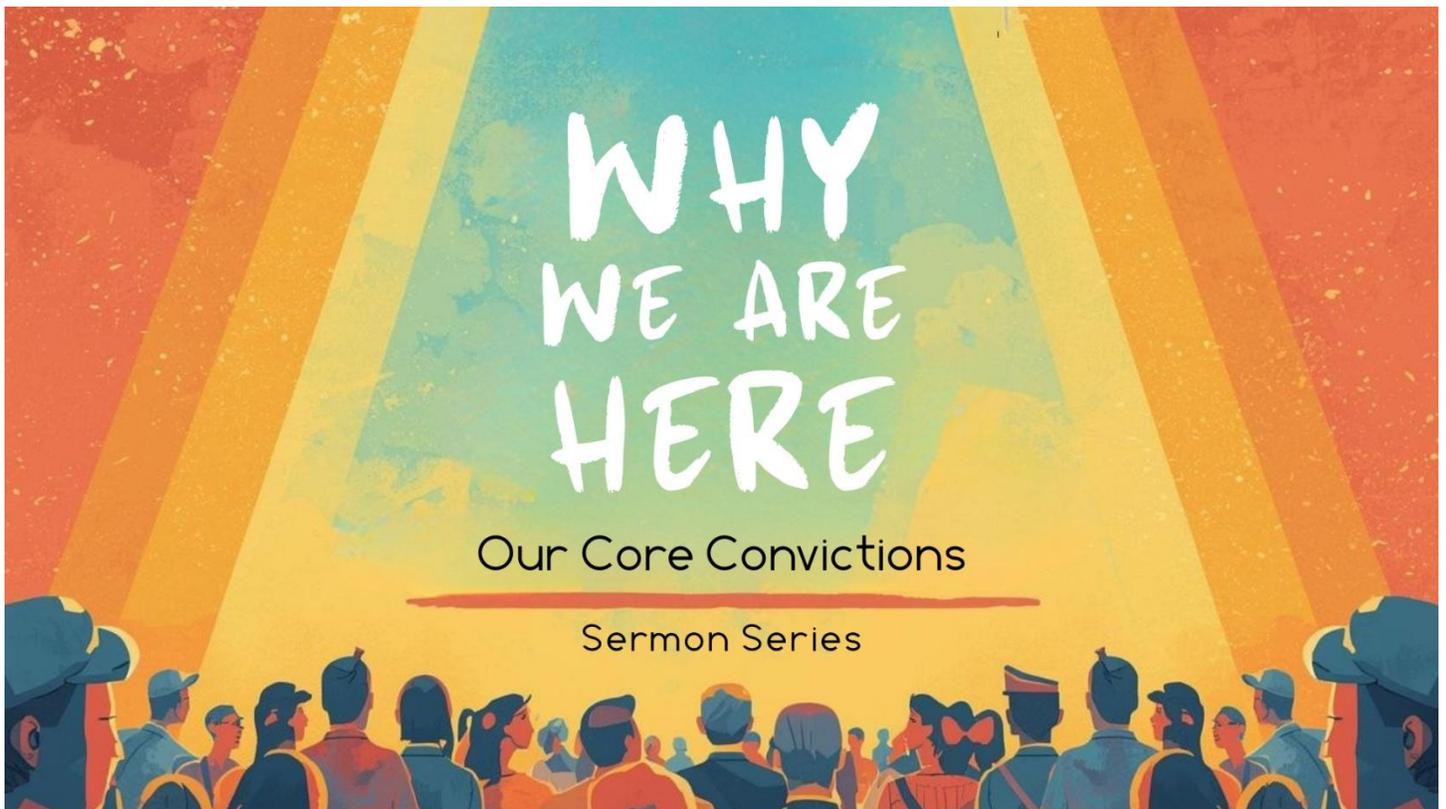




NEELSVILLE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 18, 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.

*Praise Song

Only a Holy God (Farren/Robinson/Smith/Thompson)

#11

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven? Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises? What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice? Only a Holy God.

Chorus: Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.

Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God. Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire? What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God. (*Chorus 2x*)

Who else could rescue me from my failing? Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father? Only a Holy God. Only my Holy God. (*Chorus 2x*)

Come and worship the Holy God. (*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.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we confess that we have wandered from Your path, drawn away by the pull of our own desires. We have ignored Your voice and chosen our own way. We have failed to love You with our whole heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, and lead us back to the safety of Your fold. Renew our hearts, that we may walk in Your truth and delight in Your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Ephesians 1:7-8

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 because Jesus paid the penalty for our sins on the cross.

Leader: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, hear and believe the Good News: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Confession of Faith (unison)

Apostles' 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 & 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

"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 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

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

Psalm 23:1-4

Please turn in the pew Bible to page 458 or flip ahead in the bulletin to page 9 to follow the text as it is read.

Sermon

*Better Together:
Walking, Talking, and Praying with Christ*

Pastor SeongSu Hong

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.

Minister: Let us boldly proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

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.

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace. By our communion, keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel, preserve us from all sin and strengthen us for life as your ambassadors in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

Chorus: How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age he stands, and time is in his hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. (*Chorus*)

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God!
Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God! (*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!

A Guitar Workshop is planned right after Worship in the Sanctuary. Please see Craig Wilson to get started!

Choir rehearsal will begin at 12:30pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to sing!

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Something to think about . . .

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

1. Psalm 23 describes us as sheep of one Shepherd. How does remembering that we belong to the same flock shape the way we treat and care for one another in the church?
2. The Shepherd leads His sheep to green pastures and still waters. What are some practical ways our community can become a place of rest, nourishment, and restoration for one another?
3. In the valley of the shadow of death, God's presence brings comfort. Who can we walk with during seasons of suffering, so they experience the Shepherd's comfort through the community?
4. The Shepherd leads us in paths of righteousness "for His name's sake." How does growing together in obedience and faith help our community reflect God's character to the world?

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 – Get Your Life Back (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)

Sundays at 6:30pm – Ezekiel Bible Study (Online)

Contact: Craig Wilson (cdw6@msn.com)

Wednesdays at 7:00pm – Women’s Study on *Esther* (Online)

Contact: Kim Evans (kyejohn316@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 1/18	12:00pm	Guitar Workshop (Sanctuary)
	12:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	6:30pm	Ezekiel Bible Study (Online)

Monday 1/19

Tuesday 1/20

Wednesday 1/21	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 1/22

Friday 1/23	9:30am	Women's Bible Study – <i>Abraham</i> (Parlor)
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Saturday 1/24

Sunday 1/25	9:15am	Sunday Morning Small Group (Parlor)
	9:30am	Classes for All Ages!
	10:45am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	6:30pm	Ezekiel Bible Study (Online)

Financial Update

	Dec. Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income (\$K)	\$53.1 K	\$ 825.3K	\$ 784.0 K	\$ 784.0 K
Expenses (\$K) *	\$ 67.8 K	\$ 835.7 K	\$ 824.8 K	\$ 824.8 K

Excess Income/Expenses	-\$ 14.7 K	-\$ 10.4 K
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*Adjusted expense includes mortgage principal

YTD December adjusted expenses exceed YTD income by 14.7K

Announcements

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

Guitar Workshop for Worship – After the worship service **TODAY**, we will have a 30min session on guitar technique, practice tips and the role of a guitar for worshipping God. Bring a guitar and meet up with Craig Wilson at the end of the service.

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)



NPC's Blanket Sunday collection is NEXT SUN 1/25! \$10 will provide one blanket for a family in need. Next week we will collect monetary donations in the blanket near the bell after the service with the help of our kids. If donating by check, make it out to *Neelsville Presbyterian Church* and note *Blanket Sunday* in the memo space. Or donate through our NPC Blanket Link at this QR code!



Donations are due by Sun 2/1 of low sugar food items to fill Valentine's Day Boxes sent to the military, college students, homebound and seniors – many of whom are diabetic or have health issues. We would appreciate individually packed items such as nuts, protein bars, cup of soup, popcorn, peanut butter crackers, trail mix, etc. We will have a bin marked in the Narthex to place items, address slips for you to write addresses (for those you would like a box mailed to) and a donation jar. Questions? Please contact Peggy Hurkett, Gerry Davis and any Deacon.

Summer Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic – Join Pastor SeongSu for an informational meeting after worship on Sun 2/1 to hear about this opportunity to step outside your comfort zone, grow in faith and see how God is at work around the world as we partner with local DR churches. Mission dates are June 20 – 26. Trip is open to teens and adults (ages 13+). Contact Pastor SeongSu if you're interested in learning more (seongsu@neelsville.org).

All are invited to the Neelsville Presbyterian Church Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation on SUNDAY 2/8 in the Fellowship Hall. The church leadership will present the "Big Picture" of 2025, as well as look ahead to 2026. **A potluck lunch will be held after worship at 12:30pm with the meeting to follow.** Come and enjoy food and fellowship!

Can you donate DECAF coffee? 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

session@neelsville.org

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

Co-Moderators – Vangie Fletcher, Carol Harris, & Lynn Kroah

deacons@neelsville.org

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

Moderator – Jason Craft

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