



Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

March 1, 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

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

VISITOR SIGN IN



THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

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

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE It Happened on that Fateful Night
Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev.
Webster

THE INTROIT White As Snow Olguin

CALL TO WORSHIP Bruce Hanington

Leader: The Lord God keeps us, saves us, and protects us in times of trouble.

People: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Even when fear strikes us, we know that we are safe, for we belong to God.

People: We shall never be shaken or moved, for we are shadowed by God's almighty hand. We lift our voices together in thanks and praise.

*OPENING HYMN # 169 Dear Lord and Savior of Mankind vs. 1-3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Bruce Hanington

All-powerful and eternal God, we thank you for light, for golden sunlight, silver moonlight, the stars that map our skies, a crackling fire on which to cook, and the shining faces of those around us. Help us to meet you in the darkness, that, without the need for sight, we may learn you are as close to us as our own breath, skin, and bones, knit in our very being, in this moment and forever. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Bruce Hanington

***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 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Bruce Hanington

ANTHEM Jesu, Word of God Incarnate

Mozart

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 3:1-17

Rev.

Webster

SERMON Family Stuff

Rev.

Webster

APOSTLE'S CREED (printed in bulletin below)

Rev.

Webster

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN # 177 I Will Come to You

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Paul

(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.

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

Interlude XI

Murray

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Bruce Hanington

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 187 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*BENEDICTION

Rev.

Webster

*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

Postlude in C Minor

Groden

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 Christian 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 Deacon Communion servers Debbie Carlson and Bruce Hanington.

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL REHEARSALS START TODAY FOLLOWING THE 11:00AM SERVICE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

EASTER EGG CANDY COLLECTION We are collecting individually wrapped candies to fill our eggs for our Easter egg hunt. Please bring candy to the office by March 22. We would prefer candy with no nuts.

CLUB 45 IS NOW 345! We are expanding our children's club to include third graders! Try us out this week - Wednesday 3/4/26 6:00pm-8:00pm. Dinner is pizza and fruit and a \$5 donation is appreciated. Let us know if your child plans on attending so we have enough food for everyone!

HUNGER OFFERING TODAY TO AID MIGRANT FARM WORKERS: The Hunger Offering this morning will benefit the Beth-El Farmworker Ministry in Florida. Migrant farm workers are the poorest of the working poor in this country. The Beth-El Mission was founded in 1976 to help farm workers achieve self-sufficiency through its open opportunities to worship, its extensive educational programs, and the many services it provides to meet basic needs. The Mission operates under a covenant among the Cumberland Presbyterian Church/Grace Presbytery and the Tampa Bay and Peace River Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (USA). 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. Please give generously. Roger Schneider - Outreach Ministry

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)

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.

HOSS'S LUNCH: Enjoy a nice lunch immediately after the second service with a group of fellow NPC'ers on Sunday, 3/8/26 at Hoss's Steak & Sea House.

FISH FRY FELLOWSHIP: Head over to Export Moose (5903 Washington Avenue, Export, PA 15632) Friday, 3/20/26 at 5:30pm. Celebrate the Lenten season with some fellow NPCers. Be sure to wear your NPC attire so we can find each other! No sign up needed.

SPRING WORK PARTY: Please join us on March 28th to help clean up the church grounds! Many hands make light work. The work day runs from 8AM to Noon.

EASTER BRUNCH: Everyone is welcome to join us for a light continental brunch held in Fellowship Hall between services on Easter Sunday, April 5th in Fellowship Hall. It will be held between the worship services (9:45-10:45am) and there will not be any Sunday School that day. All are welcome. Please bring your family and enjoy a light breakfast and fellowship on Easter morning with your church family. Please bring a breakfast item to share. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, sign up online at our website events page or via realm.

Thanks in advance to our Easter Brunch Hospitality Chairs (Judy Radcliff & Danielle Beard) and Team Members: George & Bethany App, Doug & Diane Barbe, Craig & Janet Bauer, Marsha Bayne, Rich Beard, Kristen Beard, Beth Ann Fausto, Ben & Stephanie Gates, Rich & Nancy Gebrosky, Jeff & Cynthia Goff, Owen Goff, Josh & Kristy Johnson, Becky Maiman, Evelyn Maiman, Brett & Kate Montgomery, William Montgomery, John Montgomery, Luke Montgomery, Ann Rittiger, Roger & Vicki Schneider, Dennis & Lisa Skeers, Jocelyn Staite, Michelle Staite, Jeff & Diana Sterniak, Lucas Sterniak, Paul Thompson, and Judy Washburn.

LES MIS N' AT: Saturday April 11, 2026 at 7:30pm at the Palace Theater in Greensburg. Les Mis N' At: "Broadway Baby! We will take a jaunt down the Great White Way with your Broadway favorites, played by your River City Brass! Featuring numbers from a Chorus Line, Les Miserables and more! Let us transport you to the storied blocks of 42nd Street for this enjoyable occasion. Ticket cost is \$50.00.

For those interested, we plan to meet prior to the performance at Olives and Peppers in Greensburg (optional) for dinner at 5:30pm, for the first 16 people to sign up. Sign up online, Realm or on our in-person sign-up sheet by March 22. Questions? Call Sue Billings, 724-875-5254.

END OF SCHOOL LOCK-IN: NPC is happy to host its end of School Lock-in for students in grades 6-8. This will be an evening with fun, fellowship, worship, service and a bonfire. Dinner and breakfast will be provided. Participants can be dropped off at the ARC on Friday, May 15th at 6PM, and picked up at the office entrance on Saturday, May, 16th. The cost for the event is \$12. Please register and submit the required forms on Realm by Sunday, May 3rd. Contact Joshua Kenst with further questions. Sign up link: <https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/Registrations/Inf/0/2c190178-6b6a-47b5-8671-b3f5015acd29>



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

- **Senior Celebration** on Sunday, 4/26/26 after the 11am service
- **Pentecost Picnic** at Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall on Sunday, 5/24/26 after the combined service

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!



"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: A notice for donations made through your financial institutions: If you are having any donations sent directly from your financial institution, please let them know that they should put your name somewhere on the documentation that is sent with the check made out to Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church. If they do not add your name we have no way of knowing who the donation is from. Thanks as always for your generosity and support.

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 March 1	8:30 AM	Worship – Fellowship Hall	
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary	
	12:15 - 1:15 PM	Musical Practice - Fellowship Hall	
Monday March 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	
	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Lent Book Study - Gathering Place	
	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Boy Scouts – Rooms 104, 106, ARC	
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Matthew 25 - Gathering Place	
	Tuesday March 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 - Gathering Place, Fellowship Hall, 104, 106, 204, 205, 207	
Wednesday March 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 345 & 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 March 5	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 March 6	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Quilters - Fellowship Hall
4:00 - 5:30 PM		Music Academy - 101/102	
Saturday March 7	8:30- 9:30 AM	Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205	
	9:45 - 11:45AM	OA - Gathering Place	
Sunday March 8	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground	
	8:30 AM	Worship - Fellowship Hall	
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary	
	12:15 - 1:15 PM	Musical Practice - Fellowship Hall	

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
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-Elect, Greeters, '28
Elizabeth Montgomery, Deacon-Elect, Childcare, '28
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 Rewald, '26

Care of Members

Lindsay Lippman, Chair, '26
Kelley 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