



Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church

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November 2, 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

November 2, 2025

11:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Bread of the World

Kendall

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Paul

THE INTROIT

We Gather Here

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Lori Novak

Leader: The Lord answered me and said: There is still a vision for the appointed time; if it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. The righteous live by their faith.

People: **Your laws are righteous forever. Help me understand so I can live!**

Leader: Learn to do good, seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

People: **Your laws are righteous forever. Help me understand so I can live!**

Leader: Give thanks to God; your faith is growing abundantly; your love for one another is increasing.

People: **Your laws are righteous forever. Help me understand so I can live!**

*OPENING HYMN # 726 Will You Come and Follow Me?

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lori Novak

Holy God, in times of trouble and travail, when we are weighed down by our transgressions and struggle to serve our savior, guide us back to the path you have set before us. Open our eyes to watch for your signs and invite us again to join in the building of your holy vision, that we might find hope living in you. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lori Novak

***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 Joshua 2:1-6 Lori Novak
ANTHEM Table of Plenty Schutte, arr.
Hayes

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 6:1-14 Rev. Paul
SERMON You have More of an Effect than You Think Rev.
Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***SERMON HYMN** # 469 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (sing twice)

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY Thanksgiving Ken Bird
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Rev. Webster
(Please mention first names only)

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

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

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN # 313 Lord, Make Me More Holy**

*BENEDICTION Rev. Paul

*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

SERMON NOTES

“You have More of an Effect than You Think”

1. Your kindness can change the trajectory of someone's day/history. - Joshua 2:1-6
2. Your generosity can provide for miracles. The little boy didn't act in self-interest but acted against his immediate interest.
3. Jesus teaches an abundance mentality. When we share even the smallest of gifts, there will not only be enough but more than enough. John 6:1-14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNION SERVERS: Deacons Lori Novak and Kathy Groll.

FLOWERS: Given by Nancy Borst in celebration of my great-granddaughter Penelope's first birthday on November 4th and my grandson Dean's fourth birthday on November 6th.

HUNGER OFFERING TO HELP AREA FOOD PANTRY: This morning's Hunger Offering will go to the "Feed the Flock Community Ministry" located at the New Salem Presbyterian Church in New Salem village, near Uniontown in Fayette County. This food pantry, which celebrated its 15th anniversary this summer, continues to provide much-needed food items for people in New Salem and the surrounding area. The church also provides an emergency food bank service which is very similar to our NPC Murrysville Loaves and Fishes Emergency Food Pantry. Our Hunger Offering will help "Feed the Flock Community Ministry" purchase more food items each month for the families they assist, in order to supplement and make up for the decrease in food from the local food bank. Your generous contribution will help provide necessary assistance to hungry residents of this low-income community in our area. Our usual options are available to make your contribution: by check, online at our website or by text. Give by check: Checks can be made out to "Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church" and mailed to 4600 Old William Penn Highway, Murrysville, PA 15668 or placed in the offering plate. Please include your envelope number and "hunger" on the memo line. Give online: <https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres-/form/give/now> or click the Give button on the website. You can select a specific fund or multiple funds when making your donation. Give by Text: Text NEWLONSBURG to 73256. You will receive a giving link and can then select a specific fund for your donation. Roger Schneider - Outreach

NEW MEMBER CLASS TODAY: A new member class will be held TODAY, 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!

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!

MONDAY FUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 TH 9:30AM-2PM: For Students in Kindergarten - Eighth grade. We will have gym time, games, and ornament painting with Brushes N Beans. Children should bring their own lunch. Snacks will be provided. \$25/student. Contact Pastor Lori with any questions. Call/text 412-737-1412



<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=Y2ViMThmMTktYWU2NS00YmZiLWFjMmYtYjM2MzAxM2Q4ODk1>

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.

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).

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.

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.

NEWLONSBURG CHURCH - POINSETTIA ORDERS COMING SOON: Newlonsburg Church will once again offer its members the opportunity to purchase poinsettias to adorn the altar during the Christmas season. Due to an increase in

flower costs this year, our supplier, Export Floral, has not yet finalized the price of the poinsettias. We will share the confirmed cost as soon as it becomes available. At this time, the estimated price is between **\$8.50 and \$9.50 per plant**. Thank you for your patience and for helping make our sanctuary beautiful for the celebration of Christ's birth! Order forms will be available later in November.

ADVENT DINNER: Celebrate the start of Advent with food, fellowship, and carol singing at this year's Advent Dinner on Sunday, 12/7/25 at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Family and friends are welcome.



Thanks in advance to our Advent Dinner Chairs (Julie & Alex Gebrosky, Dodie Hagan, Judy Oates, and Marcia & Rich Smith) and Team Members: Ken & Tara Bird, Bill & Linda Blank, Ken & Beth Ann Bobish, Amanda Bobish, James & Erin Carlisle, Michael & Barbara Carroll, Todd Caughey, Ben Caughey, John & Nancy Daller, Sean & Nichole Daller, Ron & Caren Donaldson, Alice Doutt, Beverly Evans, Don Green, Kathy Groll, Christine & Eric Hanchey, Tyler Hanchey, Bruce Hanington, Mitch & Bettie Jarosz, Lauren Jessup, Barb Jewell, Karen Kase, Susan Keaney, Bill & Kathy Lukitsch, Mindy Markovich, Kim Miskevics, Tom & Billie Moser, Anne Nevin, Michael & Rachel Oates, Amelia Oates, Lucas Oates, Jill Oster, Gail O'Toole, Alan & Kristen Petrazzi, Anderson Petrazzi, Avery Petrazzi, Kara Petrazzi, Janice Rehwald, JoAnn Rosenberger, John & Diane Schaupp, Sherry Shadrach, Scott & Beth Sherman, Curtis & Sharon Southlea, Alan & Terri Thornburg, Janice Troup, Dave & Betty Trout, Debbie Wallisch, and Christy Weir

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!

2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN COMMITMENTS: Your generous support—through time, talent, and gifts—will help make 2026 a meaningful year for Newlonsburg and its mission to share God's love and transform lives. Thank you for your ongoing commitment. How to Make Your 2026 Commitment: (1) Mail or In-Person: You can return a commitment card by mail, with your offering, or to the church office, (2) Email: You can email your commitment to giving@newlonsburgchurch.org, or (3) Online: www.newlonsburgchurch.org/give.

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.

THIS WEEK AT NPC

Sunday November 2	8:30 AM	Worship – Arc Patio
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	12:30 - 2:00 PM	New Member Class - Gathering Place
Monday November 3	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 November 4	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
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Committees - Fellowship Hall, Gathering Place, 104, 106, 204, 205, 207
	7:00 – 9:00 PM	NA – Common Ground
Wednesday November 5	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 - 8:00 PM	Club 45 & Youth Group - Fellowship Hall/Common Ground/Arc
	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Girl Scouts - 204
Thursday November 6	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 November 7	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Music Academy - 101/102
Saturday November 8	8:30- 9:30 AM	Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205
	8:30 - 10:30 AM	Men's Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground
Sunday November 9	8:30 AM	Worship - Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	12:30 AM - 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

New Member Evangelism

Kate Montgomery, Chair, '27

Rachel Oates, '25

Care of Members

Lauren Babich, Chair, '25

Lindsay Lippman, '26

Outreach

Susan Keaney, Chair, '25

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Beth Ehrlich, Chair, '25

Property

Robin Pokrzynski, Chair, '27

Michael Rhoades, '26

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Ken Bird, Chair, '25

Lindsey Berk, '27

Communications

Rhonda Johnston, Chair, '26

Angel Stahl, '27

Human Resources

Jan Hill, Chair, '26

Clerk of Session

Susan Keaney