



 *Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church*
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

April 5, 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. Dr. Travis A. Webster, Associate Pastor

VISITOR SIGN IN



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 20:1-18 Elizabeth Montgomery (8:30)
Shauna Frantz (11:00)

ANTHEM Run to the Tomb Choplin
Cynthia Goff, soloist

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:19-23 & Philippians 4:4-5 Rev. Paul

SERMON Happiness Happens to Us: Join Jesus' Joy Rev. Paul

*APOSTLE'S CREED (see below for full text)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN # 236 The Strife Is O'er

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Rev. Webster
(Please mention first names only)

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

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving The Lord's Prayer Pg. 35 (Debts)

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after the meal

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Please continue to give to NPC by check or by texting 855-287-7898. The text should be the amount of your donation. Please visit the GIVE Section of the NPC website or email giving@newlonsburgchurch.org with any questions.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Hail Thee, Festival Day

Burkhardt

*Doxology (Teens & adults, If you would like to help ring the Zimbelstern, please proceed to the narthex to pick up your bells at this time.)

*Prayer of Dedication

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 233 The Day of Resurrection vs 1,2

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Paul

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CLOSING RESPONSE # 233 The Day of Resurrection vs 3

POSTLUDE

Easter Fanfare on "Victory"

Groom

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.

Sermon Notes:

1. The disciples were afraid, divided, and uncertain—yet Jesus meets them with peace.
2. Joy is not denial of pain; it is anchored in a deeper reality.
3. In a culture of anxiety and outrage, resurrection joy is a steady witness.
4. Where am I tying my joy to outcomes instead of Jesus?

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNION SERVERS: 8:30 - Matthew Hand, Debbie Carlson, Sue Matanin, Susie Siegal, Lynn Comstock, Doug Riethmuller. 11:00 - Debbie Carlson, Amy Hieber, Tyler Hanchey, Lori Novak, Bruce Hanington, Linda Palmer.

HUNGER OFFERING TO PROVIDE HAITI RELIEF: The Hunger Offering this morning for the La Croix New Testament Mission will help ensure that no Haitian family will go hungry in these difficult times. Please help feed His children. 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. Please give generously. Roger Schneider - Outreach Ministry

EASTER BRUNCH TODAY: Everyone is welcome to join us today for a light continental brunch held in Fellowship Hall between services (9:45-10:45am). There will not be any Sunday School. Come enjoy fellowship with your church family! Please bring a breakfast item to share if you are able.
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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING UPDATE: Thanks to this congregation's generosity, we have collected \$688.75 for One Great Hour of Sharing thus far. \$303.75 of this came 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.

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!

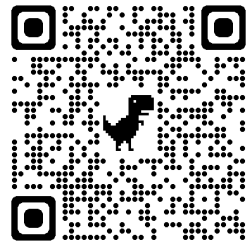
END OF SCHOOL LOCK-IN: NPC is happy to host its end of School Lock-in for students in grades 6-8. This will be an evening with fun, fellowship, worship, service and a bonfire. Dinner and breakfast will be provided. Participants can be dropped off at the ARC on Friday, May 15th at 6PM, and picked up at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

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 Apr 5	8:30 AM	Worship – Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday Apr 6		Office Closed
	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
	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Boy Scouts – Rooms 104, 106, ARC
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Matthew 25 - Gathering Place
Tuesday Apr 7	8:30 – 9:30 AM	Men’s Breakfast – Dicks Diner
	11:00 AM	Leadership Programming
	1:00-3:00	Crochet Group
	1:15 PM	Leadership Meeting – Offsite
	2:00 – 3:30 PM	Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	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
	3:00 - 4:30 PM	RAM
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Executive Meeting - Gathering Place
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Committees - Fellowship Hall, Gathering Place, 104, 106, 204, 205, 207
Wednesday Apr 8	8:30 AM	Women’s Breakfast
	3:00 PM	Music Academy – Rooms 101- 103, 201, 208, Nursery
Thursday Apr 9	10-8 PM	Music Academy
	3-4:30 PM	RAM
	5:30 PM	Beginning Bells
	6 PM	NO PRAISE TEAM
	6:15-7:15 PM	Bell Choir
	8:30 PM-9:30 PM	Music Academy- Sanctuary
Friday Apr 10	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Quilters - Fellowship Hall
	4-6:30PM	Music Academy -Rooms 102/103
Saturday Apr 11	8:30- 9:30 AM	Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205
	8:30 - 10:30 AM	Men’s Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
	9:45 - 11:45 AM	OA - Gathering Place
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground
Sunday Apr 12	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, '28

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