



 *Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church*
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW
February 22, 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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VISITOR SIGN IN



HEARING GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATION WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Lori Bass-Riley

#188 (vs 1) Jesus Loves Me

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 32:12-20

Noah Williams

ANTHEM

Sanctuary

Greer

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 5:21-43

Rev. Lon Weaver

SERMON

For Good

Rev. Lon

Weaver

APOSTLE'S CREED (printed in bulletin below)

Rev. Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN # 423 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

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 to give online or email giving@newlonsburgchurch.org with any questions.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

* The Ash Grove

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Childers

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Noah Williams

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 837 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lon

Weaver

*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 Reprise of "What a Fellowship"

* The Welsh Bell Anthem, "The Ash Grove", was a gift from a dear friend of NPC in memory of Graham Whitlow. His daughter, Janet Ingersoll, is playing with the bells today. Also, in memory of Lori Livingston, a former bell ringer, the bells that she rang are shrouded in black silk.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church*,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed History

Although not written by apostles, the Apostles' Creed reflects the theological formulations of the first-century church. The creed's structure may be based on Jesus' commands to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In a time when most Christians were illiterate, oral repetition of the Apostles' Creed, along with the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, helped preserve and transmit the faith of the western churches. The Apostles' Creed played no role in Eastern Orthodoxy.

In the early church, Christians confessed that "Jesus is Lord," but did not always understand the biblical context of lordship. The views of Marcion, and Christians living in Rome in the second century, further threatened the church's understanding of Jesus as Lord. Marcion read the Old Testament as referring to a tyrannical God who had created a flawed world. Marcion believed that Jesus revealed, in contrast, a good God of love and mercy. For Marcion, then, Jesus was not the Messiah proclaimed by the prophets, and the Old Testament was no Scripture. Marcion proposed limiting Christian "Scripture" to Luke's gospel (less the birth narrative and other parts that he felt expressed Jewish thinking) and to those letters of Paul that Marcion regarded as anti-Jewish. Marcion's views developed into a movement that lasted several centuries.

Around A.D. 180, Roman Christians developed an early form of the Apostles' Creed to refute Marcion. They affirmed that the God of creation is the Father of Jesus Christ, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, and was buried and raised from the dead, and ascended into heaven, where he rules with the Father. They also affirmed belief in the Holy Spirit, the church, and the resurrection of the body.

Candidates for membership in the church, having undergone a lengthy period of moral and doctrinal instruction, were asked at baptism to state what they believed. They responded in the words of this creed.

The Apostles' Creed underwent further development. In response to the question of readmitting those who had denied the faith during the persecutions of the second and third centuries, the church added, "I believe in the forgiveness of sins." In the fourth and fifth centuries, North African Christians debated the question of whether the church was an exclusive sect composed of the heroic few or an inclusive church of all who confessed Jesus Christ, leading to the addition of "holy" (belonging to God) and "catholic" (universal). In Gaul, in the fifth century, the phrase "he descended into hell" came into the creed. By the eighth century, the creed had attained its present form.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO OUR ACOLYTE: Amanda Troyan

WELCOME REVEREND LON WEAVER: Western Pennsylvania holds a special place in my life. I was born in Wilkinsburg, baptized at Edgewood Presbyterian Church, and spent my first eight years in Swissvale. My family moved to rural Fremont, Ohio where I grew through youth and into adulthood. I returned to Pennsylvania to be trained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament. I completed by formal graduate work in Pittsburgh: an MDiv (1986) and STM (Master of Sacred Theology – 1996) at Pittsburgh Theological Seminar,; and a PhD (2006) at the University of Pittsburgh. Robyn Watkins Weaver and I were married in 1985, a few blocks from the seminary at Eastminster Presbyterian Church. We are the parents of two adult children – a son and a daughter, both born in Magee Women’s Hospital – who are the source of great pride to us. Robyn and I served Christ in Kiskiminetas Presbytery: I, serving as Associate Pastor and Organist at Apollo Presbyterian Church; together, serving as Co-Pastors at Appleby Manor Presbyterian Church outside of Ford City. Thereafter, we embraced our Great North Adventure for twenty-four years in Duluth, Minnesota. There, I served as Co-Pastor, Parish Associate, Instructor in ethics and religion to students in secondary and higher education, and pursued writing in the field of social ethics. Music, conversation, and nature enliven my experience of the Spirit. Robyn pursued Co-Pastoring and Lead Pastoring during that period, now pursuing her well-earned “sabbatical.” I’m pleased to serve Christ in Redstone Presbytery as Interim Executive Presbyter, sharing with you the transforming and renewing power of Christ as we discern our paths into the future (Romans 12).

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 **TODAY by 2PM.** If you have any questions, please contact Joshua Kenst. Thank you!

PARASKY FLUTE STUDIOS PRESENTS SARAH SHIN on Wednesday February 25th, internationally acclaimed flutist Sarah Shin will be giving a recital in our Sanctuary from 7pm - 8pm, along with NMA flute teacher Dan Parasky and NPC Organist Matt Klumpp. Admission is free and open to the public - don’t miss your chance to hear this concert right here at our church!!

KIDS MUSICAL AT NEWLONSBURG Sunday rehearsals begin Sunday March 1! Performance May 3! 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. 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!

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FOOD COLLECTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED : We need volunteers to fill one-hour or two-hour shifts in collecting food at the Murrysville glass recycling event on Saturday, March 14 near the Municipality building. The collection is done outside from those donating food to our Loaves and Fishes food pantry. This is a low-stress, low-physical activity that greatly benefits Loaves and Fishes and those with food insecurity. It's easy to do by yourself or make it a family outing. The only requirement is to have a car to put the food into so that it can be taken to Loaves and Fishes later that day or on Sunday. Volunteer slots are from 9:00 am - 2 pm on Saturday, March 14. If you are interested, please contact Jon Moerdyk. (jonathan.moerdyk@gmail.com; 231-679-5861)

MISSION TRIP WITH GOOD WORKS: Hello everyone! Please scan the QR Code to access a google survey with the slide show and additional information about the mission trip opportunity with Good Works in Athens, OH. When you have looked over the information, please take a moment to respond to the survey. Thank you!



THANK YOU to everyone who lovingly prepared Valentine's Day cards! Your generosity enabled us to send love from NPC to warm the hearts of more than 90 people.

SPRING WORK PARTY: Please join us on March 28th to help clean up the church grounds! Many hands make light work.

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



"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.

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.

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, or (3) Online: www.newlonsburgchurch.org/give. Thank you for your continued support and faithfulness.

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

	Common Good	Special Gifts
Giving for Month	\$52,458	\$7,143
Year to Date Giving	\$52,458	\$7,143
Year to Date Spending Budget	\$58,808	
Year to Date Spending Actual	\$58,828	\$10,186

Common Good giving includes offerings, short-term investment interest and facility usage fees. Special gifts are Reserve Account gifts such as Haiti Kids support, Hunger Offerings, Youth Fund-Raising, Legacy Endowment Fund Gifts, Memorial Gifts, 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 February 22	8:30 AM	Worship – Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday February 23	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
	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Lent Book Study - Gathering Place
	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Boy Scouts – Rooms 104, 106, ARC
Tuesday February 24	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
Wednesday February 25	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
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Stephen Ministry - Gathering Place
Thursday February 26	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Music Academy
	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Lent in Plain Sight - Virtual
	3:00 - 4:45 PM	Ram - Arc
	4:45 - 7:30 PM	Mintec - Arc/Common Ground
	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 27	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Music Academy - 101/102
Saturday February 28	8:30- 9:30 AM	Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205
	9:45 - 11:45AM	OA - Gathering Place
	11-1:00 PM	AA - Common Ground
Sunday March 1	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

Amanda Neely, Chair '26
Janice Rewald, '26

Care of Members

Lindsay Lippman, Chair '26
Kelly Hand, '28

Equipping

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

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