

 *Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church*
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW
March 15, 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



THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

March 15, 2026

11:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Paul

THE INTROIT

Hallowed Be the Name

Green, arr. Douglas

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lois Nesbitt

Leader: We are children of light,

People: rejoicing in everything good and right and true.

Leader: We worship the Lord who heals, liberates, and raises us from the dead.

People: In the dream of the beloved community of God, we are awake, and we stand in the light of Christ.

*OPENING HYMN # 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lois Nesbitt

God of heaven and earth, in a cloud of confusion, we seek revelation. In the face of manipulation, we seek truth. In the gloom of regret, we seek new life. Speak to us now; grant us intention and tenderness, so that we may witness to your work in the world and in us, through Jesus the Christ, our healer and hope. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lois Nesbitt

*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	John 18:1-11	Lois Nesbitt
ANTHEM	Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)	Rice, arr. Hayes
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Matthew 5:38-48	Rev. Paul
SERMON	Who Practices Enemy-Love?	Rev. Paul
APOSTLE'S CREED (printed in bulletin below)		Rev. Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN # 372 O for a World

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
(Please mention first names only) Rev. Webster

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

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Lois Nesbitt

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 313 Lord, Make Us More Holy

*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

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.

SERMON NOTES

1. Jesus names a radical way of being in conflict: non-retaliation, generosity, prayer for opponents. This isn't weakness—it's spiritual strength.
2. Loving enemies doesn't mean approving harmful behavior. It means refusing to let hatred shape our hearts.
3. Compassion in conflict is a witness to the transforming power of Christ.
4. What would it look like to pray for, speak about, or treat someone you disagree with in a way that reflects Jesus' love?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO OUR ACOLYTE: Amanda Troyan

PALM SUNDAY MUSICIANS...WILL YOU PLAY? Whether you are a young musician or a more seasoned player, please let Bettie know so that she can get music to you right away. We plan to play for Palm Sunday so you'll want to have enough time to practice the two hymns that we'll play. Talk to Bettie on Sunday morning or via bettie.jarosz@newlonsburgchurch.org. HOSANNA!

CLUB 45 IS NOW 345! We are expanding our children's club to include third graders! Try us out this week - Wednesday 3/18/26 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!

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.

WARRIORS ROCK AT THE PALACE THEATRE: Come and see Warriors Rock with Gary Racan and the Studio E Band on Sunday, March 22nd at 3pm at the Palace Theatre in Greensburg. General Admission tickets are \$25, and are available at the door or at www.thepalacetheatre.org. All proceeds benefit the Westmoreland Food Bank Military Share Program. If the keyboard player looks familiar to you, that's because it's NPC's organist Matt Klumpp performing in the show too!

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.

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

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING – PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29:

During Lent, we celebrate that God connects with us through Jesus' resurrection and connects us with "those who have least" – that's how Matthew 25 puts it – and that's what One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is all about. People who experience oppression, need, loss, or lack - those are the people Jesus connected with, the Bible says, and they are the people we are invited to connect with on Palm Sunday. One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way the Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. By giving to the PC(USA) One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, our congregation joins with others around the country in support of ministries working to improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs: Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP); Self-Development of People (SDOP); and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). You'll find more information about this important offering in the enclosed bulletin insert. Roger Schneider, Outreach Ministry

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT NPC: NPC's Deacons will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive for the Murrysville community on Tuesday, April 28, from 11:30am-5pm in Fellowship Hall. Please call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter NPC and the sponsor code to schedule an appointment. Every drop counts!

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.*

EASTER EGG HUNT Children ages 0-5th grade are invited to participate in an egg hunt during our Easter Brunch! Come to the Fellowship Hall at 10:30!

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.

HOSS'S LUNCH: Enjoy a nice lunch immediately after the second service with a group of fellow NPC'ers on Sunday, 4/12/26 at Hoss's Steak & Sea House.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: A new member class will be held in April. The two sessions for this class will be on 4/12 and 4/19 from 12:30 - 2:00 PM in the Gathering Place. Light refreshments will be provided. The class will also be held

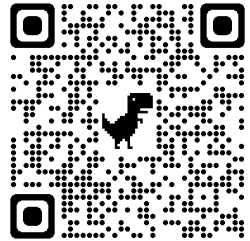
virtually via Zoom. Please reach out to Kate Montgomery, Rachel Oates, or one of the pastors if you are interested to learn more. Hope to see you then!

NEW MEMBER EVANGELISM NEEDS YOUR HELP FOR OPENING DAY 4/18: Do you enjoy sharing your love of NPC with others? Kate Montgomery and Rachel Oates need your help on April 18th for FRAA Baseball/Softball Opening Day at Murrysville Community Park. NPC will be hosting a booth with games and cookie decorating from 9 - 5. They are looking for volunteers to fill 2 hour slots to spread NPC joy, play games, facilitate cookie decorating, and answer questions about our church. If you are able to help out, please reach out to Kate or Rachel.

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/Info/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
- **Corndogs and Cornhole** following the 10am service on Sunday 6/14/26



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!



HAITI CHILD SPONSORSHIP COORDINATOR – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Outreach Ministry is seeking one or two volunteers to help coordinate NPC's Haiti Child Sponsorship Program, which supports nearly 100 students through the New Testament Mission in LaCroix, Haiti. This role is ideal for someone who enjoys organizing information, working with simple data tools, and helping others stay connected to this meaningful mission.

Key responsibilities include:

- Maintaining lists of sponsored children and sponsors in Excel
- Updating child–sponsor assignments
- Generating periodic reports for Outreach and the congregation
- Coordinating data with NPC's member database
- Requesting and distributing student photos and profiles
- Soliciting sponsors for new unsponsored children
- Helping promote sponsorship opportunities as needed

This role can be shared—and is perfect for couples, friends, or a parent/teen team—and requires approximately *10 hours per month* (although some months may require fewer or more hours.) Interested? Contact Sue and Stan Billings, or Kathie Lukitsch with any questions or Susan Keane to volunteer. *Bondye beniw (God bless you in Creole!) for supporting this life-changing ministry.*

"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.

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

	Common Good	Special Gifts
Giving for Month	\$80,732	\$3,929
Year to Date Giving	\$128,246	\$8,873
Year to Date Spending Budget	\$117,060	
Year to Date Spending Actual	\$115,750	\$14,906

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 15	8:30 AM	Worship – Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	12:15 - 1:15 PM	Musical Practice - Fellowship Hall
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Boy Scouts - Common Ground/Gathering Place
Monday March 16	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 March 17	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
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Session - Gathering Place
Wednesday March 18	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
	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Girl Scouts - 204
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Stephen Ministry - Gathering Place
Thursday March 19	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
	4:30 PM - 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 March 20	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Quilters - Fellowship Hall
	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Music Academy - 101/102
Saturday March 21	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 22	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, '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

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Susan Long, Chair, '28

Lindsey Berk, '27

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Jan Hill, Chair, '26

Debbie Andrachek, '28

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Kate Montgomery, Chair, '27

Rachel Oates, '28

Outreach

Susan Keaney, Chair, '26

Heather Rusiewicz, '28

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Robin Pokrzywinski, Chair, '27

Michael Rhoades, '26

Communications

Angel Stahl, Chair, '27

Clerk of Session

Susan Keaney