



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

The background image for the sermon series is a desert landscape. In the foreground, there is a vast, flat, orange-brown desert floor. In the middle ground, there are low, rolling hills of the same color. In the far distance, a small, dark cross is visible on a hill against a hazy, yellowish-green sky. The overall tone is warm and contemplative.

THE UNFOLDING PROMISE

THE FAITH STORY OF ABRAHAM

Sermon Series

Sunday, February 15, 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 11.

Order of Service

Christian worship is the gathered response of God's people to God's revelation of Himself. It is our wholehearted offering of praise, gratitude, and obedience to the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Worship centers on God's character and saving work – especially the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ – and shapes us to live as His witnesses in the world. In worship, we listen to God through Scripture, speak to God in prayer and song, and present our lives as a living sacrifice. It is both a foretaste of the eternal praise of heaven and the weekly reorientation of our hearts around the One who alone is worthy.

– Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

Prelude

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

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor SeongSu Hong

* = please rise if you are able

*Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Adam Condrick

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

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who calls us out, as He called Abram, to trust His promises and follow where He leads.

All: God invites us into His presence, assuring us that His faithfulness reaches every nation and every heart.

Leader: Let us respond with gratitude and praise, remembering that His covenant love holds us fast, even when our faith is weak.

*Hymn

Wonderful, Merciful Savior (Rodgers/Wyse)

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Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Chorus: You are the One that we praise, you are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.

Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way. (*Chorus*)

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness you find us falling before your throne.
Oh, we're falling before your throne. (*Chorus 2x*)

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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.

***Praise Song**

Man of Sorrows (Ligertwood/Crocker)

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by His own betrayed.
The sin of man and wrath of God has been on Jesus laid.

Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned.
Bowing to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns.

Chorus: Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation,
Where Your love poured out over me.
Now my soul cries out, hallelujah,
Praise and honor unto Thee.

Sent of heaven, God's own Son to purchase and redeem.
And reconcile the very ones who nailed Him to that tree. (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Now, my debt is paid, it is paid in full
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled.
Now, the curse of sin has no hold on me.
Whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed. (*2x*)

(*Chorus*)

See the stone is rolled away, behold the empty tomb.
Hallelujah, God be praised, He's risen from the grave. (*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.

Merciful God, You called Abram to leave behind all he knew and to trust in Your promises. Like him, we confess that we often cling to comfort and certainty instead of stepping out in faith. We have doubted Your Word and sought blessings apart from You. Forgive us for our unbelief and for failing to be a blessing to others. In Christ 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

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: Hear the good news: The Lord's covenant holds onto weak and wandering saints. In Christ Jesus, the true Seed of Abraham, all the nations are blessed and our sins are forgiven. Receive His grace, rejoice in His faithfulness, and walk in the freedom of His promises.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Confession of Faith (unison)

Heidelberg Catechism (Q/A 1-2)

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 your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Leader: What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

All: Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

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

Genesis 12

Please turn in the pew Bible to page 8-9 or flip ahead in the bulletin to page 9 to follow the text as it is read.

Sermon

Blessed to Go:
Christ's Call, Christ's Promise, Christ's People

Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

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.

*Praise Song

The Goodness of Jesus
(Aghajanian/Druery/Farren/Maxwell/Robinson/Thompson)

Come you weary heart now to Jesus.
Come you anxious soul now and see.
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears.
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Chorus: Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus. Satisfied, He is all that I need.
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days in the goodness of Jesus.

Come find what this world cannot offer.
Come and find your joy here complete.
Taste the living water, never thirst again.
Rest here in His wondrous peace. (*Chorus*)

Come and find your hope now in Jesus.
He is all He said He would be.
Grace is overflowing from the Saviour's heart.
Rest here in His wondrous grace. (*Chorus 2x*)

May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days in the goodness of Jesus.

*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!

There will be a reception for Valentine's Day in the Welcome Center! We're celebrating our love for Jesus and one another.

Choir Rehearsal will begin at 12:15pm in the Sanctuary! All are welcome!

Financial Update

	Dec.** Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income (\$K)	\$76.6 K	\$ 849.0 K	\$ 784.0 K	\$ 784.0 K
Expenses (\$K) *	\$ 69.8 K	\$ 836.1 K	\$ 824.8 K	\$ 824.8 K



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Excess Income/Expenses	\$ 6.8 K	\$ 13.0 K
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*Adjusted expense includes mortgage principal

**December financials have been updated after end of the year reconciliation.

- The Call of God: “Go ... to the land I will show you” (Gen 12:1)
- The Promise of God: “I will bless you ... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed” (Gen 12:2–3)
- The Pattern: Altars and Tents—Worship and Pilgrimage (Gen 12:7–9)
- The Honest Reality: Faith That Falters (Gen 12:10–20)
- Christ at the Center: From Abraham to the Nations
- Our Response: Ways to Live in the Reality Gap
- Final Remarks as we come to the Table

Next Week: *Resident or Pilgrim?* (Genesis 13)

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb. ¹⁰ Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. ¹¹ When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, "I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, ¹² and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. ¹³ Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake." ¹⁴ When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. ¹⁵ And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. ¹⁶ And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels. ¹⁷ But the Lord afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. ¹⁸ So Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? ¹⁹ Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her and go." ²⁰ And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had.

Something to think about . . .

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

1. How did God call Abram in Genesis 12, and what specific promises did He make to Abram during that encounter?
2. How did a famine seem to jeopardize the fulfillment of all that God had promised?
3. How did Abram's sin jeopardize the fulfillment of all that God had promised?
4. In what ways does this passage show Abram to be like Christ? In what ways is he not at all like Christ?
5. Have you ever embarked on a mission for God only to have everything go wrong right away?
6. Did Abram have the power to destroy God's purpose for his life through disobedience? Or did his sin serve to advance God's plan? Is the same true of our disobedience?
7. As a local body of Christ, how can we follow God's call and bless the nations?

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.
***not mtg 2/18**

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 – Bible Study (Library and Online)

Contact: Bill Kroah (krowill@gmail.com)

Sundays at 9:30am – The Imperfect Disciple (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 Lenten Study (Online)

*Contact: Kim Evans (kyejohn316@gmail.com) *starts 2/25*

Wednesdays at 7:15pm – Men's Lenten Bible Study (Online)

*Contact: Brian Farrell (bpf3356@gmail.com) *not mtg 2/18*

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 2/15	12:00pm	Valentine's Day Fellowship (Welcome Center)
	12:15pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00pm	Ezekiel Bible Study (Online)

Monday 2/16	Church Office Closed for President's Day
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Tuesday 2/17

Wednesday 2/18	6:30pm	Deacon's Soup & Bread Supper (Fellowship Hall)
	7:30pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Thursday 2/19

Friday 2/20	9:30am	Women's Bible Study – <i>Abraham</i> (Parlor)
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Saturday 2/21	10:00am	ESOL Classes (Lower Entrance)
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Sunday 2/22	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	Mission Trip Meeting (Room 1)
	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.

Join us this week on Ash Wednesday (2/18) at 6:30pm for the Deacon's Soup & Bread Supper followed by a 7:30pm Worship Service. Coming to the dinner? Please fill out the quick form at this QR code so we can plan for everyone and bring your favorite soup to share.



Men's and Women's Online Lenten Studies – “Jesus' Final Week” We are excited to have two online studies during Lent on Wednesday evenings. We will walk through the events of the final week of Jesus' life through the perspective of each of the four Gospel writers, learning what God was doing in that week that changed our world. Join us as we gain wisdom from following the path to the cross—the path that Jesus walked for us. See pg. 11 for times & contact info.

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



Do you miss Hugh? Me too - Hugh Smith had coordinated the **American Red Cross Blood Drive** two to three times a year on Saturdays. We collected 50-70 pints of blood, which helps save lives in our community. We need a new coordinator. Is this something you may be interested in? Want to know more? Contact Joanne Wilson at joannelwilson@gmail.com for more information.

We have another opportunity to serve and bless Neelsville Middle School. The 6th graders are participating in an Outdoor Education program, and we can help some of them with items they don't have including sleeping bags, duffle bags, pillows and bath towels. You may sign up thru this QR code to let us know what you would like to contribute. Amazon links to specific sleeping bags and duffle bags are included in the sign-up. **All items are due at church by Sun 3/22.** Thank you in advance for your wonderful support!



Summer Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic – NPC will be on mission June 20-26 in the DR through an organization Foundation for Peace. We will be working hand in hand with the local church to amplifying their ministries in the community, help with their church construction, and most importantly, worship with them. **If you are interested and have not signed up, please speak Pastor SeongSu. Or join our first meeting on next Sun 2/22 in Room 1 after worship.**

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Email office@neelsville.org to join the prayer chain.



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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.*

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