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

SERMON SERIES

Did Jesus Really Say That?

THE CHALLENGING
TEACHINGS
OF JESUS



Sunday, June 7, 2026 – 10:45am Worship

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.
- **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

Corporate worship is our shared surrender to Jesus' costly call. As we gather for corporate worship, we deny ourselves, seek His Kingdom above all, reconcile with one another, and submit to His hard but life-giving words. Corporate worship transforms us into a people shaped by the cross—learning together to follow the One who calls us to lose our lives and find them in Him. – *Pastor Jeffrey Rickett*

Prelude

I Surrender All

Ulung Tanoto

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

Based on Psalm 85:10-13

Brian Farrell

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

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

All: Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

Leader: Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

All: Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

*Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (Smith/Welsh Melody)

#26

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above, Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render: O help us to see, 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

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*Prayer of Adoration

Pastor SeongSu

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.

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.

All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that Thou art mine.

Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessing fall on me. (*Refrain 2x*)

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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, You call us into a relationship with You. You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. You have prepared a place for us in Your Father’s house, and all Your promises are true and faithful.

Yet we often cling to the things of this world and value them more than the treasures of Your Kingdom. We lean on our own understanding and place our trust in our intelligence, abilities, wealth, and influence rather than in You. Forgive us for our self-sufficiency. Forgive us for longing more for the things of this world than for Your Kingdom. Forgive us for trusting in ourselves instead of resting in Your faithfulness.

Turn our hearts toward You. Teach us to seek first Your Kingdom, to trust in Your provision, and to follow wherever You lead. May our hope be found not in the temporary things of this world, but in the eternal promises we have in Christ.

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 Psalm 103:10-12

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

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

All: Thanks be to God!

Receiving of New Covenant Partner

Keely Hutto

Covenant Partners commit to be in a covenant relationship with Jesus Christ and with the body of believers, walking together in love, remembering one another in prayer, helping one another in times of need, faithfully participating in worship, sharing our gifts, and spreading the gospel to the world.

Would you like to learn more about becoming a Covenant Partner at Neelsville? If so, please reach out to Pastor Jeff or Brian Farrell (bpf3356@gmail.com) for more info.

*Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

Since the earliest years when disciples gathered, Christians have formulated statements to summarize what we believe. These creeds help remind us of the richness of our faith and can help answer the questions of those who may be wondering about Christianity.

Leader: Let us confess together what we as Christians believe.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The term "catholic" means "universal," throughout all ages & generations.

Time of Offering

*We have an opportunity to give financially to support the work of the local and global church, offering what we are able with cheerful hearts, grateful for God's blessings. Giving also includes generously sharing our time and talents to care for one another and the community around us. **Please take the plate and pass it down the pew to the usher. To give online, scan the QR code.***



“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.

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.

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Minute for Mission

William & Susana Okletey
Blessed Redemption Outreach Ministry
Accra, Ghana

Elder Sue Farrell

From time to time we take a moment to demonstrate how we give back to the community using the gifts God has given us. By doing so, we honor Him and spread His love.

Please turn in the pew Bible to page 868 or refer to page 9 to follow the text as it is read.

Sermon

Let the Dead Bury the Dead

Pastor SeongSu

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.

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.

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—

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.

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**

Jesus, I Come

Sleeper/Thompson

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health, Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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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**

Jesus, I Come (Reprise)

Sleeper/Thompson

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 is after church in the Conference Room.

Choir Rehearsal begins at 12:30 today in the Sanctuary!

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶² Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Something to think about . . .

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

1. Where do you most often look for a sense of “home” or security apart from Christ? How does Jesus’ statement about having “nowhere to lay his head” challenge your understanding of comfort and belonging?
2. What are some good things in your life that can become greater priorities than following Jesus? How can we faithfully fulfill our family, work, and personal responsibilities while keeping Christ first?
3. Why do you think Jesus responds so strongly to the man who wants to bury his father? What does this teach us about the urgency and importance of God’s Kingdom?
4. What are some things from your past that tempt you to “look back” instead of moving forward with Christ? How can we cultivate a forward-looking faith that trusts God’s future more than our past?
5. After hearing this passage, what is one area of your life where Jesus may be asking for greater surrender? What would it look like to take a practical step of obedience this week?
6. If someone looked at your calendar, finances, conversations, and priorities, what would they conclude is your true home, greatest responsibility, and primary focus?

Grow and Go with Us! _____

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

Next Generation Ministry

👉 **Next Sun 6/14 will be the last day of Sunday School for both NPC Kids and Students before they break for the summer.**



Ages: Birth – 5th grade

Contact: kids@neelsville.org

Sunday School at 9:30am (Ed Wing for PreK - 5th Grade)



👉 **VBS Registration is filling up!** Register today at this QR code.



Ages: 6th – 12th grade

Contact: students@neelsville.org

Sunday School at 9:30am (Youth Room / Andrew Small Room)

Wednesday Night Youth Group meets at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Youth Group will continue to meet throughout the summer.

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 – Life Lessons from 1&2 Peter (Parlor)

Contact: Adam Condrick (acondrick@segalco.com)

Sundays at 9:30am – Did Jesus Really Say That? (Room 1)

Contact: Pastor Jeff (pastorjeff@neelsville.org)

Sundays at 9:30am – The Essentials of the Faith (Conf Rm & Online)

Contacts: Peter Muriuki & Craig Wilson (cdw6@msn.com)

Sundays at 7:00pm – Ezekiel Bible Study (Online)

Contact: Craig Wilson (cdw6@msn.com)

Wednesdays at 7:00pm – Women’s Bible Study (Online)

Contact: Kim Evans & Joanne Wilson (joannelwilson@gmail.com)

Wednesdays at 7:15pm – Men’s Bible Study on Psalms (Online)

Contact: Brian Farrell (bpf3356@gmail.com)

Fridays at 9:30am – Women’s Bible Study on Joshua (Parlor)

Contact: Sue Farrell (bfarrell01@aol.com) *6/12, then break for summer

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.



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| Sunday 6/7 | 12:00pm | Men's Ministry Meeting (Conference Room) |
| | 12:30pm | Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| | 7:00pm | Ezekiel Bible Study (Online) |

Monday 6/8

Tuesday 6/9

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| Wednesday 6/10 | 7:00pm | Youth Group (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 7:00pm | Women's Bible Study – <i>Sermon on the Mount</i> (Online) |
| | 7:15pm | Men's Bible Study – <i>Psalms: Prayers of the Heart</i> (Online) |
| | 7:15pm | Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |

Thursday 6/11

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| Friday 6/12 | 9:30am | Women's Bible Study – <i>Joshua</i> (Parlor) |
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Saturday 6/13

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| Sunday 6/14 | 9:15am | Sunday Morning Small Group – <i>Life Lessons</i> (Parlor) |
| | 9:30am | Classes for All Ages! |
| | 10:45am | Worship Service (Sanctuary) |
| | 12:00pm | Congregational Meeting & Lunch (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 7:00pm | Ezekiel Bible Study (Online) |

Financial Update

| | April Actual | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Annual Budget |
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| Income (\$K) | \$ 59.3 K | \$ 264.8 K | \$ 253.1 K | \$ 827.9 K |
| Expenses (\$K) | \$ 68.4 K | \$ 268.7 K | \$ 294.5 K | \$ 859.4 K |



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| Excess Income/Expenses | -\$ 9.1 K | -\$ 4.0 K |
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Announcements

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

Mark your calendars for a Congregational Meeting NEXT SUN 6/14 after Worship in the Fellowship Hall! Lunch is provided. As part of our *Cultivating Flourishing Congregations* initiative, we will be focusing on sharing memories from our years at NPC and discussing how those moments have shaped us as a church. Come ready to share specific stories that have been important to you!

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!

Our NPC Food Pantry needs donations to serve our neighbors in need! Please drop off your canned and boxed nonperishable items in the Narthex bin. **Specific needs: pasta, rice, canned tuna & chicken, canned fruit, canned corn & mixed vegetables, small jars of peanut butter, mac & cheese, boxed cereal, cheese or pb crackers, granola bars.** Contact Michelle Nelson with questions (office@neelsville.org) Thank you!

Pastors William and Susuana Okleley are looking for help to finish portions of the church building. The pair lead Blessed Redemption Outreach Ministry (BROM) in Haatso-Narhman, Accra, Ghana. Currently, the building needs Burglar Proof Bars (The building is now primarily in need of these on the windows and doors to prevent theft.) and Musical Instruments (Several instruments were damaged by power fluctuations.) **Anyone wishing to financially contribute to this work may write a check to William D. Okleley, or place cash into a pew envelope marked for William Okleley, into the church offering plate.** (Note: This is NOT a tax deductible contribution.) Contact Sue Farrell for more information (bfarrell01@aol.com).

NPC will host a Red Cross Blood Drive in memory of Hugh Smith on Sat 6/20 from 9am – 1:30pm. Visit redcrossblood.org and search for "NeelsvillePresbyterian" (no spaces) to sign up to support this life-giving program. Questions? Contact Karen Clark at 2karclark@gmail.com. You can also sign up using this QR Code



Sign up now as a Vacation Bible School participant August 3-7 from 9am-12pm. Registration is flourishing and we're now 2/3 full! The Rainforest Falls theme provides beautiful scenery to remind us of God's glorious creation. While we explore the nature of God, we're also pointing our campers to living as a follower of Christ through praise songs, scripture lessons, recreational games, hands-on science, and more! **Register your children through the QR Code.**



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

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

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

Moderator – Jason Craft

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