



NEELSVILLE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 22, 2024 – 10:45 a.m.

Glorifying God by being and making disciples of Jesus Christ.

In the name of our Lord Jesus - Welcome to Worship!

If this is your first time at NPC, we'd love to connect with you!
Would you share some information about yourself at this QR code?



Worship via Facebook Live

facebook.com/neelsville

Prelude

Give Thanks arr. Hayes

Yi Xu, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

(* = Please stand if you are able)

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 145: 11-13

Tony Panettiere

Leader: We shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power,

All: to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

All: Bless the Lord!

***Hymn**

All Creatures of Our God and King

Baird/Draper

All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing,

“Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!”

Thou, burning sun with golden beam,

Thou, silver moon with softer gleam,

Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless

And worship Him in humbleness.

Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son

And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One.

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Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood,
Come and rejoice in His great love.
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin;
Cast all your burdens now on Him.
Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign;
Heaven and earth will join to say,
"Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!"
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King!
Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Jeff

***Praise Song**

Behold Him

Wong/Baloche

He who was before there was light, walked across the pages of time,
He who made every living thing, behold Him.
He who heard humanity's cry, left His throne to wake as a child
He became like the least of us; behold Him.

Chorus 1: Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, the Lamb, the roaring Lion,
Oh, be still and behold Him.

He who dined with sinners and saints, healed the blind, the lost and the lame,
Even now He is in our midst; behold Him.
He who chose a criminal's end, paid with blood to settle our debt,
Buried death as He rose to life, behold Him!

Chorus 2: Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, the Lamb, the roaring Lion,
Oh, be still and behold Him.
Jesus, Alpha and Omega, our God the risen Savior,
Oh, be still and behold Him.

Bridge: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty!
Worthy, worthy, worthy to receive all praise! (4x)

(*Chorus 2*) Behold Him.

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Confession of Sin (unison)

Covenantal God, I come this morning acknowledging my need for Jesus' intervention. I am trying to change the way I speak to others in my own strength and failing again and again. I am waiting for my situation or relationship with another to change and think, then I will speak rightly; then I will speak in ways that honor You. Faithful God, help me to remember that You will never put me in a situation without giving me everything I need to speak the way You called me to speak. The Apostle Paul encourages me that there are "spiritual blessings" in Christ. Lord, You have given me everything I need for this life and godliness. In Christ, I am a new creation empowered by the Holy Spirit to speak in wholesome and humble ways no matter how difficult my situation or how challenging the relationship. Jesus, You have come to redeem my speech; You have come to endow me with glorious riches and incomparable power so that my speech can be used as Your instrument of goodness and righteousness. Jesus, as the One and Only Word, help me to trust and depend upon Your work with my speech. I ask this in Your name and for Your Glory. Amen.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

Ephesians 1:3-7

Leader: Hear the Good News: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

***Confession of Faith** (unison)

from The Church of Toraja

Derived from *Confession* written in Indonesia, 1981

Leader: On the basis of God's Word, we believe that God revealed his will, his love, and his power to us in Jesus Christ, so that we may confess:

All: "Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior."

Leader: God is the one and only source of life, blessing, and goodness.

All: It is only He who may be worshiped.

Leader: The eternal God cares for and saves His creation

All: with justice and truth, because of His goodness and love. (continued next page)

Leader: He redeems and saves us from destruction,

All: so that we become his possession and receive eternal life.

Leader: God is love, and has revealed himself in the history of his work of salvation as three persons:

All: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Leader: The eternal God the Father

All: created everything, both that which is visible and that which is invisible.

Leader: The eternal God the Son

All: was born and became man so as to carry out the salvation of the world.

Leader: The eternal God the Spirit

All: bears witness to the salvation of the world. He convinces us and seals this salvation in the hearts and lives of mankind.

Leader: The Word of God declares this God to mankind so that He can be accepted and trusted in, on the basis of His faithful love towards His creation.

All: Amen

Offertory

God of Grace Getty arr. Larson

Chancel Choir

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free;
Oh, the miracle of mercy Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul.
His own blood has paid my ransom; awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began;
Sent my Saviour down from heaven; perfect God and perfect Man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I'm accepted as His own.
Every day new grace sustains me, as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven and secure.
All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see Your face;
And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.
And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

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***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

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.

Children's Message

Melissa Evans

All children (infant to 5th grade) are invited to come forward to receive the children's message. We will dismiss children (ages 3 thru 2nd grade) to Worship & Play Zone after the Children's Message.

Scripture Reading

John 1: 1-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Sermon

King Jesus Speaks

Pastor Jeff

Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer

If so led, please pray the Lord's Prayer in your language of origin.

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.

*Hymn

Great Are You, Lord

Ingram/Jordan/Leonard

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.

You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.

And great are You, Lord.

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Chorus: It's Your breath in our lungs, So we pour out our praise,
We pour out our praise. It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise to You only.

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are You, Lord. (*Chorus 2x*)

Bridge (3x): And all the earth will shout Your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
"Great are You, Lord!" (*Chorus 2x*)

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Charge and Benediction

***Postlude**

Thy Word arr. Hayes

Yi Xu

Prayer Concerns

Our prayer chain delights to pray for our congregation throughout the week! Use this QR code to submit your prayers thru our website or contact the office.
To join the prayer chain, email office@neelsville.org



Our Words Matter:
Getting to the Heart of Our Communication Struggles

Sermon Notes:

King Jesus Speaks

John 1: 1-18

- King Jesus Speaks
 - He came as the _____. (John 1:1-18)

 - He speaks words to _____. (Luke 7:11-17)

- King Jesus Provides Resources in our Speech (Eph. 1:15-23)
 - He provides us with confident _____ to speak God's way. (v. 18)

 - He provides us His unlimited _____ to speak God's way. (v. 18)

 - He provides us His sustaining _____ to speak God's way. (vv. 19-20)

 - He provides us His redemptive _____ to speak God's way. (vv. 21-23)

- King Jesus Reigns over Our Speech (Romans 11:33-36)

Next Week: *Speaking for King Jesus (2 Cor. 5: 11-21)*

*****Join a Small Group in Your Area!*****

Our Words Matter! Could you talk in a more godly and loving way? Do you desire to change the way you speak to your parents, your children, your spouse, or others within the church? This Fall through our 8-week sermon series entitled, *Our Words Matter: Getting to the Heart of Our Communication Struggles* and small groups, we will be focusing on how we communicate with others in a Christ-centered way. If you are interested in joining a small group to discuss with others how you can grow in godly and gracious speech, please sign up via this QR code or sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



Small Groups have begun and will end the week of 10/27 (a 7-week study). We will meet in homes and at NPC on a variety of days throughout our communities. We recommend buying the book *War of Words* by Paul David Tripp on which the sermon and study will be based. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jeff.

Small Group Locations & Meeting Times

Damascus Small Group
Facilitated by Farrells/Wilsons
Wednesdays 7:15 to 8:30 pm

Sunday Morning Small Group
Facilitated by Arols
Historic Church, Large Classroom
Sundays 9:15 to 10:30 am

Frederick Small Group
Facilitated by Hongs/Ricketts/Barnes
Sundays 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Mt. Airy Small Group
Facilitated by Macris
Thursdays 6:15 to 7:45 pm

Germantown/Gaithersburg Small Group
Facilitated by Pastor Jeff
NPC Parlor
Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Young Adult Small Group
Facilitated by Sean Morrisey
NPC Parlor
Fridays 7:30 to 9:00 pm

Adult Ministry Opportunities

Join one of our opportunities to GROW as a disciple!

Scan this QR code or go to neelsville.org/ministries/adults for details & descriptions. Links for online studies are in the Friday e-letter.



CLASSES

- **The following classes meet at 9:30am on Sundays:**
 - *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth* led by Brian Farrell, Jason Evans and Joanne Wilson in the Parlor. (joannelwilson@gmail.com)
 - *How to Share the Gospel with Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses* led by Michele Kelly and Craig Wilson in the Conference Room. (cdw6@msn.com)
- **Sunday 7:00pm** – Online – *Intro to the Hebrew Bible* led by Craig Wilson and others. (cdw6@msn.com)
Discover the origins of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and develop the skills necessary for reading it well.

SMALL GROUPS

- **Sunday 9:15am** – Ed Wing Room 1 – The Small Group led by Adam Condrick is discussing a new book, *Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion* by Rebecca McLaughlin. It's easy to drop in for discussion. Join us! (acondrick@segalco.com)
- **Sunday 9:15am** – Historic Church, Lg. Classroom – Led by Craig Arold
Wednesday 7:00pm – Parlor – Led by Pastor Jeff
Both small groups are based on our Fall sermon series entitled *Our Words Matter*, we will be focusing on how we communicate with others in a Christ-centered way. Contact Pastor Jeff with questions.
- **Friday 9:30am** – Parlor – The weekly **Women's Bible Study** led by Sue Farrell (bfarrello1@aol.com) will start a new discussion of *1 Kings 1 - 11, the Rise and Fall of King Solomon*. All ladies welcome! (bfarrello1@aol.com)

Young Adult Ministry

A place for those aged 18 to 40-ish to grow in Christ and in community

Contact us at youngadults@neelsville.org.

- **Fridays 7:30pm** – Andrew Small Room – **Young Adult Weekly Gatherings**
Bible Study will cover “Our Words Matter” to align w/ Pastor Jeff’s sermon series.
- **Please scan the QR Code** to stay informed of upcoming events & service opportunities!



Next Generation Ministry

Neelsville Kids (Pre-K thru 5th Grade)
kids@neelsville.org

NPC Students (6th-12th Grade)
students@neelsville.org

- **Sunday School at 9:30am**
Ed Wing for Pre-K-5th Grade
- **Nursery Care during Worship**
Ed Wing for ages 2 & under
- **Worship & Play Zone** (3-2nd Gr.)
Bible story & crafts during sermon
Check in at Narthex before worship

- **Sunday School at 9:30am**
Andrew Small Rm
See weekly e-letter for topic
- **Youth Group**
Fridays at 7pm in Fellowship Hall

The wiggles and giggles of children are always welcome in the Sanctuary as families worship together!

- Feel free to pick up a **worship activity bag** in the Narthex for your child to use during the service.
- **Nursery Care** continues to be available during Sunday morning worship for children 2 years and younger. More volunteers are always invited to serve with our little ones in this year-round program!

Next Gen Outing to Museum of the Bible on Fri 10/18! Join us for 4,000 years of history and an immersive, personalized experience with the Bible. We will meet at NPC at 9:30am and return at 3pm. Transportation and a box lunch will be provided. Kids and students ages 1st-12th grade are invited to join us without parental supervision; Kindergarten and younger will need 1 parent to join. Final cost is TBD but will be no more than \$15 per person. Sign up to attend through this QR code.



Announcements

Find NPC on Facebook and Instagram for announcements, reminders, and resources!

Youth Covenant Partner Class is TODAY (9/22) in the Parlor following our worship service. What does it mean to be a church *covenant partner*? Membership means that we make promises to care for and pray for one another, to help each other grow, encourage one another into Christ-like living, and to partner together to share God's love with the wider community. Students (6th – 12th Grade) may sign up by emailing Pastor SeongSu. (seongsu@neelsville.org)

We still need donations for *Operation Christmas Child* shoeboxes! Take a donation card from the board in the Narthex and drop off your donation in the red totes. Our first packing party will be next month. Questions? Ask Janna Leigh.

Join us for the 2024 Walk to Defeat ALS THIS Sat 9/28 at Baker Park in Frederick, MD. Check-in begins at 9am and the walk start is 10am. Our NPC team, "Take a Lapp for ALS", was formed in support of our beloved Rodney Lapp who was afflicted with ALS. Join or support our team at supporting our team at <http://web.alsa.org/goto/TakeALapp24> or through this QR code. Contact Lewis Johnston (lejohnston52@gmail.com) or Hugh Smith (hugh3smith@comcast.net)



October Book Club Meeting – Join the Neelsville Book Club in reading *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding during the month of September. We'll meet for a discussion and snacks at the home of Jonathan & Danielle Harris on **Mon 10/7 at 7pm**. Please contact Danielle if you'd like to attend or for more info (dl.hrrs13@gmail.com).

Sunday 10/6 is International Day and Global Communion Sunday! Our worship service will celebrate the diversity and rich heritage of our many nations and multi-ethnic congregation through language and music, knowing that despite our differences, we are united in Jesus Christ. We will also be celebrating the Lord's Supper with congregations all over the world showing forth the grace and power of the Gospel. After worship, join us in the Fellowship Hall for an international lunch. We hope you will bring a dish to share that represents your ancestry. Please contact Gerry Davis for further details (Gerry.davis@outlook.com).

NPC Women and Teens, join us this Fall for a Weekend Retreat, "Discovering the Beauty of Prayer," with speaker and author Nairy Ohanian on **Friday Night and Sat - Oct 11th and 12th** - at our Historic Chapel. Her own mission experience includes over 25+ years living overseas. Cost is \$35. To register, use this QR code or flyer in the Narthex. Contact Cathy Brown at women@neelsville.org with questions.



Financial Update for August 2024

	Income (\$K)		Expenses (\$K)		
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Adjusted *
August 2024	\$ 58 K	\$ 37 K	\$ 75 K	\$ 58 K	\$ 62 K
Year to Date	\$ 480 K	\$437 K	\$ 554 K	\$ 522 K	\$ 553 K

* Includes mortgage principal

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YTD August Expense \$522K exceeds YTD August Income \$437K, by a deficit of \$85K. August Income was \$37K, which was lighter than normal. August Expense was \$58K, which ran a little higher due in part to the final missionary support payments sent out by Global Missions.

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