



# NEELSVILLE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 15, 2024 – 10:45 a.m.

*Glorifying God by being and making disciples of Jesus Christ.*

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## 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?



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**Worship via Facebook Live**

[facebook.com/neelsville](https://facebook.com/neelsville)

**Prelude**

*In the Garden* arr. Hayes

Yi Xu, piano

**Welcome & Announcements**

Pastor SeongSu Hong

(\* = Please stand if you are able)

**\*Call to Worship**

from Psalm 145: 8-10

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**All:** The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

**All:** and all your saints shall bless you!

**\*Hymn**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Perronet/Rippon/Holden

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,

To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

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O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

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## Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

### \*Hymn

### *Come Unto Jesus*

Kauflin/Story/Merker

Come unto Jesus all you who are weary.  
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.  
Here, bring your wounded hearts, broken and needy.  
Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.

Joy of the comfortless, Light for the straying,  
Hope of the penitent, Peace in our strife.  
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying  
My yoke is easy, my burden is light.

*Chorus:* Come unto Jesus. Come unto Jesus.  
Lay down your burdens, He is enough.  
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

Come taste the Bread of Life, broken for sinners.  
Drink from the cup of His promise made sure.  
Feast at His table as sons and as daughters.  
Grace overflowing is yours evermore. (*Chorus*)

Come, now and follow Him, this life forsaking.  
All that was gain, count as nothing but loss.  
Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading.  
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross.  
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross.  
Life everlasting He offers to us.

*Chorus 2:* Come unto Jesus. Come unto Jesus.  
Lay down your burdens, He is enough.  
Come unto Jesus. Come unto Jesus.  
Lay down your burdens, He is enough.  
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love. (*Chorus*)

Come unto Jesus, rest in His love

## **Confession of Sin** (unison)

Merciful and Gracious God, I come this morning desiring that the words I speak and think honor You and bless others. And yet, as I examine the words that I speak to others in my life, I must confess that they were filled with sin. Often my communication challenges Your authority by seeking to take wrongful control over another. I speak words of judgment and condemnation, punishing others with my words. I grumble and complain about the situations and relationships You have ordained for my life. Often my words express sinful anger and jealousy. At times, my speech is manipulative, crafty, misleading, and demanding. Bottom line, my speech more often reflects the evil influence of Satan than Your righteous and good influence. I come this morning seeking Your forgiveness and help. Holy Spirit, empower my speech to reflect a consistent, biblical view of life that encourages others to consider Jesus in all things. Help my speech to be winsome, loving, kind, and reflective of a deeper trust in Jesus. Holy Spirit, search me and change me so that I communicate out of my new heart that You have given me in Jesus Christ. I pray this in the matchless name of Jesus. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Psalm 32: 1-2, 10-11

Leader: Hear the Good News: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit...Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

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

**All:** Thanks be to God!

### **\*Confession of Faith** (unison)

Apostles' Creed

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 and generations.

## **Offertory**

*Behold the Lamb (The Communion Hymn)*

arr. Larson

Chancel Choir

## **\*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 Blessing**

If your children (ages 3 thru 2nd grade) have checked-in for the Worship & Play Zone, they may follow a leader to the Worship & Play Zone after the blessing.

## **Scripture Reading**

Genesis 3: 1-24

See printed insert or last page of the PDF for the scripture passage.

## **Sermon**

*The Fallen Satan Speaks*

Pastor Jeff

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

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.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Words of Institution**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison)

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.

## **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.

## \*Praise Song

*Just As I Am*

Bradbury/Cotrell/Moffitt/Smith

Just as I am without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot.  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*Chorus:* I come broken to be mended. I come wounded to be healed.  
I come desperate to be rescued. I come empty to be filled.  
I come guilty to be pardoned, by the blood of Christ, the Lamb.  
And I'm welcomed with open arms, praise God, just as I am.

Just as I am I would be lost, but mercy and grace my freedom bought.  
And now to glory in Your cross, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. (*Chorus 2x*)

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## Charge and Benediction

### \*Postlude

*Song for the Nations* arr. Hayes

Yi Xu

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## 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](mailto:office@neelsville.org)



## **Meditations during the Lord's Supper**

NPC welcomes all Christians, who profess faith in Jesus Christ for their salvation, who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaim the gospel and are at peace with God and neighbor (1 Cor. 11:17, Matt. 5:21-26) to participate and to receive Communion. If you are unable to receive Lord's Supper today, we welcome you to reflect on one of the following prayers.

### **Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth**

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### **Prayer of Belief**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin**

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and that I may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

### **Prayer of Commitment**

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

**Our Words Matter:**  
**Getting to the Heart of our Communication Issues**

**Sermon Notes:**

*The Fallen Satan Speaks*

Genesis 3:1-24

- Satan the Great Deceiver Speaks (Gen. 3:1-7)
  - He challenges God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - He challenges God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We have an \_\_\_\_\_ problem.
  - We have an \_\_\_\_\_ problem.
- The Great Deceiver Evilily Influences Us (Gen. 3:8-13)
  - We have a \_\_\_\_\_problem. (James 3:3-13)
    - We lie to one another and to God.
    - We accuse and blame one another and God.
    - We are in a spiritual battle. (Eph. 6:10-12)
- The Greatest Hope Provides Power and Grace (Eph. 6:14, 17:2 Cor. 12:9)

**Next Week: *King Jesus Speaks (John 1:1-18)***

**\*\*\*Small Groups Start This Week 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 will begin this week and end the week of 10/27 (a 7-week study) and 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:cdw6@msn.com))
  - *Understanding and Reaching Our Next Generation* led by Pastor SeongSu in the Fellowship Hall ([seongsu@neelsville.org](mailto:seongsu@neelsville.org))
- **Sunday 7:00pm** – Online – *Intro to the Hebrew Bible* led by Craig Wilson and others. ([cdw6@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!



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## Next Generation Ministry

**Neelsville Kids** (Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
[kids@neelsville.org](mailto:kids@neelsville.org)

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

**NPC Students** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
[students@neelsville.org](mailto:students@neelsville.org)

- **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!

**Youth Covenant Partner Class NEXT Sunday (9/22) 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 (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade) may sign up by emailing Pastor SeongSu. ([seongsu@neelsville.org](mailto:seongsu@neelsville.org))

## Announcements

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

**Please attend a Congregational Meeting after worship TODAY.** We will elect our new Officers for 2025 and consider a proposal to provide Pastor SeongSu with voice and vote at Session meetings, in his new role as Assistant Pastor. Read our officer candidate bios through this QR code or pick up a paper copy in the Narthex.



**Also, please stay TODAY for an “Old Fashioned Church Picnic!” This will be following today’s worship service & short congregational meeting.** We’ll have games, plenty of food, and a dunk tank for Pastor Jeff and Pastor Seongsu! See you and our neighbors there!

**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.

**MomCo is starting a new year soon at NPC!** While the name has changed from MOPS, the goal remains the same: to offer mothers of young children a space to grow in relationship with one another and with Jesus. All moms of newborn to age 5 are welcome to join! Also, childcare volunteers are needed for the biweekly meetings. If interested, please complete the form through the QR code here. Contact Danielle Harris at [dl.hrrs13@gmail.com](mailto:dl.hrrs13@gmail.com) for more info.



**Join us for the 2024 Walk to Defeat ALS on 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. You may use this QR code to support our team. Contact Lewis Johnston ([lejohnston52@gmail.com](mailto:lejohnston52@gmail.com)) or Hugh Smith ([hugh3smith@comcast.net](mailto:hugh3smith@comcast.net))



**You can reach the world through a new ESOL Bible Study!** We would like to start a Bible Study immediately after ESOL classes on Saturdays from 11am-12pm beginning 10/5. We are hoping that God will provide helpers to take turns teaching twice a month for one hour. Would you consider being one of these people? Materials are provided. Contact Joanne Wilson at [joannelwilson@gmail.com](mailto:joannelwilson@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:dl.hrrs13@gmail.com)).

## More Announcements

**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](mailto:women@neelsville.org) with questions.



**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 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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.



**You can prayerfully give your tithes & offerings** at [www.neelsville.org/give](http://www.neelsville.org/give) or by texting GIVE to 240-451-8511. Scan the QR code for more details.



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<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup> And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup> He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup> The Lord God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

<sup>16</sup> To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.”

<sup>17</sup> And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

<sup>20</sup> The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup> And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

<sup>22</sup> Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” <sup>23</sup> therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. <sup>24</sup> He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.