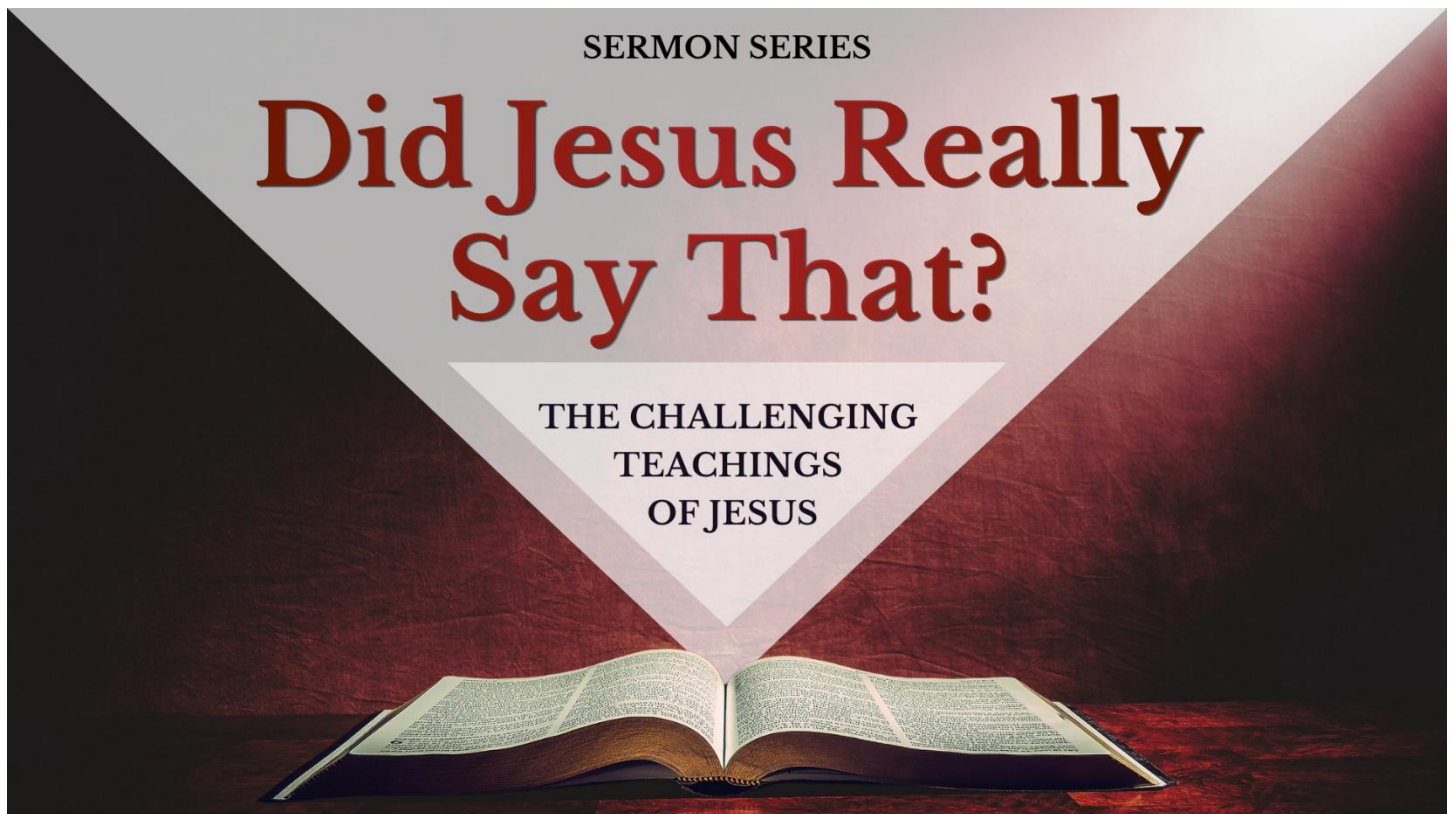




NPC strives to be an intercultural church of believers in Jesus Christ who delight to share the good news in Germantown and beyond.



Sunday, July 19, 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.

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 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>I Will Be Here</i> (Steven Curtis Chapman)	Ulung Tanoto & Natalia Suwuh Angkuw
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We invite you to let the music quiet your mind and heart to prepare for worship.

Welcome & Announcements	Pastor SeongSu Hong
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* = please rise if you are able

*Call to Worship	Psalm 89	Pastor Jeffrey Rickett
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Psalm 89 God's words in scripture remind us that He is the one who calls us to gather.

Leader: I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

All: For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

Leader: You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant:

All: 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" Blessed be the Lord forever.

*Praise Song	<i>Hosanna</i>	Ligertwood
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I see the king of glory, coming on the clouds with fire.
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes.
I see His love and mercy, washing over all our sin.
The people sing, the people sing.

Chorus: Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. (2x)

I see a generation, rising up to take their place,
With selfless faith, with selfless faith.
I see a near revival, stirring as we pray and seek.
We're on our knees, we're on our knees. (*Chorus*)

Heal my heart and make it clean.
Open up my eyes to the things unseen.
Show me how to love like You have loved me.
Break my heart for what breaks Yours.
Everything I am, for Your Kingdom's cause.
As I walk from earth into eternity. (*Chorus 2x*)

Hosanna in the highest.

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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.

***Hymn**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Fawcett/Nägeli

Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne, we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tears.

This glorious hope revives our courage by the way,
While each in expectation lives and long to see the day.

From sorrow, toil and pain and sin, we shall be free.
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity

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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 created covenant faithfulness, yet our hearts are often hard. We have treated relationships lightly, judged others quickly, and forgotten that You desire mercy, not self-righteousness. Forgive our unfaithfulness, our impurity, and our indifference. Heal us, restore us, and make us faithful as You are faithful. Through Jesus 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. Jesus paid the penalty for our sins on the cross.

Leader: Hear the good news. Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners. The Bridegroom who teaches covenant faithfulness is the One who keeps covenant perfectly. His mercy is deeper than our sin, and His faithfulness covers our unfaithfulness. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Confession of Faith (unison)

Apostles' 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.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Mission Trip Testimony

Rindra Andriamanamizao

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.

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

Santo Por Siempre (Tomlin)

DR Mission Team

"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 message.

Hymn

Jesus, Strong and Kind
(Buchanan/Robinson/Farren/Thompson)

#362

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.

Chorus: For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:31-32 and 19:3-11

Please turn in the pew Bible to pages 810 & 824 or flip ahead in the bulletin to page 9 to follow the text as it is read.

Sermon

*Whoever Divorces and Marries
Another Commits Adultery*

Elder Adam Condric

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.

*Hymn

He Will Hold Me Fast (Habershon/Merker)

#598

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Refrain: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *(Refrain)*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! *(Refrain 2x)*

***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 an instrumental piece, carrying praise to God out of the church and into the world.

After Worship Today!

VBS Training for all adult and youth volunteers is in the Fellowship Hall. We'll go over station and crew leader details as well as share the decorating plan for July 26, Aug 1 & Aug 2. Lunch is provided for volunteers.

Choir Rehearsal will begin at 12:30pm today in the Sanctuary! All are invited!

Sermon Notes

Whoever Divorces & Marries Another Commits Adultery

Did Jesus Really Say That? The Challenging Teachings of Jesus

- Passage _____ scribes and Pharisees, provides _____ for Christian disciples, points to _____. (Matthew 5: 31-32)
- God's way is the _____ way and it was from the _____. (Matt. 19:4-6)
- Marriage points people to _____ and the _____. (Ephesians 5:32)
- _____ wins! (Matthew 19:10-11)

Next Week: *Be Perfect* (Matthew 5:43-48)

Scripture

Matthew 5:31-32 – ³¹ “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³² But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Matthew 19:3-11 – ³ And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one’s wife for any cause?” ⁴ He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? ⁶ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” ⁷ They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?” ⁸ He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. ⁹ And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.”

¹⁰ The disciples said to him, “If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry.”

¹¹ But he said to them, “Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given.

Something to think about . . .

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

1. Who do you trust?
2. What makes this passage difficult for us and How can we embrace it?
3. Whose marriages have you admired and why?
4. What can you do to be more like Jesus in your marriage and/or help others in theirs?

Grow and Go with Us!

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

Next Generation Ministry

👉 **NPC Kids and Students Sunday School is on break for the summer.**



Ages: Birth – 5th grade

Contact: kids@neelsville.org

👉 **VBS Registration is now full!**

Spaces are filled; however, if you missed out on enrolling early, reach out to Pastor SeongSu or Melissa be added to the waitlist.

Rainforest Falls VBS (Aug 3-7 at 9am-12pm explores the nature of God, pointing our campers to living as a follower of Christ through praise songs, scripture lessons, recreational games, hands-on science, and more!



Ages: 6th – 12th grade

Contact: students@neelsville.org

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

***On the 3rd Wednesday of each month**, Youth Group meets at 5:30pm for a service project.

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)

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 7/19	12:00pm	VBS Training (Fellowship Hall)
	12:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00pm	Ezekiel Bible Study (Online)

Monday 7/20

Tuesday 7/21		Ken DeMatteo Celebration of Life
		10am Visitation, 11am Service

Wednesday 7/22	7:15pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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Thursday 7/23

Friday 7/24

Saturday 7/25	3:00pm	Young Adult Picnic (Pastor Jeff & Val's)
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Sunday 7/26	9:15am	Sunday Morning Small Group – <i>Life Lessons</i> (Parlor)
	9:30am	Adult Classes (Rm 1 and Conf Rm)
	10:45am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	12:30pm	VBS Decorating
	7:00pm	Ezekiel Bible Study (Online)

Financial Update

	June Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income (\$K)	\$ 78.3 K	\$ 404.8 K	\$ 413.9 K	\$ 827.9 K
Expenses (\$K)	\$ 53.3 K	\$ 379.5 K	\$ 429.7 K	\$ 859.4 K
Difference	\$ 24.9 K	\$ 25.2 K		



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Footnote – Income for June includes payment from Camp Sonshine. Any extraordinary expenses paid out of prior designated/special funds, are excluded from these figures.

Announcements

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

A Celebration of Life for Ken DeMatteo will be held THIS Tues 7/21 at 11am in Neelsville's main sanctuary. The service will be preceded by visitation at 10am in the Sanctuary and followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. **If you would like to contribute to or help with the reception,** you may sign up through this QR code or see the link in last Friday's e-letter. Please keep Karen DeMatteo in your prayers as she grieves for the loss of her beloved husband of 58 years.



Missions Prayer Support – In July we are praying for the Sons of Thunder Ministry in Zambia, which is feeding Africa physically and spiritually through the enabling of the Holy Spirit. They are sharing the gospel; running a medical clinic, lab, & maternity center; providing education and scholarships; teaching farming God's Way; and feeding the needy. We encourage you to pray for the success of these ministries. **TODAY we are praying for** the educational ministries at the Sons of Thunder farm in Zambia. We pray that they can hire and retain God-loving teachers and build the housing that they need. We pray for success for the students, and continued donations to support the scholarship funds so that students can graduate from high school.

Young Adults are invited to a picnic at Pastor Jeff and Val's home in Frederick on THIS Sat 7/25 at 3pm. We'll enjoy good food, great conversation, outdoor games, and time together as a young adult community. Come connect, unwind, and enjoy the summer together. We'd love to see you there. RSVP at pastorjeff@neelsville.org providing the dish you will bring.

Have a hand in VBS by joining us for two (maybe three) decorating days! Our team will meet NEXT Sun 7/26 after worship and Sat 8/1 starting at 9am. Help transform Neelsville into Rainforest Falls so kids can engage with the beauty and nature of God. No experience necessary.

Stay Connected with Neelsville

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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.*

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