



 *Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church*
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

May 10, 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



THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

May 10, 2026

11:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE On Christ's Ascension I Now Build Kolodziej

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Webster

THE INTROIT Come Before Him Tunney

CALL TO WORSHIP Sarah Fu

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of praise be heard! God has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

People: We went through fire and through water, yet God has brought us out to a spacious place.

Leader: Come and hear what God has done for us, all who fear God.

People: Surely God has listened to us and heard our prayers! Blessed be God, who is steadfast love.

*OPENING HYMN # 301 Let Us Build a House vs. 1,4,5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Sarah Fu

Faithful God, through all the ages, you have kept your promises. You have freed us from the powers of scarcity and death for abundant new life. Stay with us as we wait and watch for your Spirit with excitement and hope, that we may experience your love and share it with our lives, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Sarah Fu

*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

Acts 17:16-21

Sarah Fu

ANTHEM

Standin' In the Need of Prayer

arr. Raney

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 17:22-34

Rev. Webster

SERMON

Idle Worship

Rev. Webster

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN

458 Thy Word Is a Lamp

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Pastor Lori Bass-Riley/Joshua Kenst

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

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

Rev. Paul

Offertory

Hymn

Daneling

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Sarah Fu

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

In the Garden (see insert)

*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

Voice of Praise

Lorenz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: The flowers are dedicated by Hal and Kimberly Burch in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

LAST CHANCE FOR PENTECOST SHIRTS: The deadline has been extended to order Pentecost shirts. Please have your order into the office by TODAY!

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.

PAPER TOWEL DONATIONS NEEDED: Time to support the WESTMORELAND FOOD BANK at MOS by donating paper towels. Each June we supply paper towels to the monthly distribution of county food given on the first Tuesday at MOS. Please bring them to church any time this month or in May. They are currently serving 245 families. We work together to help local families in need. NPC OUTREACH COMMITTEE.

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. Opt-in yourself or email office@newlonsburgchurch.org to be added to the Daily Dose messages.

PROJECT SHEEPDOG - Focus Groups Scheduled:

Every shepherd could use a few good sheepdogs!

We want to hear from as many voices as possible to envision NPC's future and shape the pastoral support role to that vision. What do you want to see in the future of NPC? What responsibilities or competencies do you think are most important in an Associate Pastor (or otherwise) to support that future?

We would love to see you at a focus group in Fellowship Hall to chat about it:

- Sunday, May 17, between services
- Sunday, May 31, after the 10 am service
- Sunday, June 7, after the 10 am service

If you are unable to join, a survey will also be available at a later date and any Elder welcomes a conversation to hear your reflections and considerations.

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>

LET'S CELEBRATE THE CLASS OF 2026! On Sunday, May 17, after the 11am service, the Deacons will hold a reception in Fellowship Hall for NPC members who are graduating from high school this year. You are cordially invited to come enjoy some cake, wish them well, and hear their plans for what comes next. If you are a senior graduating from high school this year, and you and your family did not get a personal invitation, please let us know!

PINE SPRINGS STAFF OPENINGS! Attention all 16 Year olds and up! If you are looking for a job this summer, Pine Springs Camp has openings for its Timothy Team, Adventure Staff, and Camp Counselors. Serving on Staff in any of these

roles is a wonderful and fun way to spend your summer and looks great on a resumé. If you are between the ages of 16 and 18, you can apply for the Timothy Team and/or as a camp counselor. If you are 18 and older you can apply as a camp counselor and/or for the adventure staff. Positions are limited, so apply soon. You can apply by visiting the following website and clicking on the summer staff application tab. <https://www.pinesprings.org/summerstaff>

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS, please plan to attend the confirmation dinner on Tuesday, May 19 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall. You will be meeting with current NPC elders to enjoy some good food and fellowship. Please email Barbara Rissler (barbararissler@gmail.com) regarding any food allergies. Thank you to the following Hospitality team for hosting this event – Team 3 Hospitality chairs: Barb Rissler and Debi Robertson and Team members: Bill Rissler, Gary Robertson, Laurie Bailey, Tim & Lindsey Berk, Alice Cass, Megan Duckworth, Ron & Diane Fitzgerald, Jillian Fu, Rob & Amy Hieber, Janet Ingersoll, Bob & Abby Kemerer, Ray Laughlin, Jennifer March, Bob Markley, Jr., Lori Novak, Lou Peglow, David & Paige Perry, Gary Robertson, Jr., Jason & Kim Scheible, John & Susan Shaginow, Angel Stahl, and Joe & Kelly Thomas.

WEAR YOUR RED FOR THE PENTECOST PICNIC on Sunday, May 24th in Fellowship Hall immediately following the combined 10am service. Invite family and friends to celebrate the birthday of Christ's Church. There will be crafts, a fun race, and a huge blowup bouncy house and obstacle course for all ages! The main course will be catered and we welcome members to bring a pasta salad/potato salad, fruit/fruit salad, vegetable salad, or dessert. Please sign up in the Narthex, online at our website events page or [via the Realm-app](#). Please include what dish you will be bringing when you sign up. All are welcome. Please contact Linda Palmer with any transportation needs lindaepalmer@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance to the following hospitality chair members and team members for hosting the event: Team 2 Hospitality chairs: Marcia Smith and Julie Gebrosky Team members: Alex Gebrosky, Rich Smith, Kenneth & Tara Bird, Bill & Linda Blank, James & Erin Carlisle, John & Nancy Daller, Sean & Nichole Daller, Alice Douth, Kathy Groll, Eric & Christine Hanchey, Bruce Hanington, Lauren Jessup, Don and Barb Jewell-Green, Karen Kase, Mindy Markovich, Kim Mlckevics, Gail O'Toole, Alan & Kristen Petrazzi, JoAnn Rosenberger, Sherry Shadrach, Curtis & Sharon Southlea, Alan & Terri Thornburg and Janice Troup. Team 10 Hospitality chairs: Stephanie Makosey, Christel Thompson and Hope Paul Team members: Jay Thompson, Lauren Bailey, Jim & Janis Baker, James & Lori Bollibon, Nicholas Caruso, Matt & Stephanie Edwards, Ed & Laurie Lach, Alice LaPaglia, Gary & Kim Merge, Jack & Pamela Metcalfe, Chad & Stephanie Mihleder, Richard & Melanie Miller, Donna Miller, Keith and Robin Pokrzywinski, Jerry Selia, Mark & Debbie Sherer, Jim & Jaime Slone and Bill & Sharon Stewart.

MAY 24TH PRAYER REQUEST FOR ROLL REVIEW: As our church is undergoing the roll review process, we request that you take time for intentional prayer on **Sunday, May 24th.**

Please take time that day to lift up members who are prayerfully considering their ongoing membership within our church family. We ask God to grant them clarity, peace, and a renewed sense of calling as they contemplate their place as a member within the church.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide every heart, strengthen every commitment, and lead us all toward deeper unity, purpose, and love in Christ.

COME JOIN US FOR CORNDOGS AND CORNHOLE: Sunday June 14th, 2026. A great opportunity to meet new people and enjoy a snack and refreshment following church. Please join us on the back patio after the 10:00am service on June 14th for the new Corndogs and Cornhole event. We are asking for a goodwill offering of \$1 per corn dog (pay [via the Realm-app](#) or on the day of the event). BYOLC-bring your own lawn chair. Thank you to the following Hospitality team for hosting the event – Team 7 Hospitality Chairs: Susie Siegel and Susan Hois and Team members: Phil Hois, Stan & Sue Billings, Emily Bondi, Mindy Bramer, Abby Hostetler, Alma Johnson, Benjamin Kuntz, Rob Jessup, Gina LaPaglia, Kiersten Maryott, Dave & Calley Nero, Lois Nesbitt, Dale & Ginny Rygg, Ryan & Lauren Sloan, Alex & Amy Smith, Larry & Tammy Stoken, Emily Stoken, Janet Sturgil, Andrea Vernon, Nikki Weir and Jeff & Valery Wilson.

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>.

KIDS CST (CRAFT AND STORY TIME) WEDNESDAYS JUNE 10TH - AUGUST 12TH, 10 AM - 11 AM: Join Pastor Lori on Wednesday mornings to hear a story and make a corresponding simple craft! Perfect for our littlest ones and their caregivers!

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE VBS JULY 20TH - 23RD, 6PM - 8PM: Registration is open! Gear up for our VBS with frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith. Guided daily by Ollie the Arctic Seal, we will learn to draw strength through powerful Biblical stories of courage and hope. Join us as we visit the winter Olympic games and embrace the truth that "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13 NRSV). For Kids Age 3 through 5th Grade (Must be able to use the bathroom independently)



<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ZmixZWY5MmMtZjE4Ni00YWNILWFIOWYtYjQyZTAxMWZINWQz>

RIVERHOUNDS GAME: NPC family and friends will gather at Highmark Stadium as the Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC take on the Sacramento Republic FC at 7:00pm on Saturday, August 8, 2026. Tickets are \$31/person. We will be purchasing group tickets, so if you are interested, please contact Lindsay Lippman (tlpitt25@comcast.net), sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or [via the Realm-app](#) no later than July 1, 2026.

"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.

ONLINE GIVING: Online donations are a great way to contribute to the Common Good Fund or any other funds (Haiti Kids, Hunger Offering, etc.) Donations can be set up for payment today, a date in the future, or set up recurring payments to one or multiple funds. Payments can be made with credit cards, debit cards, or by ACH transfers (direct bank transfers with lowest processing fees). For more information, please contact giving@newlonsburgchurch.org. Online Giving Form: <https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/give> or click the GIVE button on the website.

BIRTHDAY GIFTS TO NPC ENDOWMENT: In Newlonsburg tradition, you can mark your birthday by donating \$1 for each year to the Legacy Endowment — a way to celebrate Jesus in your life. Legacy Endowment contributions provide a means to share perpetual gifts that provide long term support of NPC’s ministry. Annual distributions from the Fund are allocated by Session to further NPC’s mission. Happy Birthday! For more information, please contact giving@newlonsburgchurch.org. Online Giving Form: <https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/give> (select Legacy /Birthday Fund Accumulation)

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

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.

In the Garden

The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. John 20:20

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the dew is
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Tho the night a -

still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear,
birds hush their sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy that He gave to me
round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go - thru the voice of woe,

Refrain

The Son of God dis - clos - es.
With - in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He
His voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the joy we

share as we tar - ry there None oth - er has ev - er known.

TEXT and MUSIC: C. Austin Miles

GARDEN
Irregular meter

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THIS WEEK AT NPC

Sunday May 10	8:30 AM	Worship – Fellowship Hall	
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary	
Monday May 11	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	
	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Boy Scouts – Rooms 104, 106, ARC	
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Deacons - Gathering Place	
	Tuesday May 12	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	
6:30 - 8:30 PM		Stewardship & Finance - Gathering Place	
Wednesday May 13	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Outreach - 205	
	8:30 AM	Women’s Breakfast	
	3:00 PM	Music Academy – Rooms 101- 103, 201, 208, Nursery	
	Thursday May 14	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		NO PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL	
6:15 - 7:15 PM		Bell Choir - Choir Room	
7:30 - 8:30 PM		Choir Practice - Choir Room	
Friday May 15	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Music Academy - 101/102	
		Lock in	
Saturday May 16	8:30- 9:30 AM	Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205	
	9:45 - 11:45AM	OA - Gathering Place	
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground	
Sunday May 17	8:30 AM	Worship - Fellowship Hall	
	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

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