



 Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW
October 26, 2025

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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The Rev. Curtis L. Paul II, Pastor

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

VISITOR SIGN IN



THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

October 26, 2025

11:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE Festival on "Sine Nomine" Aber

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev.
Webster

THE INTROIT Don't You Know? Borneman

CALL TO WORSHIP Alyssa Kemerer

Leader: You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name
of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

People: God's people shall never again be put to shame.

Leader: O you who answers prayer! To you all flesh shall come. When
deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our
transgressions.

People: God's people shall never again be put to shame.

Leader: You water the furrows of the fields abundantly, the pastures
of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy.

People: God's people shall never again be put to shame.

Leader: The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through
me the message might be fully proclaimed and all might hear
it.

People: God's people shall never again be put to shame.

Leader: All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble
themselves will be exalted.

People: God's people shall never again be put to shame.

*OPENING HYMN # 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Alyssa Kemerer

**Holy God, you look with blessing on humble hearts and with mercy on
those who serve your heavenly kingdom. Grant us visions of your
kingdom and the fortitude to work for it, today and every day. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON	Alyssa Kemerer
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***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
#188 (vs 1) Jesus Loves Me

SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 4:7-14	Alyssa Kemerer
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ANTHEM	Only God	McDonald
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SCRIPTURE LESSON	Daniel 7:1-8, 15-18	Rev. Webster
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SERMON	Stepping Into the Ocean	Rev.
Webster		

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***SERMON HYMN # 840 Peace Like a River**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS (Please mention first names only)	Rev. Paul
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts)

ACT OF SOLEMN REMEMBRANCE

Rev. Webster: God of our mothers and fathers, our sisters and brothers in faith, today we gather to our hearts all those who have influenced our lives with their love. Although they have passed to eternal life, their lives continue to affect who we are and what we do. Like the sound of a bell resounding in the welcoming air, so the goodness of these holy ones resonates in our lives. Thank you for these loved ones and the communion we have with them that death cannot destroy, the life they live with you that earth cannot contain. In Christ, our risen Lord, we pray. Amen.

Rev. Paul: Listen now as we remember those members of Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church who have entered their eternal home during the past year. A bell will be rung and a candle lit after each name to remind us of how their lives resonate in and illumine our lives. An additional bell will be rung for others who have touched our lives in significant ways and now rest from their labors.

At this time, church members who have died in the past year will be named. Then people are invited to come forward and light a candle for someone they wish to remember at this All Saints Day celebration.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Rev. Webster: Anyone is invited to make their way to the communion table area to light a votive candle for a loved one. Come by way of the SIDE aisles and proceed to the front tables where the votive candles are set out. Please light those farthest from you first. Take a wooden match stick out of the bowl of sand. Light it from the pillar candle nearby and then light your candle. Return the stick to the sand. The sand will extinguish it. Return to your seat by the center aisle. If this would be difficult for you, please ask a pew neighbor to light a candle for you. All the candles together will form a picture of the communion of saints who cheer the race of our earthly days.

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

“We Remember Them” (author unknown)

Rev. Webster: At the rising of the sun and at its going down,

People: We remember them.

Rev. Paul: At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

People: We remember them.

Rev. Webster: At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,

People: We remember them.

Rev. Paul: At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer,

People: We remember them.

Rev. Webster: At the rustling of the leaves and the beauty of autumn,

People: We remember them.

Rev. Paul: At the beginning of the year and when it ends,

People: We remember them.

Rev. Webster: As long as we live, they will live; as they are now part of us.

People: We remember them.

Rev. Paul: When we are weary and in need of strength,

People: We remember them.

Rev. Webster: When we are lost and sick at heart,

People: We remember them.

Rev. Paul: When we have joys we yearn to share,

People: We remember them.

Rev. Webster: When we have decisions that are difficult to make,

People: We remember them.

Rev. Paul: When we have achievements that are based on theirs,

People: We remember them.

ALL: As long as we live, they too shall live.

For they are a part of us, as we remember them.

Rev. Webster: Let us pray:

People: We give you thanks, O God our Father, for all those who have died in the faith of Jesus Christ; for the memory of their words and deeds and all they accomplished in their time; for the joyful hope of reunion with them in the world to come; and for our communion with them now in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Rev. Paul

Please continue to give to NPC by check or by texting "Newlonsburg" to 73256. Please visit www.newlonsburgchurch.org/give to give online or email giving@newlonsburgchurch.org with any questions.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Seek Ye First

Lafferty, arr.

Thompson

The Bell Choir

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Alyssa Kemerer

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

326 For All the Saints

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Webster

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*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

Joshua Fit the Battle

arr. Thompson

The Bell Choir

DID YOU WANT TO TAKE THE CANDLE REMEMBERING SOMEONE

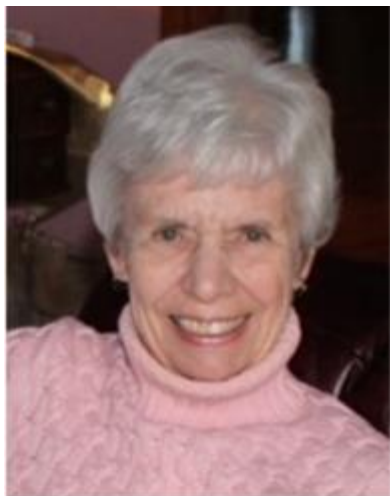
TODAY? You are invited to take the taper lit for a church member (but not the candlestick) or the votive lit for someone special to you. Please let the wax harden before you remove one.



Phyllis Weiland 10-4-24



Joe Powell 11-1-24



Sandy Markley 11-17-24



John Henry Von Hollen 12-21-24



Robert Quigley 11-28-24



Paul Boget 12-24-24



LaDorna Stephens 2-12-25



Tyrone Radcliff 3-10-25



Kristie Paulson 3-22-25



Jennifer Boget 4-2-25



Charlene Word 6-26-25



Graham Whitlow 7-20-25



Gregg Neavin 7-31-25



Bill Weir 8-4-25



Jo Ann Paul 8-8-25



Ellen McKee 8-30-25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Given by Jan Rehwald in memory of her parents Virginia and Philip Elson.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: A new member class will be held next Sunday, November 2nd from 12:30 - 2:00. The second session is Sunday November 9th from 12:30 - 2:00. Light refreshments will be provided. The class will also be held virtually via Zoom. Please reach out to Kate Montgomery, Rachel Oates, or one of the pastors if you are interested to learn more. Hope to see you then!

REALM PRIVACY CHANGE EMAIL ALERT: During early November, you may receive an email(s) alerting you that your privacy settings were changed in Realm. This notification will likely be auto-generated by the system as we update the Realm online directory to match the NPC printed directory. Your information is secure. No private personal or financial information will be compromised while updating the directory. The privacy change just means that the same information you currently share in the print directory will be shared only with other members in the online directory. If you have any questions, please email realm@newlonsburgchurch.org.

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. TODAY (10/26) is your last chance to sign up...please text or call Lauren Babich at 617-699-3990 if you want to join us.

2025 SMALL-GROUP ADVENT STUDY – *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem*: The journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem was one that changed the world, as the events that led to Jesus' birth into the world unfolded in time and space, involving everyday people called into extraordinary circumstances. Using *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem*, we will travel with author and pastor Adam Hamilton as he uses historical information, archaeological discoveries, and personal effort to explore where these events took place.

This five-week course will have two sections for adults and one for youth in the weeks leading up to Christmas. The adult sections will be led by Curtis Paul on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45am (Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21) and Travis Webster on Monday afternoons from 5:30-6:30pm (Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 8, 15, 22), and the youth section will be led by Joshua Kenst, also on Monday afternoons from 5:30-6:30pm (Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 8, 15, 22).

If you would like to take part, books are \$13 each. You can register using the following links: [Monday Afternoon Adult Session](#) (Travis), [Monday Afternoon Youth Session](#) (Joshua Kenst), [Sunday Morning Adult Session](#) (Curtis). You can

also call (724-327-0061) or email (travis.webster@comcast.net) Travis if you're interested. A Zoom option will be available for the Monday afternoon adult session. Please register by 5pm on Tuesday, Nov. 4, so we can get books on time.

SHOE DRIVE CONCLUSION + THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who donated to the Cross Country Shoe Drive this year! Thanks to your donations, we managed to exceed our goal of 2,500 pairs by over 60%. Over 4,100 pairs (~5150 lbs) were diverted from landfills and closets and created \$37,300 of economic opportunity worldwide. This should help 4 families in underdeveloped nations with a year's worth of consistent and quality food, housing, and education, while also raising over \$2,100 for Loaves and Fishes Emergency Food Pantry.

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.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS COMING TO NPC SOON: The Monroeville meeting of Overeaters Anonymous (OA) will be relocating to Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church in January 2026. Weekly meetings of OA will be held in the Gathering Place on Saturdays, 10am-11am beginning Saturday, January 3rd. OA is a fellowship of people who share the common problem of compulsive overeating and compulsive food behaviors. Members seek recovery by addressing the physical, emotional, and spiritual dimensions of compulsive overeating through a Twelve Step program patterned after that of Alcoholics Anonymous. Newcomers are welcome. There are no dues or fees for membership. OA is not affiliated with any public or private organization, political movement, ideology, or religious doctrine. You can learn more at oa.org or contact Carol C at 412-856-8531 (no texts) or Nettie S at 412-841-7016 (accepts texts).

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

HOSS'S LUNCH: Enjoy a nice lunch immediately after the second service with a group of fellow NPC'ers on Sunday, 11/9/25 at Hoss's Steak & Sea House. Please sign up on Realm or the sign-up sheet before the 11am service begins so we know how many seats to reserve.

CANTATA REHEARSALS BEGIN SOON: Please consider singing for the cantata, "The Road to Bethlehem", on Dec. 14th @ both services. There will be 4 rehearsals (two before Thanksgiving on 11/13 & 11/20 and two after on 12/4 &

12/11). Rehearsals start @ 7:30 pm and last for 1 hour. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend, neighbor or family member and create a very special memory. How much music should Bettie order? Let her know of your intent @ bjarosz5678@yahoo.com so your copy will be waiting for you. Fa, la, la!

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.

- 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.

2026 GIVING ENVELOPES: The giving envelopes for 2026 will be put in the hall on the table near the office on Friday, October 31st. Please pick them up at

your earliest convenience and let Ginny Rygg (412-491-7937) know if you no longer need envelopes. As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

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.

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

THIS WEEK AT NPC

Sunday October 26	8:30 AM	Worship – Arc Patio
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday October 27	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
Tuesday October 28	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
	7:00 – 9:00 PM	NA – Common Ground
Wednesday October 29	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 - 9:00 PM	Pizza & Puzzle Night - Fellowship Hall
Thursday October 30	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Music Academy
	3:00 - 4:45 PM	Ram - Arc
	5:30 - 6:15 PM	Beginning Bells - Choir Room
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall
	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 31	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Music Academy - 101/102
	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Quilters - Fellowship Hall
Saturday November 1	8:30- 9:30 AM	Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205
	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Fall Work Day
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground
Sunday November 2	8:30 AM	Worship - Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	12:30 - 2:00 PM	New Member Class - Gathering Place

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

ELDERS OF SESSION BY MINISTRY

Affirmation

Kate Moerdyk, Chair, '25
Amanda Neely, '26

Care of Members

Lauren Babich, Chair, '25
Lindsay Lippman, '26

Equipping

Beth Ehrlich, Chair, '25

Finance

Ken Bird, Chair, '25
Lindsey Berk, '27

Human Resources

Jan Hill, Chair, '26

New Member Evangelism

Kate Montgomery, Chair, '27
Rachel Oates, '25

Outreach

Susan Keaney, Chair, '25

Property

Robin Pokrzywinski, Chair, '27
Michael Rhoades, '26

Communications

Rhonda Johnston, Chair, '26
Angel Stahl, '27

Clerk of Session

Susan Keaney

