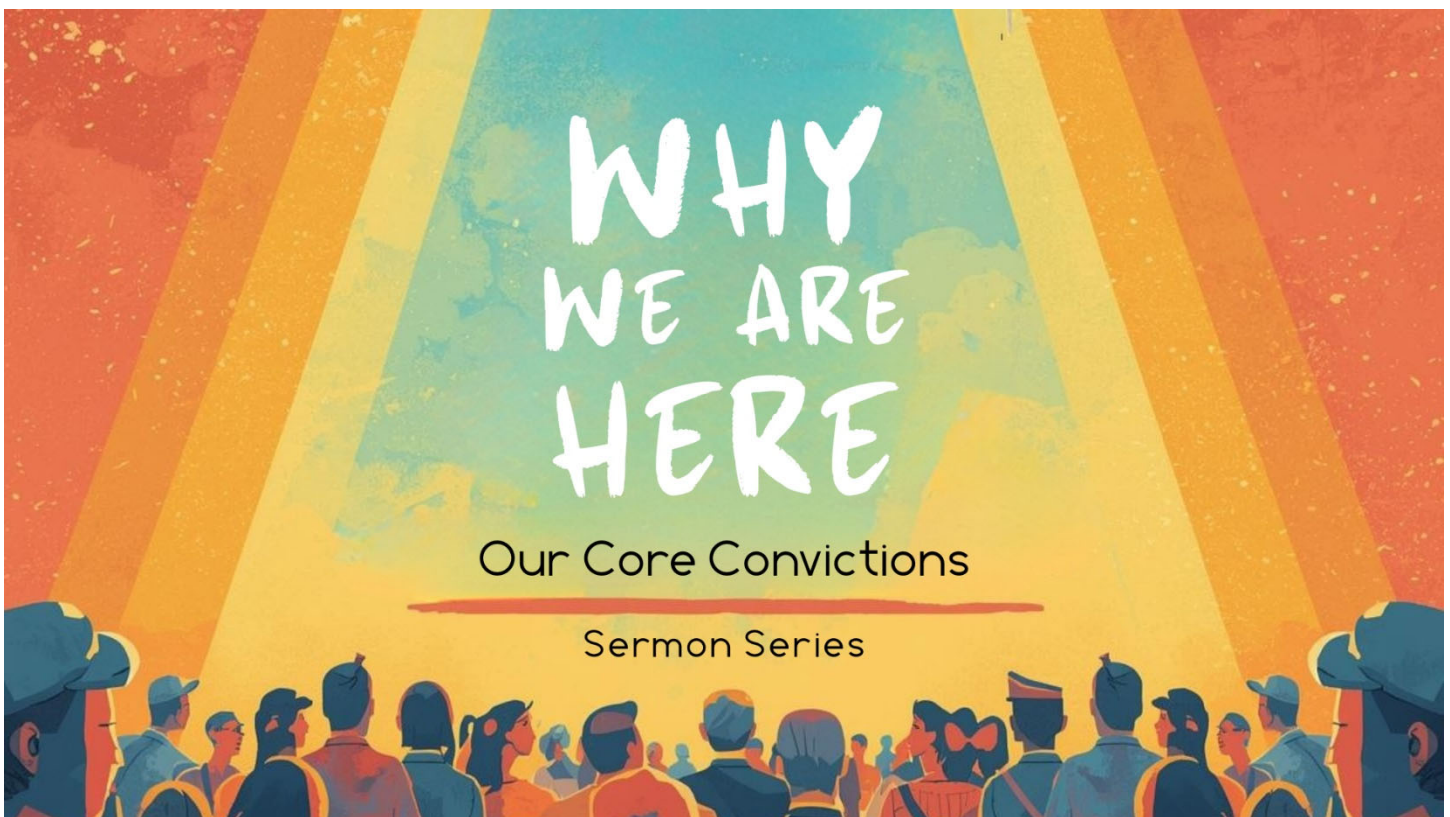




NPC strives to be an intercultural church of believers in Jesus Christ who delight to share the good news in Germantown and beyond.



Sunday, January 11, 2026 – 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 all about God—He is the one who issues our Call to Worship. Scripture is filled with instructions for us to praise, bow down, honor, glorify, exalt, and sing to acknowledge all that God has done. In our worship, Jesus (the Lamb in Rev. 7:9) is honored right next to God the Father. It is clear that Jesus is fully God and at the heart of how we are saved. When we worship by lifting up God together, the primary focus is not on us people. We are joining with the great multitude in heaven—angels, elders, and every creature—in our Sunday services! Our praise covers everything wonderful and majestic about God: blessing, glory, grace, compassion, wisdom, honor, power, and strength. In the end, all the rescued people and heavenly beings will celebrate the Triune God forever, fulfilling His promises and bringing people from every nation, tribe, and language together to worship Him. – *Pastor Jeffrey Rickett (based on Rev. 7:9-12)*

Prelude *Blessed Assurance* (Knapp/Arr. Labenske) Natalia Suwuh Angkuw

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** Adapted from Psalm 150

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

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary.

All: Praise him in his mighty heavens!

Leader: Praise him for his mighty deeds.

All: Praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Leader: Praise him with trumpet, lute and harp

All: Praise Him with tambourine, strings and pipes. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord, Hallelujah!

***Hymn** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (Wesley/Glaser) **#30**

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread throughout the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

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**

Here I Am to Worship (Hughes)

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness. Opened my eyes let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you.

Chorus: And here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God,
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created; all for love's sake became poor. (*Chorus*)

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. (2x) (*Chorus*)

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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.

Lord, your kingdom is made up of people from every tongue, tribe and nation. Each is made in your image, yet we allow that amazing diversity to divide us and cause divisions among us. Lord, bind our hearts together in Your love. By your precious Holy Spirit, help us to recognize every root of division and to replace it with Your love, compassion, humility, and grace. Lord, teach us to value each other as members of the same body. Where there is misunderstanding, bring clarity; where there is hurt, bring healing; where there is pride, bring humility. May we speak with kindness, listen with patience, and serve with joy, so that our fellowship would be a reflection of heaven's harmony. In Jesus' name, 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

Psalm 103:8-12

When we confess our sins, seeking God's help to turn away from them, we are assured that He will extend grace, mercy and forgiveness. He is willing to do this because Jesus paid the penalty for our sins on the cross.

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, believe the Good News; we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Confession of Faith

From Westminster Larger Catechism,
Questions 62 and 63

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.

Leader: What is the visible Church?

All: The visible Church is a society made up of all such as in all ages and places of the world do profess the true religion, and of their children.

Leader: What are the special privileges of the visible Church?

All: The visible Church hath the privilege of being under God's special care and government; of being protected and preserved in all ages, notwithstanding the opposition of all enemies; and of enjoying the communion of saints, the ordinary means of salvation, and offers of grace by Christ to all the members of it in the ministry of the gospel, testifying, that whosoever believes in him shall be saved, and excluding none that will come unto him.

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

Great is Thy Faithfulness
(Runyan/Arr. Keveren)

Natalia Suwuh Angkuw

"Music is a fair and glorious gift of God." Martin Luther

*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.

Scripture Reading

Revelation 7:9-12

Nahila Pouemi

Please turn in the pew Bible to page 1032 or flip ahead in the bulletin to page 9 to follow the text as it is read.

Sermon

A Global Family: The View from Heaven

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.

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. (*Chorus*)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (*Chorus*)

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore! (*Chorus 2x*)

Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name, worship Your holy name, worship Your holy name.

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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!

Join us for Second Sundays Fellowship! Share lunch with one another and hear a testimony from M & P. All are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall!

- The Multitude No One Could Count (v. 9)
- Standing Together Before the Lamb (v. 9)
- Salvation Belongs to God (v. 10)
- The Angels Join the Song (vv. 11-12)
- A Heavenly Vision for Our Local Church
- Living as an Intercultural Community of Believers
- Final Remarks – Our Call from Heaven

Next Week: *Better Together: Walking, Talking & Praying with Christ*
(Psalm 23:1-4)

Read in French

⁹ Après cela, je vis une grande foule que personne ne pouvait compter, de toute nation, de toute tribu, de tout peuple et de toute langue. Ils se tenaient devant le trône et devant l'Agneau, vêtus de robes blanches, des palmes à la main. ¹⁰ Ils criaient d'une voix forte: « Le salut est à notre Dieu qui siège sur le trône, et à l'Agneau! » ¹¹ Tous les anges se tenaient autour du trône, autour des anciens et des quatre êtres vivants. Ils se prosternèrent face contre terre devant le trône et adorèrent Dieu, ¹² en disant: «Amen! À notre Dieu soient la louange, la gloire, la sagesse, l'action de grâce, l'honneur, la puissance et la force, aux siècles des siècles! Amen. »

English Translation

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Something to think about . . .

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

1. What does Revelation 7 mean to you personally when you think about the destiny and direction of the church?
2. How can Neelsville Presbyterian Church be a "preview of heaven" in our daily lives and interactions?
3. How can we remain a community centered on Christ amid the diversity of backgrounds and experiences in Germantown?
4. What does it look like for us to be "a witness to the world"—both locally and globally? Share some practical ideas or examples.
5. How does the promise of standing together—every tribe, tongue, and people—impact your perspective on unity and mission?
6. What steps can we take as individuals and as a group to live more fully as a global family, shaped by the view from heaven?

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 meets at 7pm in the 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 – Jeremiah Bible Study (Library and Online)

Contact: Jason Evans (jason.evans@vikamd.com)

Sundays at 9:30am – How to Talk about Jesus (Room 1)

Contact: Pastor Jeff (pastorjeff@neelsville.org)

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

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

NEW Sundays at 7:00pm – Ezekiel Bible Study (Online)

Contact: Craig Wilson (cdw6@msn.com)

NEW Wednesdays at 7:00pm – Women's Study on Esther (Online)

Contact: Joanne Wilson (joannelwilson@gmail.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 1/11	12:15pm	Second Sundays Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Ezekiel Bible Study (Online)

Monday 1/12

Tuesday 1/13

Wednesday 1/14	7:00pm	NPC Students Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Women's Bible Study – <i>Esther</i> (Online)
	7:15pm	Men's Bible Study – <i>Fulfillment</i> (Online)

Thursday 1/15

Friday 1/16	9:30am	Women's Bible Study – <i>Abraham</i> (Parlor)
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Saturday 1/17

Sunday 1/18	9:15am	Sunday Morning Small Group (Parlor)
	9:30am	Classes for All Ages!
	10:45am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:15pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	12:15pm	Guitar Workshop (See Craig Wilson)
	7:00pm	Ezekiel Bible Study (Online)

Financial Update

	Nov. Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income (\$K)	\$117.1 K	\$ 777.5 K	\$ 728.3 K	\$ 784.0 K
Expenses (\$K)*	\$ 62.3 K	\$ 766.3 K	\$ 760.3 K	\$ 824.8 K



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Excess Income/Expenses	\$ 54.8 K	\$ 11.3 K
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*Adjusted expense includes mortgage principal

November shows a very strong monthly income, which is a combination of rental income and increased end of the year giving. Expenses were average and account for about 53% of income in November, resulting in a net positive YTD.

Announcements

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

Join us today after Worship for Second Sunday Fellowship! 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!

Share in the joy of discovery and learning! Our children need more adult leaders to present Bible lessons during the Worship and Praise Zone time. Curriculum and materials are provided for each 20-minute lesson. Enjoy the experience of teaching the children about Jesus and get connected with our young families through your service. Contact Melissa Evans to be added to the upcoming calendar. (melissa@neelsville.org)

Guitar Workshop for Worship – After the worship service on **Sun 1/18**, we will have a 30min session on guitar technique, practice tips and the role of a guitar for worshipping God. Bring a guitar. Contact Craig Wilson if you are interested or will come at cdw6@msn.com.



NPC's Blanket Sunday collection is January 25th - It only costs \$10 to provide a blanket for a family need. Church World Service shipped 17,317 Blankets in 2025! Learn more at cwsblankets.org.

Can you donate coffee? Fellowship committee is asking for donations of ground regular and decaf coffee and teas for Sunday mornings. We especially need decaf coffee at this time. Please place your donations on the counter in the Welcome Center. Thank you!

Women's Retreat coming in March! Mark your calendars for Friday night and Saturday - March 6th & 7th here at Neelsville. Stay tuned for more information!

Stay Connected with Neelsville

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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

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Moderator – Peggy Hurkett

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Moderator – Jason Craft

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