



 Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW
October 5, 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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VISITOR SIGN IN



THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE O Word of God Incarnate Kolodziej

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Paul

THE INTROIT We Gather Here Leech

CALL TO WORSHIP Debbie Carlson

Leader: Through desolation and weeping, through bitterness and fear,

 through anguish and suffering, through destruction and violence, this we will remember:

People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is God's faithfulness.

Leader: So we will not despair, we will keep hope alive.

People: The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in God.

 Leader: Trust in the Lord, and do good; take delight in the Lord,

People:

Commit your way to the Lord; trust God, who will act.

*OPENING HYMN # 401 Here In This Place

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Debbie Carlson

God of grace, mercy, and peace, through the trials and tribulations of life, many burdens fill our souls with strife. Instill in us sincere faith and grant us a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline, that we may worship with humility and steadfast trust and respond to your holy calling, according to your will. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Debbie Carlson

***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

Rev. Lori Bass - Riley

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:16-17

Debbie Carlson

ANTHEM
Althouse

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 11:35-36

Pastor Evens Solomon

SERMON “God Does Everything, Above All, for His Glory” Pastor Evens Solomon

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*SERMON HYMN # 510 We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name

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

Rev. Webster

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving The Lord’s Prayer Pg. 35 (Debts)

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after the meal

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

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE
Webster

Rev.

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 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

Kolodziej

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 852 When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

*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

A Trumpet Call

Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNION SERVERS: Deacons Debbie Carlson and Tyler Hanchey.

FLOWERS: Given by Jan Hill in remembrance of Tom Hill and a life well lived.

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL MEANS MORE LAUNDRY: Please help up provide laundry detergent to the Westmoreland County distribution at Mother of Sorrows in October. This is our 10th year to add this high-cost item to the monthly food given out to local families in need of support. Place the detergent in the narthex. We need 200, so please be generous. (You always are!!) BLESSINGS! Outreach Ministry

THE NPC CROP HUNGER WALK TEAM NEEDS YOU! This year's Church World Service Murrysville CROP Hunger Walk will be held just one week from today on Sunday, October 12. Our NPC team is still signing up walkers – AND requesting donations. We'll be walking in person again this year on the Westmoreland Heritage Trail. It's easy to join our team – OR to contribute to a team member or to the team in general. The Walk will begin at approximately 1:30 PM. REMEMBER – we walk Rain or Shine! To join the NPC team or make a contribution, please use this QR code or go to:

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



Just scroll down below the initial “End Hunger” Walk goal graphic to the blue rectangular button that reads “Join the Team.” There is another larger blue button in the middle of this main page, as well. (Although online will be our primary method, in-person registration will be available at the beginning of the Walk on October 12.) Secure donations may also be made on this same webpage. Just use the orange buttons that read “Donate Now”. The Walk route will continue to be an approximate total of 3.5 miles (5 kilometers). The estimated walk time will be about 1.5 hours. The Walk will begin and end at the Duff Park shelter at the park entrance off School Road South, with a water stop at the Walk midpoint near the Murrysville Community Center. For more information, please contact Roger Schneider at rogerls@comcast.net or during the day or evening at 412-613-8470.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING TO BE TAKEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19:

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 19. 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.

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 speaker, Lori Bass-Riley, our new Director of Children and Family Ministries. 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 Scullo) and Team Members: Kim Anderson, Debbie Andrachek, Don & Darlene Blansett, Brian Boyd, Lori Brickner, Dreama Delmar, Bob Dippolito, Alex & Julie Gebrosky, Rhonda Johnston, John Kaye, David & Michelle Lint, Todd & Lindsay Lippman, Kaitlyn Lippman, Mark Loesch, Michael & Connie Lowe, Chris & Sybil Marshall, Abbygayle Marshall, Darlene Matta, Michelle McAllister, Jon & Kate Moerdyk, David & Lynne O'Connor, Joe & Jessica Phillips, Walter & Joelle Pitts, John & Leanne Salava, Hope Schilling, Frank Scullo.

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!

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 WILL BE 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.

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>

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.

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!

April 2025 marked the 41st anniversary of the Lacroix New Testament Mission, which prompted me to begin some deep reflections. I want to talk about how God called Pastor Pierre into the ministry, and in particular how He asked him to return to Haiti from the Turks and Caicos Islands, where he had immigrated at a very young age. Despite the pressure and opposition of his adoptive mother, he chose to be disowned by her, obeying the voice of God speaking to him. When he returned to Haiti, he arrived in a place he'd never known before, which was so miserable it didn't even have water. That place was LaCroix. He asked God if this wasn't a mistake. Because he couldn't leave the country he'd come from, where he'd started making uniforms for the police force in that country and was earning a good salary, to come and live in a place where there wasn't even any water. God said to him: "YES, YES, YES, THIS IS WHERE I NEED YOU". This was in 1975.

Later In 1984 the ministry started with just 70 children in a humble school. Now over 3,500 students across 7 schools today, we have witnessed God's miraculous provision and your generous support every step of the way. The churches, clinics, and professional training programs are all living testimonies of what happens because PP said "Yes" to God's call.

Thank you for standing with us, praying with us, and giving so faithfully. Because of you, lives are being transformed, futures are being shaped, and communities are being renewed.

May the Lord continue to bless all of you richly for the seeds you've sown into this ministry!



Ways you can help La Croix New Testament Mission **NOW.**

As many of you know, the La Croix New Testament Mission has always stood for hope, education and the transformation of life. **And you've been a part of that story – a story of change.**

Security issues are an overarching concern every day in every Haitian community. People have had to make difficult choices as they live day to day. The mission does all it can to assist, and when you make a donation in one of the following ways, you make their lives better.

Community Food Distribution – Now more than ever, due to the danger posed by gang members targeting people traveling to and from markets, La Croix's food distribution is a vital lifeline for the disabled, children and their families and the elderly. Any donations you make to this ongoing fund will be used to feed hungry people.



Expansion of the Cafeteria – The good news is that there are many students attending school at La Croix New Testament Mission. A big part of the school day is the hot meal that is received. This has led to a need for more cafeteria space! A project has been developed that extends the cafeteria building and the top floors so that more students can be served. If you would like to help build the cafeteria expansion, please donate to the effort.



Higher Education Fund – This past academic year 16 students passed their exams and graduated from La Croix New Testament Mission. What is next for them? Most graduates are unable to pay for further education. Through the Higher Education Fund, promising students have the opportunity to continue their education. Please consider donating to the Higher Education Fund.

Microloan – Help and empower women by investing in small loans that are repaid on a schedule. With the help of the microloan, these entrepreneurs can

grow a successful small business while learning responsibility and building credibility.



If you would like to contribute to **ANY** of the efforts listed above, donations can be made to: Friends of Haiti PO Box 1441 McMurray, PA 15317

*Please designate what your contribution should fund. **THANK YOU.***

PINE SPRINGS PRESENTS

THE BIG ONE

OCTOBER 17-19

Scan to register



THIS WEEK AT NPC

Sunday October 5	8:30 AM	Worship – Arc Patio
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday October 6	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	Matthew 25 - Gathering Place
Tuesday October 7	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
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Executive Meeting - Gathering Place
		Committee Meetings - Fellowship Hall, Gathering Place, 104, 106, 204, 205, 206
	7 – 9:00 PM	NA – Common Ground
Wednesday October 8	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
Thursday October 9	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 10	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Music Academy - 101/102
Saturday October 11	8:30 - 10:30 AM	Men’s Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
	8:30- 9:30 AM	Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground
Sunday October 12	8:30 AM	Worship - Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
		Crop Hunger Walk

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

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