



 *Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church*
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

March 29, 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 29, 2026

11:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INTROIT

God Loves Me
Sunday School Choir

Matt Klumpp

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joshua Kenst

Leader: What will we lay down as Christ passes by?

People: We have no cloaks today, but we will lay down our hearts, our hopes, and our lives.

Leader: As the crowds in Jerusalem cried out long ago, we echo,

People: Hosanna! Save us! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN

197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Joshua Kenst

God of all the ages, make us real or make us nothing. As we sing "Hosanna!" bring us to the foot of the cross. As we wave palms, show us your tomb. On this day of praise and passion, help us to hold the tension between life and death and learn the mystery that you are in both. Teach us to turn our faces toward you and help us bear witness, that we might testify always to your faithfulness. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***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 12:1-18 Joshua Kenst

ANTHEM Prepare the Way Price, Besig

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 13:1-17 Rev. Paul

SERMON Kneeling Power Rev. Paul

APOSTLE'S CREED (printed in bulletin below) Rev. Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN # 199 Filled with Excitement

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

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication Joshua Kenst

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 196 All Glory, Laud and Honor

*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

Reprise of "Hosanna"

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. True leadership in God's kingdom looks like service.
2. Jesus redefines greatness as willingness to kneel.
3. In a culture obsessed with being served, the church is called to serve.
4. What might it look like for me to take a posture of service toward those I'm tempted to dismiss or overlook?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to NOM (Newlonsburg's Own Musicians!) for sharing their musical talents with us today. This gathering of musicians will appear again on Pentecost, May 24th. If you would like to be part of them in the future, please let Bettie know.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: This morning, as Jesus says in Matthew 25, the Church belongs with those in need – with those suffering from natural and human-caused disasters; with those lacking access to food, water and healthcare; and with those struggling for justice, righteousness, and peace. Through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, we are there because we are the Church, together. 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). 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, using the special offering envelopes that are enclosed with your bulletin. Please include your envelope number and “sharing” 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 prayerfully consider the offering you’ll give to One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering is our direct response to the ways in which God has called us to share. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!
Roger Schneider - Outreach Ministry

PHONES FOR FREE- The church recently got new phones, if you have a need for Avaya business phones now is your chance to grab them up. There are seven phones available.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 4/2@7:30pm: Tenebrae service with communion celebrated. As we hear the last moments of Jesus’ life, gorgeous music will be played and the lights will slowly lower to remember Christ’s sacrifice for our sins. Reflect upon your life in Christ.

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.

EASTER EGG HUNT ON EASTER DURING EASTER BRUNCH! There will be an Easter egg hunt for children ages 0 through 5th grade at **10:30am** on Easter. Families should go to the Fellowship Hall and get brunch first. Each child will receive a bag with which to collect eggs! Pastor Lori will make an announcement with specific directions when the children can go hunt for eggs! After the hunt,

families are requested to empty their eggs, put them back together, and return them for next year's hunt. Those who return their empty eggs will get a special Easter craft to take home!

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.

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!

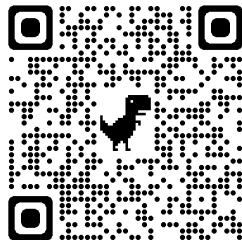
END OF SCHOOL LOCK-IN: NPC is happy to host its end of School Lock-in for students in grades 6-8. This will be an evening with fun, fellowship, worship, service and a bonfire. Dinner and breakfast will be provided. Participants can be dropped off at the ARC on Friday, May 15th at 6PM, and picked up at 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 Keaney 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 29	8:30 AM	Worship – Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday March 30	12:15 - 1:15 PM	Musical Practice - Fellowship Hall
	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
Tuesday March 31	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Boy Scouts – Rooms 104, 106, ARC
	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 April 1	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
Thursday April 2	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Stephen Ministry - Gathering Place
	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	NO BEGINNING BELLS
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	NO PRAISE TEAM
	6:15 - 7:15 PM	NO BELL CHOIR
	7:00PM	Choir Rehearsal for Maundy Thursday
	7:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service - Sanctuary
Friday April 3	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Music Academy - 101/102
Saturday April 4	8:30- 9:30 AM	Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205
	9:45 - 11:45AM	OA - Gathering Place
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground
Sunday April 5 Happy Easter!	8:30 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	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

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

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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

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Robin Pokrzywinski, Chair, '27

Michael Rhoades, '26

Communications

Angel Stahl, Chair, '27

Clerk of Session

Susan Keaney