

Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP·SERVE·GROW

November 8, 2026

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

VISITOR SIGN IN

THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

November 8, 2026

11:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE Organ Sonata op 65 no. 6 Mvt III Mendelsohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Paul

INTROIT Jacob's Ladder arr. Rosene
B Bells

CALL TO WORSHIP Addie Moerdyk

Leader: The Lord is coming. Whom will you serve?
People: As for my family and me, we will serve the Lord.
Leader: What has God done for you?
People: Wondrous works. Unforgettable deeds. Strength in the wilderness; paths of liberation!
Leader: Say more.
People: We'll never stop telling our story. The next generation will hear it. Children not yet born will know it.
Leader: Hope in God, whose story will never end.
People: Forever we will praise our faithful helper and deliverer!

*OPENING HYMN # 14 For the Beauty of the Earth

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Addie Moerdyk

Faithful One, you are near; assure us. In our joy and in our need, help us to seek you, for we know that we will find peace and gladness with you. Today and always, we say again and again, "God is great!" Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Addie Moerdyk

*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 Habakkuk 3:17-18 Addie Moerdyk

ANTHEM Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) arr. Raney

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rev. Paul

SERMON Generosity When Life is Hard Rev. Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN # 177 I Will Come to You

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY "The Joy of Children and Families"
Rev. Lori Bass-Riley

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

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE
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 Poeme Grieg
*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication Addie Moerdyk

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 839 Blessed Assurance

* BRINGING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION
*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 Toccata on "Rathbun" Lovelace

Sermon Notes:

1. Habakkuk chooses joy when the harvest fails.
2. Gratitude that survives hardship is a powerful witness.
3. Generous people refuse to let fear control their lives.
4. Jesus' habits of daily prayer and weekly worship produce His generous living.
5. Generosity is rooted in Jesus' faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO OUR ACOLYTE: Sarah Fu

FLOWERS: Given in celebration of Donald Green's 93rd birthday this Tuesday, November 10th.

CAN YOU CANTATA? STARTING THIS THURSDAY, NOV. 12 @ 7:30 PM For 4 Thursdays (2 before Thanksgiving and 2 after) there will be a 1 hour rehearsal of "Behold, A Savior" by Rouse & Aspinall**.** This Cantata will be presented on Sunday, December 13th at both the 8:30 & 11 AM worship services. Come and join with other singers to prepare for this joyful occasion. We welcome all!

FALL WORK DAY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 14TH: Please come help clean up the grounds and keep our space beautiful from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Many hands make light work!

WONDERS AND WISDOM 11/14/26 9:00AM-10:30AM Age 3 - 5th grade Room 102 Join us for another fun time where we look at where science and scripture meet! This time, we will look at the story of Jonah and the whale! Led by Joan Batson and Pastor Lori! Parents can stay or drop off! Sign up by November 7.

https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=N

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MISSION TRIP SURVEY RESPONSES REGIQUIRED BY 11/15: Joshua is excited to announce that he is planning a 2027 summer mission trip for older youth AND adults through Praying Pelican Missions. This trip is for any youth who will be entering 9th grade and older, including young adults/adults. We will choose a drivable location, so no airfare cost will be incurred. Please note: all adults must complete state required child safety clearances as stated in our Child Protection Policy. In order to ensure we meet our trip minimum and to share transportation costs, we are teaming up with youth from Bower Hill Community Church. My friend and colleague, Amy Grella, will serve as chaperone along with some of the youth from her church.

The trip will be scheduled based on the best date for the majority interested. A secondary consideration will be given to the type of location (intercity/urban or rural) preferred. Our working timeline is as follows:

By Nov. 15th: Collect input on dates and general location.

By Dec. 1st: Communicate date, location & participant cost - Registration opens.

By Dec. 13th: Reserve your spot / first round of registration closes.

Early- to- mid January – mission trip team meeting to provide details and Q&A.

If you or your youth are considering going on this trip, scan the QR Code, complete and return the form **no later than Nov. 1**. The anticipated cost will be provided once we select a week and location. If you have any questions about the trip, please reach out.

FINANCIAL SEMINAR: "CHARITABLE GIVING AND TAXES" (NOVEMBER 15TH @ NOON: Financial Seminar: "Charitable Giving and Taxes" (November 15th @ noon): Please join us in the Gathering Place following the 11am worship service for a financial seminar led by Sean Daller to learn about charitable giving and taxes.

HELP FIGHT HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY VIA FRANKLIN REGIONAL BACKPACK TO GO PROGRAM STARTING 11/15: Students in our community who are food insecure, at the parents request, can receive discrete backpacks filled with food twice a month to support them on weekends when they have no access to the school's breakfast and/or lunch program. Currently there are 47 families enrolled in the program at the K-8th grade level (I child is gluten-free, 1 is diabetic and 2 have peanut allergies). Starting November 15th and throughout Advent, 2026 we will be collecting the items noted below to help ensure this important need is met. A box will be located outside of the office for your donations. Our Youth group will help in sorting the items and delivering our

donation to the FR Intermediate school where groups of volunteers will pack the backpacks and distribute as needed. Support for the 17 high school students in the program is provided via $50 gift cards from Shop & Save instead of a backpack. If you would like to donate a gift card, please drop it off at the office with our secretary. This initiative is a great way for our congregation to aid in reducing poverty in our community. If you have any questions, please contact Marsha Bayne or Joshua. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The school requests single-serve, non-breakable and non-perishable food items that are light enough for a kindergartener to carry home and make themselves. **Food Items requested:** Canned tuna, Granola bars, single serve cereal, Slim jims Instant Oatmeal, Ritz Crackers, Microwave Popcorn, Fruit cups, 16 oz Peanut Butter, Applesauce, Sandwich crackers, Ramen noodles, Knoor pasta sides, Easy Mac and cheese (cups or packets), 20 oz squeeze jelly.

YOUTH THANKSGIVING PARTY @ BRUSHES AND BEANS

11/24/26 3PM-5PM: Tuesday, November 24, the Youth Group will be held at Brushes and Beans located at the Village of Murrysville, 4550 William Penn Highway Murrysville, PA 15668. Participants will meet with Joshua and Susie Siegel at the bottom of the road that leads to the Highschool between 3PM and 3:15PM, and will walk over to Brushes and Beans using the crosswalk. Joshua will wear visibility gear to stop the flow of traffic so that youth can cross the road safely. Participants will arrive at Brushes and Beans by 3:30PM, and can be picked up at Brushes and Beans by 5PM. The cost to paint pottery ranges depending on the piece you child/children chooses. The range is from $18-$30. The price includes the cost of the piece of pottery, the stains used, and the firing. Since this is a church function, there is a tax exempt code that Joshua will bring for students to use at time of purchase. Additionally, the church will provide a $5 off coupon to be used for pottery or snacks. Please make sure your child/children have cash when they attend Youth Group on this day. **Please register your by Sunday, November 22.**

ADVENT DINNER SUNDAY 12/6 AT 6:00: Celebrate the start of Advent with food, fellowship, and carol singing at this year's Advent Dinner on Sunday, 12/6/26 at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Family and friends are welcome. The main course will be catered and church members will be asked to bring sides and desserts, so please be sure to sign up! Thanks in advance to our Advent Dinner Chairs (Lyn & Denny Bank, Beth Ehrlich, Mark & Linda Gossar-Loesch and Diane & Frank Sciullo) and Team Members: Brian & Michaelia Austin, Sharon Bachar, Mark & Maggie Beckner, Natalie Bollinger, Nancy Cunningham, Matthew Fako, Christine Haas, Matthew & Kelley Hand, Tiffani Holmes, Andy & Bev Jarabek, Jeff & Danielle Osterman, Kyle & Jessica Peek, Jennifer Price, Billy & Erica Rethage, Michael Rhoades, Scott & Heather Rusiewicz, Bradley & Kirsten Steward, John

Kaye & Kim Anderson, Debbie Andrachek, Don & Darlene Blansett, Brian Boyd, Lori Brickner, Dreama Delmar, Bob Dippolito & Shauna Frantz, Rhonda Johnston, Todd & Lindsay Lippman, Michael & Connie Lowe, Michelle McAllister, Jon & Kate Moerdyk, David & Lynne O'Connor, Joe & Jessica Phillips, Walter & Joelle Pitts, Doug Jones & Mary Ann Roberts, John & Leanne Salava, Dennis & Hope Schilling, and Diane Sellers.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING DECEMBER 20TH AT 3:00: Our annual Christmas Caroling event has become a beloved NPC tradition that reminds us of the reason for the season as we share the joy of Christmas with friends unable to get out during the holidays and those who need some extra joy. We'll meet up at Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 20th at 3pm and divide into groups to deliver cookies, sing carols, then meet up at the home of the Babich family for pizza and other goodies. Friends and family are welcome! Please sign up on the sign-up sheets or through Realm. PS: We need cookie bakers and packers! Can you share 3 dozen cookies to delight those we sing to? We'll use leftovers from the cookie walk but we always need more. Cookies can be dropped off in the church kitchen on Friday, Dec. 18th or Saturday morning, Dec. 19th, before 9AM. Please meet up at the church on Saturday Dec. 19th in Fellowship Hall to help pack cookies (it takes less than 2 hours).

RECYCLING ELECTRONICS NOW THROUGH JANUARY 10TH: Do you have any electronics you want to get rid of for free and help the environment? Recycling them helps gorillas' habitats. Coltan, something used to make modern day devices, is mined in gorillas' habitats. When people start mining in their habitat, they send the gorillas to a different place. So when you recycle the devices shown below, you will be bringing down the demand for coltan. Here are the devices you can recycle; Cellular and smart phones, iPads, E-readers, tablets, cables, cords, chargers, smart watches, digital cameras, MP3 players, and handheld gaming systems. Laptops, and other large electronics, are NOT accepted. Please remember to delete your data before recycling your electronic(s). Electronics will be collected from October 25 through January 10 and can be dropped off in the labeled box outside the office or in the Narthex. Donated electronics will be recycled through the Pittsburgh Zoo and Eco-cell. Questions? Ask Addison Moerdyk or her parent; Jonathan Moerdyk. Email: jonathan.moerdyk@gmail.com.

NPC KIDS CLUB K-5TH GRADE! EVERY THURSDAY 6-8 PM Join us for our K-5th grade Kids Club! We will have games, Bible time, crafts, and lots of fun! Dinner will be included for participating children! $5/donation is suggested. Drop off and pick up is at ARC (gym door #5 to left back of the building) Families need to

fill out the 2026-2027 School Year NPC Child/Youth Registration Form prior to attending the first time.

AFTER SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY: The Youth Ministry Program offers 3 different days of after school ministry for our youth. Tuesdays we have a Youth Group for Sr. and Jr. High from 2:30PM - 5PM, and on Thursday, we offer after school programming for Jr. High from 3PM-4:30PM. Please join us for fellowship, fun, and spiritual nourishment. Please register by scanning the QR. Code.



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE PANERA SOCIAL! We loved sharing good food and fellowship, especially with those who normally attend different services. Stay tuned for details regarding our next meetup in January 2027.

EMERGENCY MEALS COORDINATOR: NPC is seeking a volunteer to coordinate emergency meals for members experiencing a temporary disruption in their lives.

Responsibilities include:

- Organize meal support for members in need.
- Use Meal Train or a similar platform to coordinate contributions.
- Recruit meal volunteers and keep them informed.
- Receive referrals from individuals, pastors, and the church office.
- Work with the Care of Members team and church staff to identify needs.
- Help connect people with additional resources, such as Meals on Wheels, food banks, and grocery-shopping services.

We are grateful to everyone who helps care for our community. If you're interested in taking on this meaningful role, please contact Lindsay Lippman email: comworkspace@newlonsburgchurch.org or Pastor Curtis.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS: As we look ahead to the coming year, we invite you to reflect on a beautiful spiritual truth: the practice of joyous giving. Through sharing our time, talent, and treasure, we connect more deeply with our neighbors while strengthening our own faith. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment for the coming year. To make your commitment, you can return a commitment card to the office, make your commitment online (**https://www.newlonsburgchurch.org/give**), or email giving@newlonsburgchurch.org with your commitment or any questions. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church.

A NOTE FROM THE CROCHET GROUP- As most of you know Newlonsburg Church has a crochet group that meets every Tuesday September thru May.

This group has been in existence since 1993. Thanks to the support of outreach, individual monetary and acrylic yarn donations we were able to help various organizations by giving them blankets and hats. Last year we donated 425 blankets and 85 hats. Just recently our blankets were featured in a story that appeared on WPXI news. This is a wonderful program that is part of the Pittsburgh Public School run by Carolyns Rychick. We have put a link on Newlonsburg Facebook page. if you would like more information. We would like to thank this congregation for your continued support in helping us provide this service to others. If you'd like to join us, donate ,or just come to see us work, please don't hesitate to contact Debbi Grimaldi.

LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS YOUR HELP FOR 2 DIFFERENT POSITIONS: Loaves & Fishes is looking for a volunteer to shelve food monthly and a volunteer to work the food pantry the second Tuesday of each month. Please call Judy Radcliff if you are interested, 724-787-3745

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The Nominating Committee at NPC has begun our search for members to join our already committed Elders, Deacons, Pre-school Board and other roles at NPC. If you have an interest in learning more about the duties on any of these jobs at NPC, or perhaps in joining other members in serving the church please call one of the members of the Nominating Committee. They are: Shauna Frantz, Matt Hand, Susan Hois, Rob Jessup and Angel Stahl.

HELP US CELEBRATE NPC'S 150TH BIRTHDAY IN 2027! Do you enjoy planning parties and envisioning memorable events? NPC will celebrate its 150th birthday in 2027, and we're seeking volunteers to lead the planning of one or more events throughout the year. The festivities will culminate in a church-wide celebration in September 2027. Put your event-planning skills to work in service to NPC! To get involved, please contact Lindsay Lippman, chair of the Care of Members Ministry, email: comworkspace@newlonsburgchurch.org.

SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **New Year's Brunch Potluck:** Sunday, January 3, 2027 in Fellowship Hall between worship services.

GIVING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE NOW Your giving envelopes for 2027 will be available starting today. They will be in the hall on the table outside the office. If you do not need envelopes going forward or have any questions, please let Ginny Rygg know (412-491-7937) or ryggvj@gmail.com.

DONATION STATEMENTS ARE ON THEIR WAY: Donation statements are being mailed/emailed out for the period January 1, 2026 thru August 31, 2026. If you

have any questions or do not receive your statement please let Ginny Rygg know (412-491-7937). Thanks as always for your support!

ONLINE GIVING: Online donations are a great way to contribute to the Common Good Fund or any other funds (Haiti Kids, Hunger Offering, etc.) Donations can be set up for payment today, a date in the future, or set up recurring payments to one or multiple funds. Payments can be made with credit cards, debit cards, or by ACH transfers (direct bank transfers with lowest processing fees). For more information, please contact giving@newlonsburgchurch.org. Online Giving Form: https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/give or click the GIVE button on the website.

BIRTHDAY GIFTS TO NPC ENDOWMENT: In Newlonsburg tradition, you can mark your birthday by donating $1 for each year to the Legacy Endowment —a way to celebrate Jesus in your life. Legacy Endowment contributions provide a means to share perpetual gifts that provide long term support of NPC's ministry. Annual distributions from the Fund are allocated by Session to further NPC's mission. Happy Birthday! For more information, please contact giving@newlonsburgchurch.org. Online Giving Form: https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/give (select Legacy /Birthday Fund Accumulation)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY Thank you to all those who give in gratitude for what God has given to us. As of the end of September 2026:

Summary for Bulletin:	Common Good	Special Gifts
Giving for Month	$ 46,085	$ 5,141
Year to Date Giving	$ 470,651	$ 75,171
Year to Date Spending Budget	$ 528,810	
Year to Date Spending Actual	$ 499,436	$ 150,909

Common Good giving includes offerings, short-term investment interest and facility usage fees. Special Gifts/ Reserve Accounts are gifts and spending related to reserve accounts such as Haiti Kids support, Hunger Offerings, Youth Fund-Raising, Legacy Endowment Fund Gifts, Memorial Gifts, Capital Campaigns and expenditures, and others.

JOIN REALM: NPC continues to roll 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 8	8:30 AM	Worship - Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	12:30 - 2:00 PM	New Member Class - Gathering Place
Monday November 9	4:00 PM- 5:00 PM	Music Academy- Rooms 102/103
	4:45 - 8:00 PM	Music Academy- Room 201
	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Boy Scouts – Rooms 104, 106, ARC
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Deacons - Gathering Place
Tuesday November 10	8:30 – 9:30 AM	Men's Breakfast – Dicks Diner
	11:00 AM	Leadership Programming
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Crochet group - Gathering Place
	1:15 PM	Leadership Meeting – Offsite
	2:30 - 9:00 PM	Music Academy - Choir Room
	3:00 - 5:00 PM	YG - Arc/206
	3:30 PM- 7:30 PM	Music Academy - 202/203
	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Music Academy – 102/103
	4:45 - 8:00 PM	Music Academy - 201
	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Security Management - Gathering Place
	6:30 - 9:00 PM	Stewardship & Finance - Gathering Place
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Outreach - 205
	7:30 - 9:30 PM	NA - Common Ground
Wednesday November 12	8:30 AM	Women's Breakfast
	10:00 AM - 12:00PM	Book Study - Gathering Place
	11:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Music Acadamy - 208
	1:30 - 3:30 PM	Music Academy - Choir Room
	2:30 - 4:00 PM	RAM (HS) - Arc/206
	3:30 - 9:30 PM	Music Academy - 101
	3:30 - 7:30 PM	Music Academy - 202/203
	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Music Academy - 102/103
	4:45 - 8:00 PM	Music Academy - 201
Thursday November 13	2:30 - 9:30 PM	Music Academy - 201
	2:30 - 9:00 PM	Music Academy - 208
	3:00 - 4:30 PM	RAM (MS) - Arc/206
	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Music Academy - 102/103
	4:45 - 8:00 PM	Music Academy - 101
	5:30 - 6:15 PM	Beginning Bells - Choir Room
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal
	6:15 - 7:15 PM	Bell Choir
	7:30 -8:30 PM	Choir Reahearsal
Friday November 14		
	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Music Academy - 102/103
Saturday November 15	8:30 - 10:30 AM	Men's Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
	8:00 AM	Fall Work Day
	9:45 - 11:45AM	OA - Gathering Place
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground
Sunday November 16	8:30 AM	Worship - Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary

NEWLONSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Curtis Lane Paul II, 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
Lindsey Berk & Ginny Rygg, Financial Secretaries

BOARD OF DEACONS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Natalie Bollinger, Childcare, '27
Emily Bondi, Ushers, '26
Debbie Carlson, Baptism Books and Newborn Roses/Affirmation Liaison, '26
Lynn Comstock, Correspondence Cards, '28
Tyler Hanchey, Coffee and Doughnuts, '26
Matthew Hand, Moderator/Liaison to Nominating Committee, '26
Bruce Hanington, Counters/Vice Moderator, '27
Abby Kemerer, Greeters, '28
Alyssa Kemerer, Deacon, Greeters, '28
Elizabeth Montgomery, Deacon, Childcare, '27
Lori Novak, Secretary, '27
Linda Palmer, HOPE Coordinator, '28
Doug Riethmuller, Flowers/COM Liaison, '28

ELDERS OF SESSION BY MINISTRY

Affirmation
Amanda Neely, Chair '26
Janice Rehwald, '26

Care of Members
Lindsay Lippman, Chair, '26
Kelley Hand, '28

Equipping
Kevin Tomer, Chair, '28
Julie Gebrosky, '27

Finance
Susan Long, Chair, '28
Lindsey Berk, '27

Human Resources
Jan Hill, Chair, '26
Debbie Andrachek, '28

New Member Evangelism
Kate Montgomery, Chair, '27
Rachel Oates, '28

Outreach
Susan Keaney, Chair, '26
Heather Rusiewicz, '28

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

Communications
Angel Stahl, Chair, '27

Clerk of Session
Susan Keaney