



*The Lord sent me me so that you
may regain your sight and be filled
with the Holy Spirit*

 *Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church*
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

May 17, 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

Acts 8:26-40

Amanda Neely

ANTHEM

A Thousand Storms
Kimberly Burch, solo

Frombach, Sorenson

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9:1-19

Rev. Paul

SERMON

Seeing Differently

Rev. Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN # 322 We Are One in Christ Jesus

BAPTISM : John Leo Bondi, son of Emily and John Bondi
Apostle's Creed pg. 35 of Glory to God

BAPTISMAL HYMN #486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (vs. 1, 4)

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 Hail, Holy Queen (from Sister Act)
The Bell Choir

arr. McChesney

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Amanda Neely

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Paul

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

Reprise of “Hail, Holy Queen”

SERMON NOTES:

1. Questions are not threats to faith—they are pathways deeper into it.
2. God is already at work in people we don't expect.
3. In a polarized culture, humility in learning builds bridges.
4. Sometimes perseverance means letting God change your perspective.
5. God works on both sides—Saul and Ananias.
6. In divided times, spiritual maturity includes openness to transformation.
7. Where do I need to be more open, curious, or teachable?
8. Am I open to God working in people I struggle to understand?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO OUR ACOLYTE: Amanda Troyan

FLOWERS: Given by Shauna Frantz in celebration of her wonderful son's heavenly birthday. We love you Cameron!

PROJECT SHEEPDOG - First Focus Group Today: 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 to chat about it:

- Sunday, May 17, between services (Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, May 31, after the 10 am service (Common Ground)
- Sunday, June 7, after the 10 am service (Fellowship Hall)

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.

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. 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.

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. 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.

NOW THE KITTIES ARE AHEAD OF THE DOGS: Loaves and Fishes is out of DOG FOOD. Please donate cat and dog food, our clients really appreciate the care of their pets.

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>

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 McKeivics, 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.

LET'S CELEBRATE THE 2026 CONFIRMANDS! On Sunday, May 31st, after the 10am service, the Deacons will hold a reception in Fellowship Hall for NPC's newly confirmed and newest church members. You are cordially invited to come enjoy some light refreshments and congratulate them on their dedication to Faith!

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.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: A member of the congregation is looking for help with yard work and is willing to pay. Let Joshua Kenst know if you have a child/children who would be willing to help and are interested in making a little bit of extra cash.

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.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER FOR HUNGER OFFERINGS: Please put your name on the envelope when donating towards Hunger. The Hunger envelopes do not have

your individual envelope number and we do not know who is giving unless you give us your name / envelope number. If you have given towards hunger and do not see contributions on your giving statement, please call Ginny Rygg (412)-491-7937. Thanks for your help with this and as always, thanks for your support.

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>

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.

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>

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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 May 17 | 8:30 AM | Worship – Fellowship Hall |
| | 11:00 AM | Worship - Sanctuary |
| Monday May 18 | 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 |
| Tuesday May 19 | 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 |
| | 6:00 PM | Confirmation Dinner - Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00 - 9:00 PM | Session - Gathering Place |
| Wednesday May 20 | 8:30 AM | Women’s Breakfast |
| | 3:00 PM | Music Academy – Rooms 101- 103, 201, 208, Nursery |
| | 6:00 - 8:00 PM | Club 345/Youth Group - Arc, Fellowship Hall, Common Ground |
| | 6:00 - 8:00 PM | Girl Scouts - Room 204 |
| | 7:00 - 9:00 PM | Stephen Ministry - Gathering Place |
| Thursday May 21 | 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM | Music Academy |
| | 3:00 - 4:45 PM | Ram - Arc |
| | 4:30 - 7:00 PM | Mintec - Arc/Common Ground |
| | 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 - Bell Duet Only |
| | 7:30 -8:30 PM | No Choir Reahearsal |
| Friday May 22 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Quilters - Fellowship Hall |
| | 4:00 - 5:30 PM | Music Academy - 101/102 |
| Saturday May 23 | 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 24 | 10:00 AM | Worship - Sanctuary |
| | 11:00 AM | Pentecost Picnic |

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