

 *Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church*
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

April 19, 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

April 19, 2026

11:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE Prelude on "Diademata" Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Paul

THE INTROIT Come Before Him Tunney

CALL TO WORSHIP Lucas Sterniak

Leader: Jesus the Christ has freed us from death and brought us into new life.

People: Through Christ, we have faith and hope in God.

Leader: In genuine, mutual love, let us worship with one heart and one voice.

People: In reverence and joy, we praise God's holy name!

*OPENING HYMN # 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Lucas Sterniak

Risen and Living God, in your endless love and grace, you have given us all we need. Open our weary eyes to moments when need meets resource and longing is satisfied in giving. Send us where you need us and fill us with your purpose, so that all people may know the wonder and joy of your redeeming presence, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Lucas 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 Matthew 28:16-20 Lucas Sterniak

ANTHEM Agnus Dei arr. Raney

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 1:1-11 Rev. Paul

SERMON Joy in Jesus' Presence, Not Control Rev. Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN # 439 O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Joshua Kenst

(Please mention first names only)

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

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE Joshua Kenst

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 Mediation Powell

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication Lucas Sterniak

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 268 Crown Him with Many Crowns

*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

Sermon Notes:

1. We often seek certainty, outcomes, or influence. Jesus promises, "I am with you always."
2. In divisive times, we are tempted to anchor hope in control—but Jesus anchors it in presence. We don't need to win every moment if we are never alone in it.
3. The disciples want clarity and control ("Is this the time?"), but Jesus gives them something better—His presence.
4. What am I trying to control that Jesus is asking me to trust God with?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY - IT SUBCOMMITTEE OPPORTUNITY: The Communications Ministry is excited to announce the formation of a new IT Subcommittee! This team will support the church in all areas of technology, including networks, computer hardware and software, and internet-related needs. If you have experience or interest in IT and are looking for a meaningful way to serve Christ and support our church community, we invite you to consider joining this important ministry. Your skills can make a real difference in helping our church stay connected and effective in its mission. For more information or to get involved, please contact Angel Stahl at angelstahlnpc@gmail.com or Pastor Curtis.

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.

DAILY DOSE: Welcome to your Daily Dose of spiritual friendship. Each day in the Realm App or in your email box (whatever your preference) you will receive daily encouraging, challenging voices of Christianity to deepen your friendship with Jesus Christ and Christ's Church. From 4/13-4/26, everyone will be opted-in to get a taste. From 4/27 onward, you will need to go to the App or Realm Connect to opt-in yourself or email office@newlonsburgchurch.org to be added to the Daily Dose messages.

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>

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.

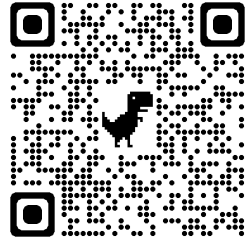
Sign up link:

<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/Registrations/Info/2c190178-6b6a-47b5-8671-b3f5015acd29>

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>.

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 March 2026:

	Common Good	Special Gifts
Giving for Month	\$45,414	\$6,352
Year to Date Giving	\$182,534	\$22,320
Year to Date Spending Budget	175,867	

Year to Date Spending Actual	\$177,660	\$35,245
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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.

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 19	8:30 AM	Worship – Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday April 20	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 21	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 22	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Session - Gathering Place
	8:30 AM	Women’s Breakfast
	3:00 PM	Music Academy – Rooms 101- 103, 201, 208, Nursery
Thursday April 23	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Music Academy
	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
Friday April 24	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Quilters - Fellowship Hall
	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Music Academy - 101/102
Saturday April 25	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 26	8:30 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	12:15 - 2:00 PM	Senior Celebration - Fellowship Hall
	12:15 - 1:15 PM	Musical Practice - Common Ground

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