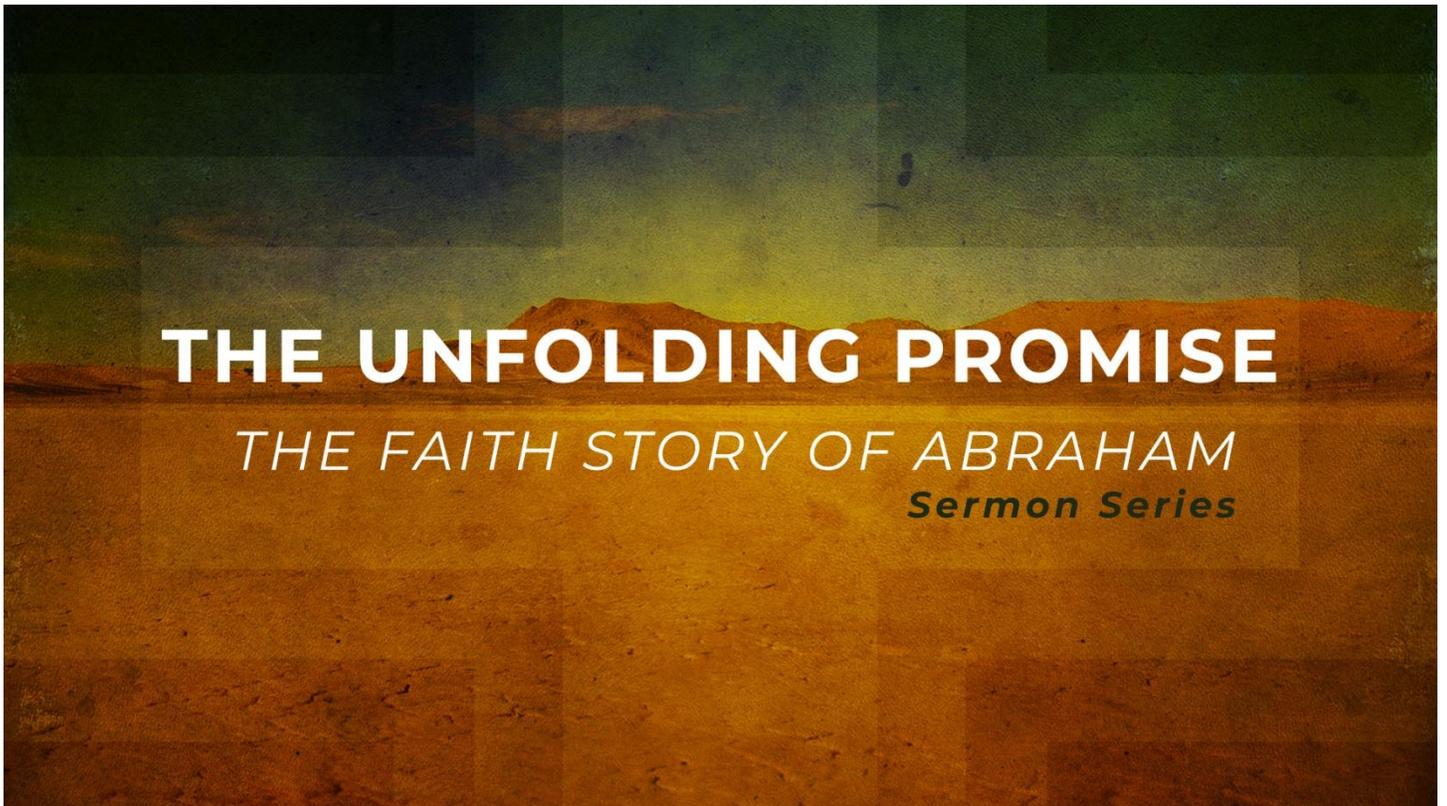




NPC strives to be an intercultural church of believers in Jesus Christ who delight to share the good news in Germantown and beyond.



Sunday, March 1, 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 12.

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

A Psalm of Praise to the King Who Has Won the Battle

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

Leader: O Lord, You reign above the storms and chaos of the earth. You fight for Your people and provide us with a priest-king who blesses and sustains us. We come before You in awe, resting in Your victory and trusting in Your unfailing love.

All: When the world trembles, You remain our refuge and strength. You call us to Yourself and clothe us in peace. Praise to Jesus, the true Melchizedek, who invites us into His presence and grants us grace. Let our hearts rejoice, for the battle is won and You are King forever.

*Hymn

Softly and Tenderly (Thompson)

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Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling for you and for me
See on the portals He's waiting and watching
Watching for you and for me

Chorus: Come home, come home, Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling, Calling, "O sinner come home"

O for the wonderful love He has promised
Promised for you and for me
Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon
Pardon for you and for me (*Chorus*)

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies
Mercies for you and for me? (*Chorus*)

Gently he leads those who carry their young ones;
Shepherd for you and for me;
Surely his goodness and mercy will follow,
Ever with you and with me. (*Chorus*)

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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**

Desert Song (Ligertwood)

This is my prayer in the desert, when all that's within me feels dry.
This is my prayer in my hunger and need. My God is the God who provides.

This is my prayer in the fire, in weakness or trial or pain.
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold. So refine me, Lord, through the flame.

Chorus: I will bring praise. I will bring praise.
No weapon formed against me shall remain.
I will rejoice. I will declare, God is my victory, and He is here.

This is my prayer in the battle, when triumph is still on its way.
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ, so firm on His promise I'll stand. (*Chorus*)

Bridge: All of my life, in every season, You are still God.
I have a reason to sing. I have a reason to worship. (2x) (*Chorus*)

This is my prayer in the harvest, when favor and providence flow.
I know I'm filled to be emptied again. The seed I've received I will sow.

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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, I confess that too often I have withheld help from others, judging them as undeserving or fearing discomfort and inconvenience for myself. In doing so, I fail to reflect the sacrificial love you showed on the cross, suffering for those who rejected you and for me when I was estranged and ungrateful. Forgive me for my reluctance to extend compassion and for placing my own comfort above the calling to love as you have loved.

Renew my heart, so that I might act in faith and mercy, trusting that you fight for all your people—undeserving or not—and that your example calls me to serve others boldly and selflessly. We pray this through Jesus, our Priest, King and Savior. 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

Based on Romans 5:6-11

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: For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism (Q/A 1-2)

Since the earliest years when disciples gathered, Christians have formulated statements to summarize what we believe.

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

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.

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

"Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us." – 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.

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 14

Please turn in the pew Bible to page 10 or flip ahead in the bulletin to page 10 to follow the text as it is read.

Sermon

The King Who Fights For Us

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 9.**

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.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy and merciful God, our Father, you have made us in your image and for yourself. You have made this good world for us to tend and to enjoy. God our Father,

People: Hear the praise of grateful hearts.

Leader: You sought your ancient people when they strayed from you. You freed them from the oppressor and brought them home. God, our Father,

People: Hear the praise of grateful hearts.

Leader: You have sent your Son to bring us home to you.

Leader: By his Incarnation– **People:** You have found us.

Leader: By his Death– **People:** You have forgiven us.

Leader: By his Resurrection– **People:** You have freed us.

Leader: God, our Father, **People:** Hear the praise of grateful hearts.

Prayer of Consecration

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.

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.

Leader: Holy and merciful God, our Father, send down your Holy Spirit on our bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and on your people, that we may be the body of Christ, reconciled to you and to each other by his blood. By your Holy Spirit make us—

People: One with Christ, one with each other, and one in mission to all the world,

Leader: Until Christ shall come in final victory and we feast together at his heavenly banquet. We cry,

People: Maranatha! Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen!

*Hymn

Holy Forever (Tomlin/Wickham/Johnson/Ingram)

A thousand generations falling down in worship;
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb.
And all who've gone before us; and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Pre-Chorus: (Jesus) Your name is the highest; Your name is the greatest.
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions; all powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all.

Chorus 1: And the angels cry Holy; all creation cries Holy.
You are lifted high Holy; Holy forever.

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed;
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name;
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
We'll sing the song forever and Amen.

Chorus 2: And the angels cry Holy; all creation cries Holy.
You are lifted high Holy; Holy forever.
Hear Your people sing Holy; To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy; Holy forever (*Pre-Chorus 2x*) (*Chorus 2*)

You will always be Holy; Holy forever

***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!

Men's Ministry Meeting begins at 12:15pm in the Conference Room.

The Women's Ministry is meeting for lunch at Panera! All ladies are invited to join us for food and fellowship at the Seneca Meadows location.

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

¹ In the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, ² these kings made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). ³ And all these joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea) ⁴ Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled. ⁵ In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim, ⁶ and the Horites in their hill country of Seir as far as El-paran on the border of the wilderness. ⁷ Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh) and defeated all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who were dwelling in Hazazon-tamar.

⁸ Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out, and they joined battle in the Valley of Siddim ⁹ with Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against five. ¹⁰ Now the Valley of Siddim was full of bitumen pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some fell into them, and the rest fled to the hill country. ¹¹ So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. ¹² They also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way.

¹³ Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. These were allies of Abram. ¹⁴ When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵ And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. ¹⁶ Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people.

¹⁷ After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰ and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!”

And Abram gave him a tenth of everything. ²¹ And the king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself.” ²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have lifted my hand to the Lord, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, ²³ that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich.’ ²⁴ I will take nothing but what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me. Let Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre take their share.”

Something to think about . . .

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

1. What kind of world does Abram find himself in? How does that compare to our world today?
2. How did Lot's behavior and predicament jeopardize the fulfillment of God's promises to Abram? Did Lot deserve Abram's help?
3. How did Abram's response to the two kings fulfill God's initial promise to Abram in Genesis 12:2-4?
4. Read Hebrews 6:13-7:19. How was Melchizedek like Jesus? Why did Abram give him a tithe and honor his priesthood?
5. Lot shared the fate of the Sodomites because he lived close to them. How do your choices regarding friends, workplaces, church and living arrangements affect you?
6. Abram didn't seize this opportunity to grasp the Promised Land, instead, he waited for God to give it to him. What promises are we waiting for, and how are we tempted to grasp what God has promised by taking shortcuts instead of waiting on God?
7. Abram rejected the plunder offered by the King of Sodom because he refused to be made rich by anyone except God. How does God make us rich? How do our riches testify to the world that we belong to God?

Grow and Go with Us! _____

Opportunities are offered for all ages, to grow in our relationship with God, impacting our lives.

Next Generation Ministry

 **We're having another flag football game THIS SAT 3/7 at 12-2pm!** All ages are invited to join us on the back field.



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.

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 – Hosea Bible Study (Library and Online)

Contact: Bill Kroah (billtrac108@gmail.com)

Sundays at 9:30am – The Imperfect Disciple (Room 1)

Contact: Pastor Jeff (pastorjeff@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)

Wednesdays at 7:15pm – Men's Lenten Bible Study (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 3/1	12:15pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	12:15pm	Men's Ministry Meeting (Conference Room)
	12:30pm	Women's Ministry Panera Lunch (Seneca Meadows)
	7:00pm	Ezekiel Bible Study (Online)

Monday 3/2

Tuesday 3/3

Wednesday 3/4	7:00pm	NPC Students Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Women's Lenten Bible Study – <i>Jesus' Final Week</i> (Online)
	7:15pm	Men's Lenten Bible Study – <i>Jesus' Final Week</i> (Online)

Thursday 3/5

Friday 3/6	9:30am	Women's Bible Study – <i>Abraham</i> (Parlor)
	7:00pm	Women's Retreat (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday 3/7	9:00am	ESOL Classes (Lower Entrance)
	9:00am	Women's Retreat (Historic Chapel)
	12:00pm	Flag Football Game (Back Field)

Sunday 3/8	9:15am	Small Group – <i>Get Your Life Back</i> (Parlor)
	9:30am	Classes for All Ages!
	10:45am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	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.

NPC Ladies! Let’s get together for lunch after church TODAY! We will meet at 12:30-ish at Panera (Seneca Meadows) for a nice time of fellowship. Bring a friend!

Women’s Retreat, “Resting in God’s Presence.” Fri Night and Sat (3/6 – 3/7) at NPC. You can still sign up! Cost is \$30. To register use this QR code. Contact women@neelsville.org for more or see Cathy Brown, Karen Clark, Sue Farrell or Val Rickett.



There will be a Flag Football game THIS SAT 3/7 from 12pm to 2pm in the Back Field at the church. All ages are welcome! Contact Pastor SeongSu with questions.

Serve Neelsville Middle School with Spaghetti Dinners! We are planning monthly spaghetti dinners at NPC beginning this March to serve NMS and hopefully expand to the Germantown community in the future. Are you interested in serving with set-up, clean-up, cooking or being a table host (getting to know our guests)? Contact James Nelson (jan196@gmail.com) for more.

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. Amazon links to specific gifts are included in the sign-up. **All items are due 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 Foundation for Peace. We will be working with the local church to amplify their ministries in the community, help with church construction, and most importantly, worship with them. If you are interested and have not signed up, please contact Pastor SeongSu at seongsu@neelsville.org.

Financial Update

	January Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income (\$K)	\$ 72.4 K	\$ 72.4 K	\$ 68.8 K	\$ 827.9 K
Expenses (\$K) *	\$ 52.2 K	\$ 52.2 K	\$ 67.3 K	\$ 859.4 K



Excess Income/Expenses	\$ 20.2K	\$ 20.2K
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*Adjusted expense includes mortgage principal

January 2026 income of \$72.4K, exceeding budget projections of \$68.8K. Expenses of \$52.2K, maintaining cost control, and operating \$15.1K under budget.

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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.*

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