

 *Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church*
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

April 12, 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

April 12, 2026

11:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Webster

INTROIT

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

Verity Sterniak

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his mercy, God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

People: We rejoice, for we are children of God.

Leader: We proclaim our faith: no power can overcome Christ's love, and as his body, we have received salvation.

People: In love and joy, we praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN # 240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Verity Sterniak

Holy God, we sing your praises. You have brought us new life and freed us for love. Shake us free of anything that inhibits us from living fully as your new creation. Help us to live into your resurrection in relationships mended, wounds healed, communities restored, and wrongs made right, that we might reach for your hand and witness together, "My Lord and my God!" Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Verity Sterniak

***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 John 20:19-31 Verity Sterniak

ANTHEM In the Bulb There is a Flower
Stephanie Mihleder, solo

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Peter 1:3-9 Rev. Webster

SERMON Living in Suspense Rev. Webster

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN # 246 Christ Is Alive!

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 Interlude X

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication Verity Sterniak

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 238 Thine Is the Glory

*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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO OUR ACOLYTE: Amanda Troyan

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING UPDATE: Thanks to this congregation's generosity, we have collected \$1832.75 for One Great Hour of Sharing thus far. \$303.75 of this has come from coins in the fish banks... just goes to show that small donations can make a big difference! We are still receiving offerings for this, so if you haven't brought your fish bank in yet, or would still like to donate, you have time. Because of NPC, efforts around disaster relief, hunger programs, and community development will be better funded. What a blessing!

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.

SHOW SUPPORT FOR HAITIAN REFUGEES: There are multiple ways we can demonstrate our support for our Haitian friends in Charleroi. One of the ways is to contact our elected officials to institute systemic change in our country's current approach. If you are interested in this, please refer to the Matthew 25 page on the NPC website or use this link

<https://www.newlonsburgchurch.org/matthew-25-at-newlonsburg>

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.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: A new member class will be held in April. The two sessions for this class will be TODAY, 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.

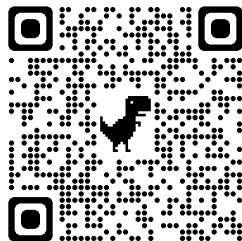
Sign up link:

<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MmMxOTAxNzgtNmI2YS00N2I1LTg2NzEtYjNmNTAxNWFjZDI5>



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



NEWLONSBURG MUSIC ACADEMY JAZZ CAMP -

Newlonsburg Music Academy will be hosting our inaugural Jazz Camp from June 15th -19th here at NPC. Open to all students grades 7-12, and led by guest instructor Pierce Cook, Pittsburgh bassist and conductor for the Three Rivers Youth Orchestra Symphonette. Details and registration here:<https://www.newlonsburgmusic.com/jazz-camp>.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT AND PRAYER REQUEST FROM TRAVIS: It is both a joy and a concern to let you all know that I have accepted the call to be the Henry J. Copeland Interfaith College Chaplain at the College of Wooster in Wooster, OH.

NPC's Session has graciously set a final date of service for me here at Newlonsburg of June 30, which means we will be able to finish out this semester and plan for the transition. During that time, I will be out of the office a couple different times for previously scheduled commitments, of which the Session is aware. I am excited by the opportunity, but will miss y'all very much. Please know how much Karen and I have treasured our time in ministry here with you; we cherish your prayers as we start on this new life chapter.

PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FROM OUR EXTENDED CHURCH

FAMILY SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Curtis Alberts, Haven Boyd, Jeremy Boyd, Brittany Brock Lopez, Mauro Lopez, Tracy Dover, Matt Frantz, Josh Hockenberry, Jared Ingersoll, Adam Kessel, Lara Lewis, Evah McGinley, Samantha McGregor, Corey Miller, Danny Musgrove, Porter Parker, Ruby Paul, Timothy Spirnock, Jacob Stoken, Ben Whitlow, and Ryan Whitlow.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR: Beth Tyson, Andrew Smith, Bob Schwab, Andrea Seeley, Katie (Ehrlich) Morgan, Patrick Hesson, Samantha McGregor, Billy Landisch, Ann Shannon, Joseph McGinn, Wil Rissler, and Rob Behr

ALL ABOARD.....

GOOD NEWS CRUISE

KID LED MUSICAL WORSHIP

AT THE 8:30 & 11:00

SERVICES

MAY 3 2026

CELEBRATE THE ABUNDANT LIFE ONLY
FOUND IN JESUS CHRIST.



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THIS WEEK AT NPC

Sunday April 12	8:30 AM	Worship – Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday April 13	12:15 - 1:15 PM	Musical Practice - Fellowship Hall
	12:30 - 2:00 PM	New Member Class - Gathering Place
	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
Tuesday April 14	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Boy Scouts – Rooms 104, 106, ARC
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Deacons - Gathering Place
	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
Wednesday April 15	3:30 PM- 7:30 PM	Music Academy- 202/203
	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Stewardship & Finance - Gathering Place
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Outreach - 205
	8:30 AM	Women’s Breakfast
	10:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Book Study - Gathering Place
Thursday April 16	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
	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Music Academy
Friday April 17	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
	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Music Academy - 101/102
Saturday April 18	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 19	8:30 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	12:15 - 1:15 PM	Musical Practice - Fellowship Hall
	12:30 - 2:00 PM	New Member Class - 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