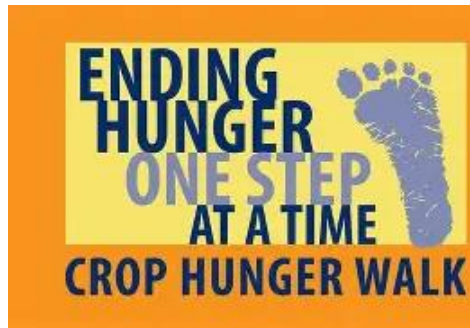




 Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church
October 12, 2025 WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

Vision Statement

Be Christ's Hands, Feet, and Voice on Earth

Mission Statement

We are a Christ-centered community.

In joyful response to Christ's love, we worship God, nurture
disciples, accept all as God's children,

and reach out in love and service to further the Kingdom of God.

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VISITOR SIGN IN



THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

October 12, 2025

11:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE	Great Are You Lord	arr.
McDonald		

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Paul

THE INTROIT	It's Time to Praise the Lord	Borneman
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CALL TO WORSHIP Kate Berry

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

People: sing the glory of God's name; give God glorious praise.

Leader: Say to God:

People: **How awesome are your deeds!**

Leader: Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

People: All

People: All the

earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to
your name. Leader: Come

Leader: Come and

see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among
mortals. **People:** **The fear of the**

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Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have understanding. God's praise endures forever.

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forever.**

*OPENING HYMN # 614 Great Are You Lord

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Kate Berry

God of power and might, you show us the wisdom of humility, reveal the healing you have in store, and bless us in our working and planting. Release your Word within us, that we may live brimming with gratitude for the full, abundant life Christ gives to all. Amen.

(Let us take a moment for our silent confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORY TO GOD #582 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

HEARING GOD’S WORD

CELEBRATION WITH CHILDREN	Rev. Lori Bass-Riley
#188 (vs 1) Jesus Loves Me	

SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 15:1-7	Kate Berry
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ANTHEM	By Faith	arr. Larson
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SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 14:7-14	Rev. Paul
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SERMON	It’s Not About Perfection, but Direction	Rev.
Paul		

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***SERMON HYMN # 757 Together We Serve**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS	Joshua Kenst
(Please mention first names only)	

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts)

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE	Joshua Kenst
Please continue to give to NPC by check or by texting 855-287-7898. The text should be the amount of your donation. Please visit the GIVE Section of the NPC website or email giving@newlonsburgchurch.org with any questions.	

Call for the Offering		
Offertory	Interlude XX	Murray
*Doxology		
*Prayer of Dedication		

CARRYING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN # 742 We Will Walk With God (sing twice)**

*CLOSING RESPONSE

May the light of God shine on us today (repeat)
May it show us where to travel, lead us back if we should stray
May the light of God shine on us today and everyday

POSTLUDE

Declamation

Martin

SERMON NOTES

1. Winning at all costs seems to be the current American culture.
2. What is winning according to Jesus Christ?
3. Loving your life comes from knowing your worth. Authentic faith results in integrity. Faith and action become one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CROP HUNGER WALK TODAY'S THE DAY! The 46th annual Church World Service Murrysville CROP Hunger Walk will be held in person this afternoon on the Westmoreland Heritage Trail, beginning and ending at the Duff Park shelter off School Road South. It's not too late to join the NPC team in the Walk this afternoon. In-person registration begins at 1:00 PM at the shelter, with the Walk beginning at approximately 1:30 PM. A short water and rest stop will be provided at the Walk midpoint near the Murrysville Community Center. Estimated walk time is 1½ hours. It's also not too late to contribute to one of our NPC team walkers. Contributions will continue to be received for the next 2 weeks. To join the NPC team or make a secure contribution, please use the QR code below, or go to:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/newlonsburg-presbyterian-church>



Many thanks to everyone who has already supported this year's Walk and those who will be walking this afternoon. Together we'll be "ending hunger, one step at a time."

INTERESTED IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP? So many in our church family are grieving lost loved ones. Care of Members is exploring the possibility of offering a GriefShare support group if members would be interested. This 13-week support group program includes a weekly video featuring respected experts on grief-related topics and helpful stories from people who have experienced loss. This is followed by a discussion by group members about what was presented in the video and what is going on in their lives. If you think you could benefit from a GriefShare support group, please email lauren.babich@gmail.com or call the church office (724-327-0061) to let them know. Note: if you emailed the careofmembers@newlonsburgchurch.org with your interest, that address has been deactivated, so please resend your email to Lauren Babich.

EMERGENCY MEALS AVAILABLE: If you or someone in our church family is facing a short-term challenge that makes it hard to prepare meals, we'd love to help. Emergency meals are available for anyone in need. Please reach out to Pastor Travis, Pastor Curtis, or Carol Byers (412-841-5508) to let us know how we can support you.

SEEKING MINTEC SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: We are looking for a few more folks to serve as MINTEC Sunday School teachers on a rotating basis for the coming year. The lessons and other materials will be provided; all we ask is that you have current child-protection clearances on file with the church office. If you are willing to be part of this fulfilling, long-time ministry, or would like to know more, please contact Travis, either by phone in the church office (724-327-0061) or email (travis.webster@comcast.net). Thank you!

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY: The world can be a place of great conflict. Yet through the Prince of Peace, even the deepest divisions can be repaired. Your gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering (formerly the Peacemaking Offering) supports programs that restore communities through peacemaking and reconciliation. This Presbyterian Church - USA offering

supports the efforts of Presbyterians through their congregations, presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly to work for peace by tearing down walls of hostility. We will join others in our denomination in taking a special Peace & Global Witness Offering on Sunday, October 19th. Of the total contributed, 25% is used each year for a project selected by the NPC Outreach Ministry. This year those funds will be sent for relief in South Sudan. When you give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering your true gift is the peace of Christ, for all of God's children. With each gift, we can begin to create a world of peace – together. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. Please see today's bulletin insert for more information.

WOMEN'S FALL BREAKFAST: Come enjoy a morning of food, fellowship, and spiritual refreshment at our Women's Fall Breakfast on Saturday, October 25th, at 9:30am-11:30am. We will welcome Lori Bass-Riley, our new Director of Children and Family Ministries, as our speaker. Ages 13+ welcome. Bring a friend or two! You can sign up on the church sign-up boards or through Realm.

Thanks in advance to our Women's Fall Breakfast Chairs (Linda Gossar-Loesch & Diane Sciallo) and Team Members: Kim Anderson, Debbie Andrachek, Don & Darlene Blansett, Brian Boyd, Lori Brickner, Dreama Delmar, Bob Dippolito, Shauna Franz, Rhonda Johnston, John Kaye, David & Michelle Lint, Maddy Lint, Todd & Lindsay Lippman, Kaitlyn Lippman, Mark Loesch, Michael & Connie Lowe, Michelle McAllister, Jon & Kate Moerdyk, David & Lynne O'Connor, Maryann Roberts, Joe & Jessica Phillips, Walter & Joelle Pitts, John & Leanne Salava, Joshua Salava, Hope Schilling, Frank Sciallo, Mary Ann Roberts, Doug Jones.

FALL FESTIVAL TRUNK OR TREAT SIGN UPS

October 26 3pm-5pm will be our Trunk or Treat Fall Festival in our church parking lot! This is a celebration of fall and an outreach to our wider community! Sign up to volunteer, to give out treats from your car trunk, or if your child will be participating by collecting candy! There will be pumpkin decorating/carving, games, and Kona Ice! Use the QR code or sign up after worship. Questions? Contact Pastor Lori 412-737-1412



ALL SAINTS DAY: As described in the most recent edition of the Good Newlonsburg, our Sunday service on October 26th will include a celebration of All Saints Day. Those of our members who have died between October, 2024, through September, 2025, will be honored during the special "Act of remembrance" with the reading of each name, followed by the lighting of a candle and the ringing of a bell, along with liturgy reflective of the theme of remembrance. Each honoree's picture will also appear in the bulletin. Please join us on line or in person, for this service of grateful celebration of our Newlonsburg "saints."

PUZZLES & PIZZA NIGHT: Calling all puzzlers age 9 to 90! Join us for some puzzling fun on Wednesday, 10/29/25 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Competition begins at 6:15pm sharp, so don't be late! Assemble your own team of 2-4 people or come solo and join some fellow puzzlers for a friendly jigsaw puzzle race. Each adult team will tackle a 500-piece puzzle and each youth team will complete a 300-piece puzzle. Pizza will be served! Bring a snack or dessert to share and invite your friends. Sign up online through our Fellowship Event Sign-up Form.

FALL WORK PARTY (CLEAN UP DAY): will take place November 1st starting at 8AM. All are welcome to come and help!

BOY SCOUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Come to the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, 11/15/25 between 8am and 12pm for Boy Scout Troop 205's Pancake Breakfast in honor of local Veterans. Veterans and children 3 and under eat free. Tickets are available at the door or from any member of Troop 205 (\$10 for Adults, \$5 for Kids ages 4-10). This event is open to everyone in the community.

FUTURE EVENTS: Save the dates for these other events so you don't miss out on the fun.

- Hoss's Lunch on Sunday, 11/9/25 after the 11am service
- Advent Dinner on Sunday, 12/7/25 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall
- Christmas Caroling & Celebration on **SATURDAY** (yes, Saturday), 12/20/25 at 3pm. It's worth scheduling your other holiday celebrations around this if you can!



DONATION STATEMENTS WERE SENT OUT FOR

GIVING FROM JANUARY THROUGH AUGUST, 2025: They will be either emailed or sent out via USPS for those not using email. If you have any questions please contact Ginny Rygg (412-491-7937) or Lindsey Berk (412-559-7862). You can also check your giving through REALM. As always, thanks for your continued generosity.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY: Thank you to all those who give in gratitude for what God has given to us. As of the end of September 2025:

	Common Good+	Special Gifts *
Giving for Month	\$ 38,899	\$ 14,549

Year to Date Giving	\$445,050	\$ 184,833
Year to Date Spending Budget	\$ 503,161	Not Applicable
Year to Date Spending Actual	\$ 475,669	\$ 168,928

+ Common Good giving includes offerings, short-term investment interest and facility usage.

*Special gifts include Haiti Kids support, Hunger Offerings, Youth Fund-Raising, Legacy Endowment Fund Gifts, 2025 Property Improvements, Reserve Account giving, Memorial Gifts, and others.

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE: Please continue to give to NPC by check or text "Newlonsburg" to 73256. Please visit www.newlonsburgchurch.org/give to give online or email npcgiving@gmail.com with any questions.

JOIN REALM: NPC is rolling out Realm as a new church management system. This system provides better donation tracking and accounting programs while giving NPC expanded management capabilities and resources for events, volunteer scheduling, small groups, etc., (and it is a cost savings to NPC!) **Realm Logins :** Everyone should have received an email invitation from Realm to join Realm. You can use the link in the email to sign into the system and create a password. This will give you access to your profile’s basic information and your giving information.

If you did not receive an email (perhaps it went to spam, your email wasn't in the church system, etc.), you can request a Realm login
<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/Account/Start>

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please have all articles for the bulletin to the church office no later than Wednesday at noon. your appetite! You can enjoy lunch and vote on your favorite dishes. Cook-off will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 service on Sunday, September 28th. Sign-up sheet coming soon!

Generosity In Action- Property Improvements

Thanks to the generosity of over 75 families and individuals, our church has completed the parking lot and replaced the sign—key achievements in the 2025 Property Improvements Projects. Though we initially fell short of our goal by September 30th, a family's subsequent commitment ensured we reached it, allowing us to proceed with the new Common Ground HVAC.

Your support not only honors our history but also secures our future, continuing the legacy of previous generations. We are grateful for your ongoing faith and contributions. May Christ's grace and peace be with you as we build an inclusive, loving church together. Session & Leadership Team

PINE SPRINGS PRESENTS

THE BIG ONE

OCTOBER 17-19

Scan to register



THIS WEEK AT NPC

Sunday October 12	8:30 AM	Worship – Arc Patio
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
		Crop Hunger Walk
Monday October 13	2 – 9:30 PM	208 - Sanctuary
	3:30 PM- 8:00 PM	Music Academy- Room 101
	4:00 PM- 6:30 PM	Music Academy- Room 102/103
	4:30 – 7:30 PM	Music Academy – Rooms 202/203
	5:00 PM- 8:30 PM	Music Academy- Room 201
	7:30 PM- 8:30 PM	Music Academy- Sanctuary
	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Boy Scouts – Rooms 104, 106, ARC
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Deacons - Gathering Place
Tuesday October 14	8:30 – 9:30 AM	Men’s Breakfast – Dicks Diner
	11:00 AM	Leadership Programming
	1:00 - 3:00	Crochet Group - Gathering Place
	1:15 PM	Leadership Meeting – Offsite
	2:00 – 3:30 PM	Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	3:00 - 4:45 PM	RAM - Arc
	2:30 PM- 3:30 PM	Music Academy- 208
	3:00 PM	Music Academy – Rooms 101, 102, 103, 201, Nursery
	3:30 PM- 7:30 PM	Music Academy- 202/203
	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Security Team Meeting - Gathering Place
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Outreach - 205
	7:00 – 9:00 PM	NA – Common Ground
Wednesday October 15	8:30 AM	Women’s Breakfast
	10:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Along the Way Church History Class - Gathering Place
	3:00 PM	Music Academy – Rooms 101- 103, 201, 208, Nursery
	6:00 - 7:30 PM	Youth Group/Club 45 - Fellowship Hall, Arc, Common Ground
	6:00 - 7:30 PM	Girl Scouts - 204
	7:00 - 9:00	Stephen Ministry - Gathering Place
Thursday October 16	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Music Academy
	3:00 - 4:45 PM	Ram - Arc
	4:30 - 7:00 PM	Mintec - Common Ground/Arc
	5:30 - 6:15 PM	Beginning Bells - Choir Room
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	NO PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL
	6:15 - 7:15 PM	Bell Choir - Choir Room
	7:30 -8:30 PM	Choir Practice - Choir Room
	8:30 PM-9:30 PM	Music Academy- Sanctuary
Friday October 17	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Music Academy - 101/102
	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Quilters - Fellowship Hall
Saturday October 18	8:30- 9:30 AM	Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground
Sunday October 19	8:30 AM	Worship - Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary

NEWLONSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Curtis Lane Paul II, Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Travis A. Webster, Associate Pastor

Matt Klumpp, Music Director & Organist

Bettie Jarosz, Choir & Bell Director

The Rev. Lori Bass-Riley, Director of Children and Family Ministries

Joshua Kenst, Youth Director
Jennifer Wagner, Office Manager
Rachel Oates, Interim Office Manager
Leanne Salava, Treasurer

BOARD OF DEACONS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Emily Bondi, Ushers, '26

Debbie Carlson, Baptism Books and Newborn Roses/Affirmation Liaison, '26

Natalie Bollinger, Childcare, '27

Kathy Groll, Flowers/Reminder Cards, '25

Bruce Hanington, Counters, '27

Tyler Hanchey, At-Large, '26

Matthew Hand, Coffee and Doughnuts/Vice Moderator '26

Lois Nesbitt, HOPE/COM Liaison, '25

Jim Scriven, Moderator/Liaison to Nominating Committee, '25

Larry Stoken, Correspondence Cards, '25

Lori Novak, Secretary, '27

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Amanda Neely, '26

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Lindsay Lippman, '26

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Beth Ehrlich, Chair, '25

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Ken Bird, Chair, '25

Lindsey Berk, '27

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Michael Rhoades, '26

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Rhonda Johnston, Chair, '26

Angel Stahl, '27

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Susan Keaney