as it is read.

Sermon	<i>King Jesus Brings Hope in the Midst of Our Brokenness</i>	Pastor SeongSu Hong
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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.

*Praise Song	<i>O Worship the King</i>	Tomlin/Hayden/Grant
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O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light and canopy space!
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Chorus: You alone are the matchless King, to You alone be all majesty.
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light.

O measureless might, ineffable love;
While angels delight to worship above.

Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend. (*Chorus 2x*)

Shine in the light... You shine in the light.

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

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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!

Please join one another in fellowship in the Narthex and Welcome Center!

Sermon Notes

*King Jesus Brings Hope
in the Midst of Our Brokenness*

Advent Series – Jesus, The Unexpected King

- The Hope of His Return (vs. 24-27)
- The Hope of Security (vs. 28-31)
- The Hope in Vigilance (vs. 32-37)

Next Week: *King Jesus Brings Saving Peace in the Midst of Our Restlessness*
(Isaiah 9:6-7, John 14:24-29)

²⁴ “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸ “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.

³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵ Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—³⁶ lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

Something to think about . . .

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

1. How does Jesus’ return take our hope off this world and onto Him?
2. What is the security that the world provides? What is the security that Jesus provides?
3. How do our actions reveal if we are hoping in the world or hoping in Jesus? Why must we be vigilant?

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 on Sat 12/6 at 10am-12pm!** 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 each week through 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)

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 Discussion (Conf Rm)

Contact: Eric Shirley (eric.shirley1965@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 11/30

Monday 12/1

Tuesday 12/2	10:00am	MomCo Meeting
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Wednesday 12/3	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 12/4

Friday 12/5	9:30am	Women's Bible Study – <i>Abraham</i> (Parlor)
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Saturday 12/6	10:00am	Neelsville Turkey Bowl (Back Field)
	10:00am	Women's Christmas Brunch (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday 12/7	9:15am	Sunday Morning Small Group (NPC Parlor)
	9:30am	Classes for All Ages!
	10:45am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Announcements

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

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. (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. Visit 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 a family. 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.



Women's Christmas Brunch!! Ladies, plan to join us **THIS SAT 12/6 from 10am-12noon.** Together, we will enjoy food, fun, fellowship, and music and will reflect on the significance of Christmas. Invite a guest to come along! Ages 12 and up are welcome. **Today is the deadline to register!** Please use 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 NEXT 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!

We will hold a short congregational meeting on Sun 12/14 immediately after worship to elect Lynda Osei Boateng to a 1-year term as Trustee. All officers (Elders, Deacons, and Trustees) will be installed during worship on Sun 12/21. Please mark your calendar for these important dates.

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

Learn about all of our Christmas studies and services at this QR code or www.neelsville.org/ministries/christmas-2025



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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.

Clerk of Session – Eileen Bauer

session@neelsville.org

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

Moderator – Peggy Hurkett

deacons@neelsville.org

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

Moderator – Jason Craft

trustees@neelsville.org

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