



OUR LORD
REIGNS!

OVER EVERY DAWN OF EVERY DAY.

OVER EVERY SEASON OF THE HEART.

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. MATTHEW 28:6

Thank you for celebrating Easter with Neelsville this morning!

If you do not have a church home,
please accept our invitation to worship with us again soon!

Our regular Sunday Worship Service is at 10:45am

Our service is held both in person and online at [facebook.com/neelsville](https://www.facebook.com/neelsville).
We pray that either option is an encouraging worship experience for you!

Welcome to Neelsville!

Welcome to Neelsville Presbyterian Church! We are so thrilled that you are visiting 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.
The Worship & Praise Zone is not available on Easter so families can worship together.
- **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.

Christian worship is the joyful, reverent response of God's people to the risen Lord Jesus Christ. Because Christ has conquered sin and death, worship becomes the celebration of new creation breaking into the world. In worship we gather to proclaim that Jesus is alive, to remember His saving work, and to offer our lives to Him in gratitude and obedience. – *Pastor Jeffrey Rickett*

Prelude

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
(Wesley/Arnold)

Christine Gormley
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

Psalm 118: 14, 17, 24

Adam Condrick / Theo R.

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

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

*Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (Wesley/Arnold)

#825

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save. Alleluia! Where's thy vict'ry, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Jeff

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.

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
 This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
 My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
 This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
 For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
 And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
 From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
 No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
 Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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Confession of Sin

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.

Risen Lord Jesus, You conquered sin and death, yet we confess that we often live as though the tomb were still sealed. We cling to old fears, old habits, and old sins. We doubt Your power, resist Your presence, and forget Your promises. Search our hearts, O God. Bring to light what needs to be repented of and surrendered and lead us in the everlasting way. Through our Risen Savior, 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**

Romans 4:25

When we confess our sins, seeking God's help to turn away from them, we are assured that He will extend forgiveness because Jesus paid for our sins on the cross.

Leader: "He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification." In Christ, your sins are forgiven. In Christ, you are made new. In Christ, you stand in resurrection life.

All: Thanks be to God!

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus, He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Chorus: Because He lives I can face tomorrow; Because He lives all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living just because He lives.

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***Confession of Faith (unison)**

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 45

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: How does Christ’s resurrection benefit us?

All: First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, so that He might make us share in the righteousness He obtained for us by His death. Second, by His power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ’s resurrection is a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.

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

Psalm 150 – Praise the Lord
(Boswell/Papa/Arr. Koerts)

Chancel Choir

“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.

Special Music (11am)

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
(arr. Galbraith)

Next Generation
Praise Team

"You came from Heaven to earth, to show the way. From the Earth to the cross, my debt to pay. From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift Your name on high."

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. **Please note: Worship & Praise will not meet today; it will resume next Sun 4/12.***

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12

Please turn in the pew Bible to page 884 or flip ahead in the bulletin to page 9 to follow the text as it is read.

Special Music

The Power of the Cross (Townend/Getty)

Praise Team

"This is the power of the cross, son of God slain for us. What a love, what a cost, we stand forgiven at the cross."

Sermon

*The Resurrection of Jesus:
Hope for the Christian, Challenge to Our Uncertain Friends*

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 7.***

*Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns (Bridges/Thring/Elvey)

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Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God, before the worlds began,
And ye who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of Man.

Who ev'ry grief hath known that wrings the human breast,
And takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His lories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
And died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of heav'n, enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him, the King to whom is giv'n the wonderous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall;
Crown him ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

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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**

Crown Him with Many Crowns (Bridges/Thring/Elvey)

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

After Worship Today!

Join us at 10am for an Easter Brunch in the Welcome Center!

After the 11am service, there will be an Egg Hunt for children in the Front Lawn!

Sermon Notes

Luke 24:1-12

The Resurrection: What Happened? (Luke 24:1–12)

- The Empty Tomb

- The Angelic Announcement

- The Witnesses (John 21:9-14)

The Resurrection: What It Means for Christians

- Our _____ Are Truly Forgiven - (Romans 4:25)

- _____ Has Lost Its Power - (1 Cor. 15:54-57)

- Jesus Is _____ Us Now - (Matt 28:18-20)

- Our Lives Have _____ (1 Cor. 15:58)

The Resurrection: A Challenge to Our Uncertain Friends

- You Must _____ What You Believe About Jesus

- The Resurrection Is God's _____ to You (Acts 17:31)

- The Invitation Is _____ (Mark 1:15)

- The _____ Is Real - (Matthew 16:24-26)

Final Remarks: The Risen Christ Calls Your Name

Next Week: A Lot Like Us (Genesis 19)

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

Something to think about . . .

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

1. What are some ways you can examine the evidence for the resurrection honestly? What questions or doubts do you still have?
2. What would change in your life if you fully believed Jesus truly rose from the dead?
3. Reflect on Jesus calling Mary by name in John 20. How does hearing your own name called by Christ impact your faith?
4. According to the sermon, what does Christ's resurrection demand of both Christians and non-Christians?
5. How can the reality of the risen Christ shape your hope, courage, and sense of purpose this week?
6. Share an example of a time when you felt Christ calling your name or inviting you to take a step of faith. What was the outcome?

Grow and Go with Us!

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

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 at 7pm (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 – Small Group Bible Study (Parlor)

Contact: Adam Condrick (acondrick@segalco.com)

Sundays at 9:30am – NEW CLASS beginning April 12.

Stay tuned!

The Imperfect Disciple class will resume on May 3.

Contact: Pastor Jeff (pastorjeff@neelsville.org)

Sundays at 7:00pm – Ezekiel Bible Study (Online) **not mtg tonight*

Contact: Craig Wilson (cdw6@msn.com)

Wednesdays at 7:00pm – Women’s Lenten Bible 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 Joshua (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 4/5	9:00am	Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary)
EASTER	10:00am	Easter Brunch (Welcome Center)
SUNDAY!	11:00am	Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary)
		Egg Hunt after 11am Service (Front Lawn)

Monday 4/6 **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday 4/7 10:00am MomCo Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday 4/8 7:00pm Women's Lenten Bible Study – *Jesus' Final Week* (Online)
7:15pm Men's Lenten Bible Study – *Jesus' Final Week* (Online)

Thursday 4/9

Friday 4/10 9:30am Women's Bible Study (Parlor)

Saturday 4/11 9:00am ESOL Classes (Fellowship Hall Entrance)

Sunday 4/12 12:30pm Second Sunday Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

Financial Update

	February Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income (\$K)	\$ 54.3 K	\$ 126.7 K	\$ 130.5 K	\$ 827.9 K
Expenses (\$K)	\$ 58.9 K	\$ 110.9 K	\$ 134.8 K	\$ 859.4 K

Excess Income/Expenses	-\$ 4.6 K	\$ 15.9 K
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February income was \$54.3K and expenses were \$58.9K, resulting in a monthly deficit of \$4.6K. Year-to-date income is \$126.7K, slightly below budget.

Announcements

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

The Nominating Committee is seeking names of people who are recommended to serve as elders, deacons, and trustees. 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1:6-9, and 1 Corinthians

4:2 are some of the guiding passages for selecting elders, deacons, and trustees.

Names can be given to any member of the Nominating Committee (Sam Amoaka-Atta,

Sandy Hutto, Peggy Hurkett, Jason Evans, Alison Williamson, Lena Shirley and Bob Macri) or names may be submitted through the online form at this QR code. You can also pick up a paper copy in the Narthex & drop it off in the Church Office.



THANK YOU to all those who donated items to the Outdoor Education program at NMS. They were very thankful for all we provided. It reminds me of Ephesians 3:20 "Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." – Val Rickett

Join us NEXT SUN 4/12 for a 2nd Sunday Fellowship Event after the worship service featuring games and a potluck lunch! Bring your favorite soups and salads to share and we'll play some rounds of Jeopardy! 2nd Sunday Fellowship Events are once a month to help strengthen our Christian community. Hope to see you there!

NPC will be sponsoring a Rebuilding Together project again in April! Our resident, Ana Martinez, and her adult son, Francisco, need several repairs to their Gaithersburg home's interior and exterior. Many hands are needed to help, & volunteers of any skill level are welcome, including youth (ages 10+). The project days will be all day on Saturdays, 4/11 & 4/18 starting at 8am each day, but any amount of time that you can serve will be appreciated. Please contact James Nelson (jan196@gmail.com) to sign-up. Thanks to all who support this mission every Spring!

Save the date! NPC's local missions "Inside Out Dads" Ministry at the Montgomery County Boyd's Jail along with **Good News Global invites you to a free banquet on Thurs 5/14 at 6:30 pm at Shady Grove Presbyterian in Derwood, MD.** This is a fundraiser to benefit the Gospel Chaplain Ministry in the Boyds Montgomery County Jail. Reserve your free spot at <https://gnglobal.org/event/montgomery-banquet>. We are in the midst of getting corporate sponsors. Contact Craig Wilson (cdw6@msn.com) with any questions.

It's time to sign up for Vacation Bible School; we're already 20% full and registration just opened! This exciting camp experience teaches kids about the beautiful nature of God through high-energy praise songs, engaging Bible stories,

cooperative team games, surprising science experiments, themed snacks, and more!

Each daily program includes activities centered on knowing God as the Creator, growing in relationship with Him, and sharing the love of Christ with others. **Register at this QR code to join us on August 3-7 at 9am-12pm for kids age 3 years through 4th grade.**



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Tues-Thurs 10am-4pm

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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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