



# *Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church*

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**November 9, 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

November 9, 2025

11:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Paul

### THE INTROIT

Don't You Know?

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

Robbie/Katie Breitzkreutz

Leader: The Lord is just and kind, near to all who call.

**People: Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.**

Leader: The Lord has made known his victory; do not to be quickly shaken or alarmed.

**People: Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.**

Leader: Stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught.

**People: Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.**

Leader: And may our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and, through grace, gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

**People: Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.**

\*OPENING HYMN # 621 I Will Call Upon the Lord

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Robbie/Katie Breitzkreutz

**God of grace, you have given us eternal comfort and good hope. You have shown us the glorious splendor of your majesty and the wonder of your works. Join our work with your own, that by the grace in which we trust, we may be brought to the resurrection in which we hope, by the**

**faithfulness of your wondrous love. Amen.**

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Robbie/Katie Breitzkreutz**

**\*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**

**Mark 12:41-44**

**Robbie/Katie Breitzkreutz**

**ANTHEM**

**I Will Pray for You**

**Cox,**

**Hayes**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Acts 2:37-47**

**Rev. Paul**

**SERMON**

**Having a Big Effect Starts with a Small Group**

**Rev.**

**Paul**

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*SERMON HYMN**

**# 443 There Is a Redeemer**

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Rev. Webster**

**(Please mention first names only)**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts)**

**OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE**

**Rev. Webster**

**Please continue to give to NPC by check or by texting "Newlonsburg" to  
73256. Please visit [www.newlonsburgchurch.org/give](http://www.newlonsburgchurch.org/give) to give online or  
email [giving@newlonsburgchurch.org](mailto:giving@newlonsburgchurch.org) with any questions.**

**Call for the Offering**

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

Robbie/Katie

Breitkreutz

## **CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*CLOSING HYMN # 409 God Is Here! vs. 1,4

\*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

POSTLUDE

## **SERMON NOTES**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOWERS:** Today's flowers are given by Barbara Jewell and Donald Green in gratitude for the friends, family, pastors, teachers, and others (past and present), whose guidance, encouragement, love, and support have enriched our lives over the years.

**HOSS'S LUNCH TODAY!** 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. Or text Lauren Babich by 12:15pm to let her know you'll be joining: 617-699-3990.

**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>

**CANTATA REHEARSALS BEGIN THIS THURSDAY:** 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](mailto:bjarosz5678@yahoo.com) so your copy will be waiting for you.

Fa, la, la!

**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](mailto:realm@newlonsburgchurch.org).

**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](http://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](mailto: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 Doult, 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*

**DECK THE HALLS WITH COOKIES!** When you start hearing Mariah Carey's *All I Want For Christmas Is You* on the radio, it's a sign to start planning for the holiday season. And you can't have the holidays without cookies!

On Saturday, December 13 @10:30am, the Youth Group of Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Cookie walk fundraiser. The purpose and intention of this cookie walk is to raise funds for our Youth Ministry program. These funds will go towards events and programming throughout the year, including TREKKERS, RAM, Wednesday Evening Youth Group, Mission Trips, and service work. Cookies will be sold for \$10 per pound, and can be purchased in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to volunteer as a baker, we are asking that you bake five dozen cookies. Please contact Joshua Kenst by email at

[npcyouthmindirector@gmail.com](mailto:npcyouthmindirector@gmail.com) or call/text 412-916-7960. Thank you for supporting Newlonsburg's work of nurturing the faith of our young people.

**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!



**BIRTHDAY GIFTS TO NPC:** If your birthday is in November or December, or if it was earlier this year, now's a great time to celebrate. 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!

**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](mailto:giving@newlonsburgchurch.org), or (3) Online: [www.newlonsburgchurch.org/give](http://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.

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



	Common Good+	Special Gifts *
Giving for Month	\$ 42,734	\$ 65,104
Year to Date Giving	\$487,784	\$ 246,476
Year to Date Spending Budget	\$ 558,957	Not Applicable
Year to Date Spending Actual	\$ 523,745	\$ 186,643

+ 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.

**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 9	8:30 AM	Worship – Arc Patio
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday November 10	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 November 11	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	Security Meeting - Gathering Place
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Outreach - 205
	7:00 – 9:00 PM	NA – Common Ground
Wednesday November 12	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 November 13	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 14	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Quilters - Fellowship Hall
	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Music Academy - 101/102
Saturday November 15	8:30- 9:30 AM	Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205
	8:30 - 10:30 AM	Boy Scout Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
	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**

**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