

 *Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church*
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

March 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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The Rev. Curtis L. Paul II, Pastor

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VISITOR SIGN IN



THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

March 22, 2026

11:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INTROIT

The Alphabet Song
Sunday School Singers

Amy Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

James Berk

Leader: As children of God, we dwell in the Spirit, and the Spirit dwells in us.

People: We are alive in the Spirit through the righteousness of God.

Leader: In humility and faith, we come to worship the One who gives us life, hope, and healing.

**People: God has brought us to this moment and will guide us still.
Praise the Lord!**

*OPENING HYMN # 329 God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

James Berk

Living God, we come to you today in humility and need. We pray for life for our wounded souls, for our ailing communities, for our troubled nation, and for our hurting world. Call us out of discouragement and despair to rise up in courage and love. Let your light shine upon our faces, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may live again as your people, holy and whole, singing praises and serving with joy through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

James Berk

*GLORIA PATRI # 581

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATION WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Lori Bass-Riley

#188 (vs 1) Jesus Loves Me

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 11:1-45

James Berk

ANTHEM

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
Choir and Bell Choir

Larson

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Rev. Webster

SERMON

In the Flesh

Rev. Webster

*APOSTLE'S CREED (printed in bulletin below)

Rev. Webster

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN

462 Open the Eyes of My Heart

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Greg Davis - Pine Springs Camp

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Paul

(Please mention first names only)

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

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Rev. Paul

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

Lamb of God
Bell Choir and Piano

Paris

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

James Berk

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

321 The Church's One Foundation

*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

The Apostle's 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO OUR ACOLYTE: Parker Jessup

SPECIAL THANKS to Lois Hollinsworth for sharing her talents with us at the organ this morning.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING BACK YOUR FISH BANKS FOR PALM SUNDAY!

ALL CHILDREN PALM PARADE NEXT SUNDAY: All children are invited to meet in the narthex before the 11:00 service to participate in the Palm Sunday parade. During the first hymn, all the children will be led by Pastor Lori and our acolyte in and around the sanctuary waving their palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

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 TODAY. We would prefer candy with no nuts.

THE KITTIES ARE AHEAD OF THE DOGS: Loaves and Fishes is out of cat food. Please donate cat and dog food, our clients really appreciate the care of their pets.

WARRIORS ROCK AT THE PALACE THEATRE: Come and see Warriors Rock with Gary Racan and the Studio E Band today - 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!

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: 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 next Sunday, 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. 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. Roger Schneider, Outreach Ministry

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.

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, 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 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.

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.

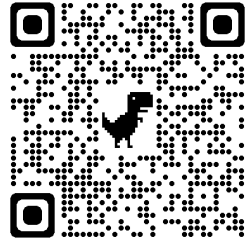
END OF SCHOOL LOCK-IN: NPC is happy to host its end of School Lock-in for students in grades 6-8. This will be an evening with fun, fellowship, worship, service and a bonfire. Dinner and breakfast will be provided. Participants can be dropped off at the ARC on Friday, May 15th at 6PM, and picked up at 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



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.

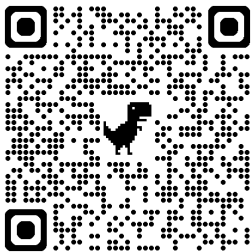
Key responsibilities include:

- 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.*

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: 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 22	8:30 AM	Worship – Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	12:15 - 1:15 PM	Musical Practice - Fellowship Hall
Monday March 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 March 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 March 25	8:30 AM
10:15 AM - 12:15 PM		Book Study - Gathering Place
3:00 PM		Music Academy – Rooms 101- 103, 201, 208, Nursery
Thursday March 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
	5:30 - 6:15 PM	Beginning Bells - Choir Room
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	NO PRAISE TEAM
	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 27	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Music Academy - 101/102
Saturday March 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 29	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

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

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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