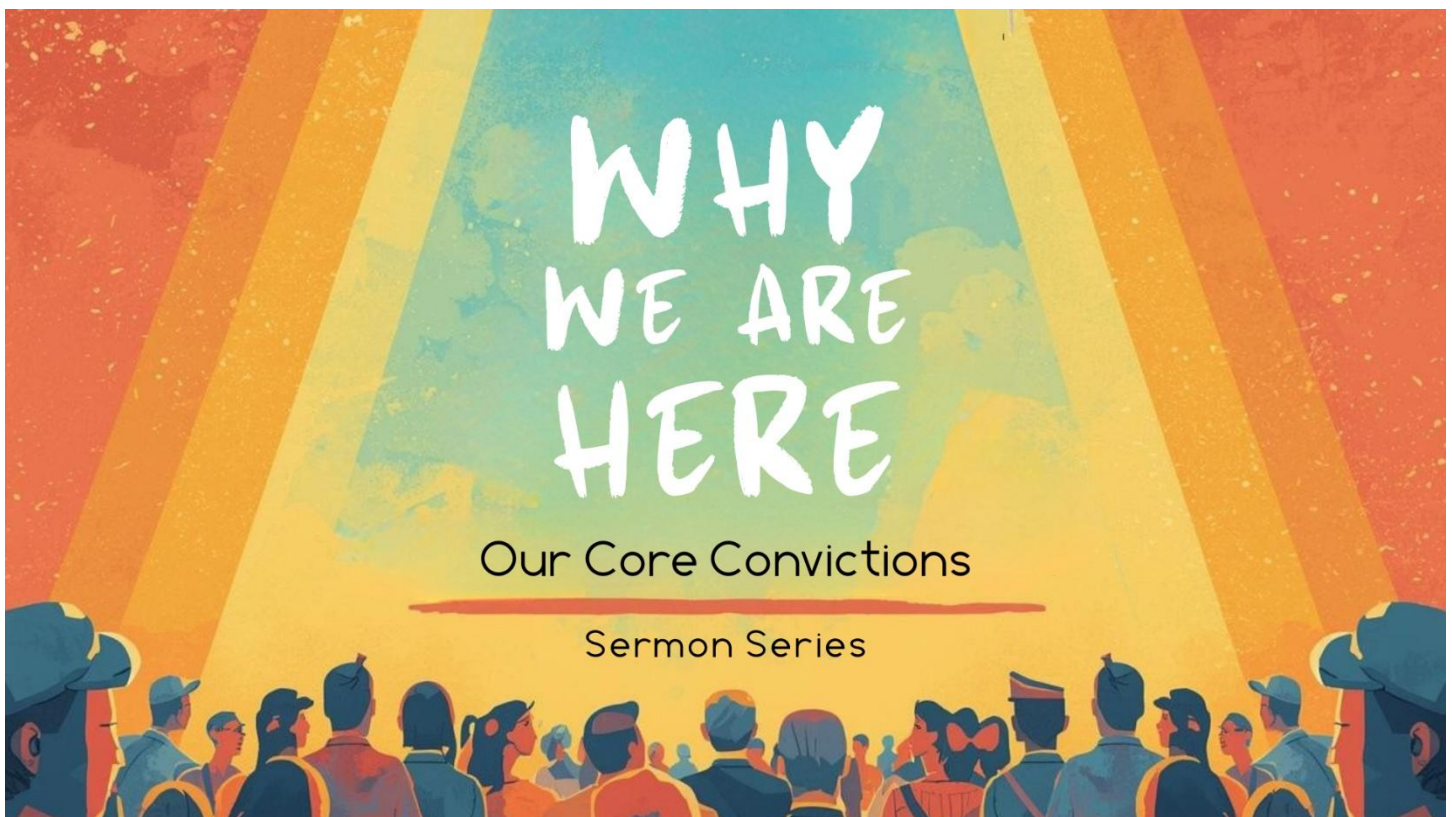




NPC strives to be an intercultural church of believers in Jesus Christ who delight to share the good news in Germantown and beyond.



Sunday, January 25, 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 *Lead On, O King Eternal* (Small/arr. Bober) Christine Gormley, piano

We invite you to let the music quiet your mind and heart to prepare for worship.

Welcome & Announcements Angela Macri

* = please rise if you are able

***Call to Worship** Adapted from Revelation 1

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

Leader: We come to worship the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

All: We come to worship the One who was, and is, and is to come.

Leader: We come to worship Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

All: We come to worship Him who loves us and freed us. To God the Father, Son, and Spirit be glory and dominion forever and ever.
Amen.

***Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth* (Pierpoint/Kocher/Monk) **#73**

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely giv'n:
Graces human and Divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

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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**

Before the Throne of God Above (Smith/Cook)

#121

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands; My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart;
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless Righteousness;
The great unchangeable "I Am," the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die; My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God;
With Christ my Savior and my God!

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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, the Psalms declare that "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Often, we run away or turn our backs on your word, seeking immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing. In turning our backs, we love with conditions, we judge and condemn others, casting the first stone not recognizing the logs in our own eyes. Gracious and loving God, forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. 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

Romans 8:35, 37-39

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: This is the Good News: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Confession of Faith

From Westminster Larger Catechism
Questions 3,4 & 5

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 is the Word of God?

All: The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience.

Leader: How does it appear that the Scriptures are the Word of God?

All: The Scriptures manifest themselves to be the Word of God, by their majesty and purity; by the consent of all the parts, and the scope of the whole, which is to give all glory to God; by their light and power to convince and convert sinners, to comfort and build up believers unto salvation: but the Spirit of God bearing witness by and with the Scriptures in the heart of man, is alone able fully to persuade it that they are the very Word of God.

Leader: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

All: The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

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.***



"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

Pastor SeongSu Hong

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

Psalm 19, 2 Timothy 3:14-17, Hebrews 4:11-13,
John 4:21-26, and Revelation 4:9-11

Please turn in the pew Bible 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 7-8.

HymnHow Great Thou Art (Hine)***#33**

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder , consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed!

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. *(Refrain)*

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: “my God, how great Thou art!” *(Refrain)*

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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**

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
(Moore/arr. Bober)

Christine Gormley, piano

We close with another instrumental piece, carrying praise to God out of the church and into the world.

After Worship Today!

You may drop off your donation for Blanket Sunday in the blanket held by our Next Generation children in the Narthex!

Choir rehearsal will begin at 12:15pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to sing as we prepare for February!

- We Are Here Because God Has Spoken
 - God reveals Himself in _____. (Psalm 19)

 - Scripture forms _____. (2 Tim. 3:14–17)

 - Scripture exposes and _____. (Heb. 4:11–13)

- We Are Here Because God Is Worthy of Worship
 - Worship is not about a place—it's about a _____. (John 4:21-26)

 - Worship is the _____ activity of heaven. (Revelation 4:9-11)

- Grounded in the Word, Gathered in Worship
 - We must be grounded in the Word.

- We must gather in Worship.

- Why We Are Here — Four Core Convictions
 - We are here to _____ God.

 - We are here to be _____ by Scripture.

 - We are here to _____ in spirit and truth.

 - We are here to be _____.

- Final Remarks -

Next Week: *New Sermon Series: The Unfolding Promise: The Story of Abraham*
Abram: Prepared for the Promise (Gen. 11:27-32)

Scripture

Psalms 19 - The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.² Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.³ There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.⁴ Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure making wise the simple;⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;⁹ the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.¹² Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 – ¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Hebrews 4:11-13 – ¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

John 4:21-26 – ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But 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. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

Revelation 4:9-11 – ⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, ¹¹“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

Something to think about . . .

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

1. How do you see God revealing Himself—both through creation (Psalm 19) and through Scripture—and how has that shaped your faith recently?
2. Scripture is described as God breathed, living, and active (2 Tim. 3; Heb. 4). In what ways has God used His Word to teach, correct, or transform you?
3. Jesus calls us to worship in spirit and truth (John 4). What helps you engage your whole self in worship, and what tends to hinder you?
4. Revelation 4 gives us a picture of heaven's worship. How does that vision influence the way you think about our gathered worship here at Neelsville?
5. Neelsville's identity is Bible centered and worship centered. What is one concrete step you can take this week to deepen your engagement with Scripture or to enter worship more intentionally?

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 7:00pm – 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 1/25	12:00pm	Blanket Sunday Donations due (Narthex)
	12:15pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00pm	Ezekiel Bible Study (Online)
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Monday 1/26		
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Tuesday 1/27	10:00am	MomCo Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
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Wednesday 1/28	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)
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Thursday 1/29		
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Friday 1/30	9:30am	Women's Bible Study – <i>Abraham</i> (Parlor)
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Saturday 1/31	10:00am	ESOL Classes (Lower Ed Wing)
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Sunday 2/1	9:15am	Sunday Morning Small Group (Parlor)
	9:30am	Classes for All Ages!
	10:45am	Worship Service (Sanctuary) & The Lord's Supper
	12:15pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00pm	Ezekiel Bible Study (Online)

Announcements

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

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)



Today is Blanket Sunday! A contribution of only \$10 provides one CWS Blanket. Church World Service purchases and ships blankets to help refugees, victims of disaster, and the homeless. As is our custom, today we will collect donations in the blanket near the bell after the service with the help of our kids. Or you may contribute by placing a check in the offering plate, made out to NPC and note Blanket Sunday in the memo space or through our NPC Blanket Link at this QR code! “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matt. 25:40



Donations are due by NEXT 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 NEXT 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).

The Leadership of the NPC desires to give heartfelt thanks to Diane Condrick for the eight years she served as the church's Financial Secretary. She has served sacrificially and with distinction. She has faithfully managed her position wisely and confidently. If an opportunity arises, please pass on your gratitude to her as she retires from this position.

The Men's Ministry is having an outdoor Polar Bear cookout on Sat 2/7 at 4:30 pm in the church's back parking lot. We'll have a fire pit, hot dogs, beverages and side dishes. Bring a chair, blanket and an appetite for fellowship and food with other men. All men of any age are welcome. **Let Craig Wilson know if coming at cdw6@msn.com by NEXT WED 2/4.**

Can you donate DECAF coffee? Please place your donations on the counter in the Welcome Center. Thank you!

All are invited to the Neelsville Presbyterian Church Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation on Sun 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. Please bring a dish to share. Last names A-D bring a dessert, E-M bring a side dish, N-Z bring a main dish. Come and enjoy food and fellowship, as well as find out about the many thriving ministries here at NPC!

NPC Women and Teens - Join us for a Weekend Retreat, “Resting in God's Presence.” Friday Night and Saturday – 3/6 – 3/7– at Neelsville. We are fortunate to have Hayley Satrom as a guest speaker! She is a biblical counselor, author, speaker and podcaster. She also co-founded and co-directs Heart Song Counseling with Pastor Jeff! Make plans now and reserve your spot! Cost is \$30. For more information, and to register, use this QR code. Email any questions to women@neelsville.org or contact the Retreat Planning Team members - Cathy Brown, Karen Clark, Sue Farrell and Val Rickett.



What is a 2nd Sunday Fellowship event? It is simply lunch together after worship on the 2nd Sunday of the month to help strengthen our Christian community and cohere together. Don’t we all need that? Each month we will have a different theme. **Check out the next few 2nd Sundays planned:** February 8 - Annual Meeting and Potluck Lunch, March 8 - Chili Cook Off, and April 12 - Games and Soup/Salad

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

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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.*

Clerk of Session – Eileen Bauer

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Moderator – Jason Craft

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