



 *Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church*
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

March 8, 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



HEARING GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATION WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Lori Bass-Riley

#188 (vs 1) Jesus Loves Me

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 25:21-22

Addison Moerdyk

ANTHEM

Lord, I Know I Been Changed

Shackley

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 8:5-13

Rev. Paul

SERMON

Christ Crosses Lines

Rev. Paul

APOSTLE'S CREED (printed in bulletin below)

Rev. Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN

368 We Fall Down (sing twice)

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 Pastorale on "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Callahan

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Addison Moerdyk

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

192 Shine, Jesus, Shine

*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 Fantasy on “Forty Days and Forty Nights” McConnell

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. Compassion doesn’t require agreement; it recognizes shared humanity.
2. Jesus is not threatened by difference.
3. God’s Kingdom is not limited to cultural, political or social lines.
4. Who do you find the hardest to see with compassion—and what might it look like to trust God at work in them?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO OUR ACOLYTE: Addison Moerdyk

DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? 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!

YOU ARE INVITED BY WOMEN EMPOWERMENT GROUP: MARCH 8, 2026, 2:00PM-8:00PM THEME: RIGHTS, JUSTICE, ACTION Cultural activities, Workshop, Food, Recognition, Documentary, Music. 423, MCKEAN AVE CHARLEROI PA 15022

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

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)

CLUB 45 IS NOW 345! We are expanding our children's club to include third graders! Try us out- 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.

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 March 28th to help clean up the church grounds! Many hands make light work. The work day runs from 8AM to Noon.

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.

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.*

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



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 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

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| Sunday March 8 | 8:30 AM | Worship – Fellowship Hall | |
| | 11:00 AM | Worship - Sanctuary | |
| | 12:15 - 1:15 PM | Musical Practice - Fellowship Hall | |
| Monday March 9 | 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 | Deacons - Gathering Place | |
| Tuesday March 10 | 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 | |
| | 5:00 - 6:00 PM | Security Team Meeting - Gathering Place | |
| | 6:30 - 9:30PM | Stewardship & Finance - Gathering Place | |
| | 7:00 - 9:00 PM | Outreach - 205 | |
| | Wednesday March 11 | 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 | |
| Thursday March 12 | 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 | 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 13 | 4:00 - 5:30 PM | Music Academy - 101/102 | |
| Saturday March 14 | 8:30- 9:30 AM | Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205 | |
| | 8:30 - 10:30 AM | Men’s Breakfast - Fellowship Hall | |
| | 9:45 - 11:45AM | OA - Gathering Place | |
| Sunday March 15 | 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 | |
| | 7:00 - 9:00 PM | Boy Scouts - Common Ground/Fellowship Hall/Gathering Place | |

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