



 *Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church*

February 1, 2026 WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

**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.

**4600 Old William Penn Highway**

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**<http://www.newlonsburgchurch.org>**

**The Rev. Curtis L. Paul II, Pastor**

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

**VISITOR SIGN IN**



**THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS**

February 1, 2026  
11:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE                      Prelude in D Major BWV 532                      Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS                      Rev.  
Webster

THE INTROIT                      White As Snow                      Olguin

CALL TO WORSHIP                      Lori Novak

Leader:     In a world that rewards selfishness,

**People:     it is wise to hoard resources, foolish to share.**

Leader:     In a world built on violence,

**People:     it is wise to be suspicious, foolish to risk compassion.**

Leader:     But God's wisdom is not the wisdom of the world:

**People:     Greed will not serve us in heaven. Self-preservation will not save us in the end, so we will choose to be foolish; we will choose the way of love. Let us worship God.**

\*OPENING HYMN # 305 Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION                      Lori Novak

**Mysterious God, whose wisdom baffles leaders, make us foolhardy enough to dare to live as if peace is truly possible, here and now. Grant us the audacity to seek justice. Give us courage to risk kindness and love recklessly so that, in Jesus' footsteps, and through your Spirit's surprising blessings, we can journey humbly with you all our days. 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            Matthew 5:1-12

Lori Novak

ANTHEM                        Table of Plenty

Schutte, arr. Hayes

SCRIPTURE LESSON        1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Rev. Webster

SERMON                        Of Two Minds  
Webster

Rev.

## 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. Paul

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

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.

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

Interlude XI

Murray

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

Lori Novak



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. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Roger Schneider - Outreach Ministry

**HOSS'S LUNCH TODAY:** Enjoy a nice lunch immediately after the second service with a group of fellow NPC'ers today at Hoss's Steak & Sea House.

**MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION TODAY:** Please join Joshua in fellowship hall today after the late service for a presentation about a youth and adult mission opportunity with Good Works in Athens, OH.

**CALLING ALL VALENTINE CARD MARKERS!** Care of Members is looking for creative card-making volunteers of all ages to craft Valentines for members who are homebound, living alone in assisted living facilities, going through difficulties or loss, and for our super seniors. Please help us bless these members by making cards no larger than 5"x7" that will lay flat. You may want to include a bible verse or encouraging message. You can drop off cards in the box outside the church office before 12pm on Sunday, February 8th. You can also help us pack the cards after the second service on 2/8/26 (in the "yellow room"...first room on the right as you enter the Education Wing from the Sanctuary).

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING COMING UP NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH:** Super Bowl 60 will be played this year in Santa Clara, California, sadly without our Steelers. Here at NPC, we'll start the day off right by joining with congregations around the country by helping our needy neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. Watch for our youth who will be collecting your gifts BEFORE and AFTER both services. Please be sure to drop off your cans of soup or cash contribution on Sunday, February 8. Loaves and Fishes suggests bringing two cans of regular soup and one can of chunky style soup per family. These will be immediately put to use in our Murrysville Loaves and Fishes Emergency Food Pantry. During the week, cans may be dropped off on the collection tables by the office or in the narthex. Our usual options are also available to make your contribution: by check, online at our website or by text. 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 "souper" 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

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NPC Outreach

## **TWO EXCELLENT LENTEN STUDY OPPORTUNITIES!:**

1. This Lent, join Healthy Seminarians-Healthy Church for a 7- week online study inspired by *Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects* by Jill J. Duffield, as we learn to notice God in the ordinary moments of daily life. We'll meet Thursdays from February 12 (starting before Ash Wednesday) through March 26, from 1–2 pm ET on Zoom. Participants may purchase the book in digital or print format. If you would like us to order you a paper copy, note it on your registration form or contact [travis.webster@newlonsburgchurch.org](mailto:travis.webster@newlonsburgchurch.org). Order deadline: February 1, 2026. Checks (\$10) should be made payable to Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church (NPC). More info and register at [bit.ly/HSHCLe26](https://bit.ly/HSHCLe26)

## **2. The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life**

In *The Walk*, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices (worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith) that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. In each chapter, Hamilton explores one of these practices, its New Testament foundation, and what it looks like to pursue this practice daily in our personal life and together in the life of the church.

This year, we are doing something new – we are offering an option for some of our youngest members! This six-week course will have one section for children (3 years old-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and one for adults and youth together in the weeks leading up to Easter. The meetings for all ages will take place on Monday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm (Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30); there will also be a Zoom option for the Monday adult/youth class.

If you would like to take part, books are currently \$15 for a hard copy and \$10 for an electronic version (there is no charge for child participants). You can register using the following links: [Monday Evening Children's Session \(3 years old-5<sup>th</sup> grade\)](#) with Pastor Lori and [Monday Evening Adult and Youth Session](#) with Joshua and Travis. You can also call (724-327-0061) or email Travis ([travis.webster@newlonsburgchurch.org](mailto:travis.webster@newlonsburgchurch.org)) if you're interested. Please register by 5pm on Monday, Feb. 9, so we can order you a book if you want a paper copy.

**WINTER REMIX RETREAT:** Pine Springs will host its Winter Remix retreat February 6th-8th. For Junior and Senior High Students, and will include time for games, fellowship and worship. Registration opens January 1st. Please see the link for costs, forms, and to register. <https://www.pinesprings.org/remix>

**VALENTINE'S DAY CLOTHING DRIVE:** During the season of love, show some love to the Haitian community in Charleroi by donating any gently used winter clothing. We will take any coats, boots, scarves, gloves and hats. You can place your donations in one of the two boxes located in the narthex and by the office. Please bring all donations to the church by **February 15**. If you have any questions, please contact Joshua Kenst. Thank you!

**MARDI GRAS MONDAY FUNDAY FOR GRADES K-8 2/16/26 9:30AM-2PM:**

Join the masquerade! We will build masks, make pancakes, and have crazy games to learn all about the traditions around Mardi Gras! Your child should bring their own lunch. Snacks will be provided! Registration will close 2/13/26. Spaces are limited! \$25/child. Please contact Pastor Lori for any questions. Call/Text 412-737-1412

<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MTMOMzlkMjYtMDZiNi00NWZmLWE2ZGEtYjNiMTAxMzhiYzVi>



**WORSHIP WITH THE HAITIAN COMMUNITY IN CHARLEROI, PA.** On Sunday, February 22nd at 3:30P. The Haitians refugees in Charleroi told us on MLK day that one of the best ways to support them is with our presence. God supports us with the presence of Jesus Christ. Offer your presence by worshipping with them at 501 McKean Ave, 3rd Floor, Charleroi, PA 15062. Parking lot is across the street. Sign up in narthex or Realm.

<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ODMzODA5MTAtNmU4MS00NWJiLTk3ZDgtYjNkZjAxMDIiNWZm>



**KIDS MUSICAL AT NEWLONSBURG!** We are so excited to invite your child to be part of our upcoming kids musical, the Good News Cruise! This experience is designed to be joyful, encouraging, and beginner-friendly for children Kindergarten through 8th Grade. No prior theatre, singing, or performance experience is needed—whether this is your child’s very first musical or they’ve been on stage before, they are welcome here. Our goal is to create a safe, supportive environment where kids can learn, grow in confidence, make new friends, and have fun while sharing their gifts with our congregation. This musical will be presented as part of the 11am worship service on May 3, with a required tech rehearsal on May 2, and weekly rehearsals taking place weekly after the 11am service starting March 1. Deadline for sign ups is February 8. Members, Amy Smith, Stephanie Babich Mihleder, and Pastor Lori will be leading this ministry! Amy, Steph, and Pastor Lori all have a youth background as well as a musical theatre background. We are so excited to grow together!  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNmBJdnerfR9DxS3R66yPawfp1qTBZyVIXbCHKTawdKKhvtQ/viewform?usp=header>



**FUTURE EVENTS:** Save the dates for these other events so you don’t miss out on the fun.

- **Puzzles & Pizza Night** on Wednesday, 2/25/26 @ 6pm
- **Hoss's Lunch** on Sunday, 3/8/26 after the 11am service

- **Export Moose Fish Fry** on Friday, 3/20/26 at 5:30pm
- **Easter Brunch Potluck** on Sunday, 4/5/26 between services
- **River City Brass Band "Les Mis N'At"** on Saturday, 4/11/26 at 7:30pm at The Palace Theatre (preceded by dinner at 5:30pm location TBD)
- **Senior Celebration** on Sunday, 4/26/26 after the 11am service



**CHILD WORSHIP LEADERSHIP!** We want our children to know that they are an important part of our community! We love that our children can begin developing leadership skills at an early age! We are looking for child acolytes (people who light the worship candles) and liturgists (people who read in worship)! Acolytes should be at least 4 and liturgists need to be very good readers and be willing to practice previous to their participation. Sign them up for a date that works for you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AEA82CA2F8CF8-59246032-children>

**"O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD; FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER"** **Psalm 136:** Thankful Thoughts. Please consider sharing one or many (there is no limit) of your favorite things (big or small, specific or general) about Newlonsburg (from chocolate sprinkle donuts during the early service to the Cantata). Where have you seen and felt God's presence? You can sign your name or submit anonymously (these will be shared in a section of the website and a physical display at NPC. What about NPC makes you feel blessed? Your "thankful thoughts" can be returned with your stewardship commitment card or dropped in a box in the Narthex.

**CALLING ALL STITCHING ENTHUSIASTS!** Do you like to do cross stitch? If you do, we'd like to ask you to join us in a long standing Newlonsburg tradition – making personalized bookmarks for our 2026 confirmands. All materials and instructions will be provided to you – it's easy, it's fun and our finished products are a meaningful reminder to our confirmation class how much God loves them. If you are interested in helping out by stitching one (or more!) bookmarks, please reach out to Susan Keaney (slkeaney@comcast.net or 412.414.6881) Many, many thanks!

**THANK YOU FOR THE BOXES!** Judy Radcliff would like to thank everyone for donating boxes to the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. At this time, we don't need any more boxes. Thank you again for your support of this ministry.

**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.

**A FRIENDLY NOTE REGARDING DONATIONS:** For any donations that are being sent in through your financial institutions, please instruct them to put YOUR name somewhere on the donation paperwork. Many checks have been sent without that information and in that case we do not know who to give the credit to. Thanks as always for your financial support.

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:** You can easily meet the New Year's resolution of helping to reduce Per Capita costs to NPC. Congregations pay an annual amount of money per church member - per capita apportionment - to their respective presbyteries. Please consider including your share (\$55 per member in 2026) of this amount with your offerings. Per capita is the way congregations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) connect, participate, and share in the work of the wider church, "mutually sharing the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading". Blue per capita envelopes are available in the pews and in the hall racks or the office, or just write per capita on the memo line of your check. You can also contribute online via Realm and select "Per Capita Contribution (\$55 per member for 2026)" from the list of funds for donations. Thank you.

**2025 DONATION STATEMENTS:** The donation statements for 2025 will be sent out this month (January 2026). You also can view and print your statement in REALM at any time. Please call Ginny Rygg (412.491.7937) or Lindsey Berk (412.559.7862) if you have any questions. Thanks as always for your support.

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE:** If you forgot to make your 2026 commitment, there is still time. Thank you to the 100 families and individuals that have made their 2026 commitment. You can (1) 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). Thank you for your continued support and faithfulness.

**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 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 February 1	8:30 AM	Worship – Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday February 2	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 February 3	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 February 4	8:30 AM	Women’s Breakfast
	10:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Book Study - Gathering Place
	3:00 PM	Music Academy – Rooms 101- 103, 201, 208, Nursery
	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Club 45 & Youth Group - Common Ground/Fellowship Hall/Arc
	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Girl Scouts - 204
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Stephen Ministry - Gathering Place
Thursday February 5	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Music Academy
	3:00 - 4:45 PM	Ram - Arc
	4:30 - 7:00 PM	Mintec - Common Ground/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 February 6	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Quilters - Fellowship Hall
	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Music Academy - 101/102
Saturday February 7	8:30- 9:30 AM	Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205
	9:45 - 11:45AM	OA - Gathering Place
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground
Sunday February 8	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**

**Natalie Bollinger, Childcare, '27**

Emily Bondi, Ushers, '26

Debbie Carlson, Baptism Books and Newborn Roses/Affirmation Liaison, '26

Kathy Groll, Flowers/Reminder Cards, '25

Tyler Hanchey, At-Large, '26

Matthew Hand, Coffee and Doughnuts/Vice Moderator, '26

Bruce Hanington, Counters, '27

Lois Nesbitt, HOPE/COM Liaison, '25

Lori Novak, Secretary, '27

Jim Scriven, Moderator/Liaison to Nominating Committee, '25

Larry Stoken, Correspondence Cards, '25

### **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 Keane, Chair, '25

#### **Property**

Robin Pokrzywinski, Chair, '27

Michael Rhoades, '26

#### **Communications**

Rhonda Johnston, Chair, '26

Angel Stahl, '27

#### **Clerk of Session**

Susan Keane