



 *Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church*
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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



#188 (vs 1) Jesus Loves Me

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 27:1; 9-12; 27; 33-38 Evelyn Makosey

ANTHEM The Spirit Song arr Hayes
Diana Sterniak & Matt Klumpp, 4-hand piano

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 28:11-16; 23-31 Rev. Paul

SERMON Trusting God in the Storm Rev. Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN # 288 Spirit of the Living God
(Sing, Hum, Sing)

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY Ron Donaldson

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 A Charge to Keep I Have
Powell

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication Evelyn Makosey

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*BRINGING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION Rev. Paul

POSTLUDE Reprise of "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Special thanks to Newlonsburg's Own Musicians for sharing their talents with us today.

SERMON NOTES:

1. Following Jesus does not eliminate hardship.
2. God's presence is not proven by comfort, but by faithfulness.
3. In turbulent times, steady trust becomes a powerful witness.
4. Where am I tempted to lose hope?
5. What would it look like to trust God in the middle of uncertainty?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO OUR ACOLYTE: Camille Gebrosky

FLOWERS: Given by Jeff and Cynthia Goff to celebrate Pentecost, the "birthday of the church."

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

PROJECT SHEEPDOG - Survey is Live: 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? **The congregational survey is now live!** You can access the [survey via the NPC website](#) or by picking up a paper copy in front of the office. The survey will be available through Sunday, June 7th.

Additionally, remaining focus groups are scheduled to chat about your reflections and considerations:

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

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!

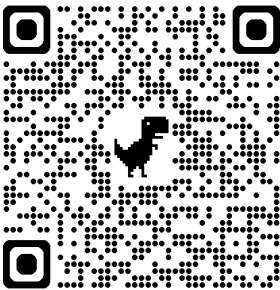
DAILY DOSE: Welcome to your Daily Dose of spiritual friendship. Each day in the Realm App or in your email box (whatever your preference) you will receive daily encouraging, challenging voices of Christianity to deepen your friendship with Jesus Christ and Christ's Church. You will need to go to the 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>

YOUTH MINISTRY SURVEY 6/5/26: Attention all Jr. and Sr. High Students. I'm starting to begin planning and preparing for next year, and need your input.

Please scan the QR Code and fill out the survey by June 6th. Thank you!



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!

ESCAPE ROOM AT 60 MINUTE MISSIONS 6/13/26: Are you good at puzzles? Test your skills at 60 Minute Missions Escape Room on Saturday, June 13! Join Joshua for an escape room challenge followed by games at the church. We will meet at 60 Minute Missions (4574 William Penn Hwy) at 12:30 PM; children can be picked up from NPC at 3:30 PM. The cost is \$30/person and open to students entering grades 6-8. **Spots are limited, please click the link, or scan the QR Code to register by Sunday June 7th:**

<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=OGL1ZTImNDMtNDAXMi00N2VjLWFkMmUtYjQ0OTAxNDNiZTYy>



COME JOIN US FOR CORNDOGS AND CORNHOLE 6/14/26: 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.

FAMILY PARK MEET UPS - FIRST ONE 6/17/26 6PM-8PM: Families are invited to join us for summer park meet-ups at three local parks! Come enjoy time together while kids play and families get to know one another in a relaxed and welcoming setting. Pastor Lori will provide snacks and drinks for everyone. We hope you'll join us for fun, fellowship, and community!

1st Meet Up - Murrysville Community Park; Wednesday June 17 from 6pm-8pm at the playground next to the splash pad

2nd Meet Up - Penn Trafford Municipal Park; Saturday, July 11 from 10am-12am at the playground

3rd Meet Up - Bear Hollow Park - August TBA

HIKING AT LINN RUN STATE PARK 6/18/26: Do you like long walks through the woods, scenic views, and opportunities to take epic selfies with your friends? Then you should bring your friends and come hiking on Thursday, June 18 as we explore and hike the trails of Linn Run State Park. We will meet at the church by 10AM, and return by 4PM. **Please bring a packed lunch.** This event is open to students entering grades 9-12. **Please click the link, or scan the QR Code to register by Sunday, June 14:**

<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=YTBIODc3MzgtZjZkZi00OWRhLThlOWMtYjQ0OTAxNGExOGRj>



WONDERS AND WISDOM 6/20 & 6/27 10AM YOUNG CHILD/ADULT SCRIPTURE AND SCIENCE EXPERIENCE: Join us for Wonders and Wisdom, a special experience for young children and caregivers exploring where scripture and science meet! Together we'll discover topics like metamorphosis and being born again, God's creation of the universe, and the science of the cosmos through hands-on learning and wonder-filled conversations. This unique program is taught by Joan Batson, a well-known enrichment teacher in local preschools and homeschool groups. Sign up for one or both experiences!



<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MmNjY2NhMzEtMzI5NS00OTYzLWFhNzctYjQyZjAxMjYzZjIi>

PAINTERS NEEDED 6/24/26: Attention High Schoolers, we have a church in need of a fresh coat of paint. Come volunteer for a few hours, and enjoy some fellowship on Wednesday, June 24 **from 10AM - 2PM**. We'll spend the morning painting into the afternoon painting, enjoy a lunch together and finish up with some games in the ARC. More hands make light work, and to make this an enjoyable experience, we need at least 5 students. Lunch will be provided. **Please click the link, or scan the QR Code to register by Sunday, June 21:**

<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=NzY3ZjFiNGQtdNDg5Ni00ZDFhLWJiM2QtYjQ0OTAxNGU4ZTI4>



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>.

TREKKERS 7/13-7/16/26: NPC's Trekkers Program is scheduled for July 13-16 for rising 6th through 8th graders. The theme for Trekkers is embracing creation, during Trekkers, participants will have the opportunity to visit the biblically accurate botanical garden of Rodef Shalom Congregation, help with some gardening and other projects at the church, volunteer at the Pennhills community Garden, and end with some fun at Idlewild and Soak Zone. The price for Trekkers is \$40. Spots are limited so sign up soon! **Please scan the QR Code to register by Wednesday, July 1:**

<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=OGNhNDM0MTEtOWRjZS00NmYxLTImYTgtYjQ0OTAxNTE1ZTdm>



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)



BOWLING NIGHT AT NESBIT LANES 7/23/26: Line them up and knock them down! Come to Nesbit Lanes on Thursday July 23, from 6PM-8PM for bowling and fellowship. This event is open to students entering grades 9-12, and the cost of the event is \$18/Student. **Please click the link, or scan the QR Code to register by Wednesday, July 19th :**

<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=NWRkZjZiNzQtYzJjYi00MmZjLThlOTYtYjQ0OTAxNTQyMDBl>



<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ZmIxZWY5MmMtZjE4Ni00YWNIWFIOWYtYjQyZTAxMWZlNWQz>

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.

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.

PER CAPITA: Congregations pay an annual amount of money per church member, per capita apportionment, to their respective presbyteries. Please consider including your 2026 share of this amount (\$55 per member). Per capita is the way congregations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) connect, participate, and share in the work of the wider church, "mutually sharing the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading." For more information, please contact giving@newlonsburgchurch.org. Online Giving Form: <https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/give> (select per capita contribution)

STOCK CONTRIBUTIONS: Transferring appreciated stocks, bonds, and mutual funds is a great option for charitable giving. Gifts of appreciated securities owned more than one year can provide additional tax savings by decreasing long-term capital gains and through itemized deduction of the current value, rather than the initial cost. Note: You should consult with your personal tax advisor about the impact of making such a gift.

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.

THIS WEEK AT NPC

Sunday May 24	10:00 AM	Worship – Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Pentecost Picnic
Monday May 25	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 May 26	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
	7:30 - 9:30 PM	NA - Common Ground
	Wednesday May 27	8:30 AM
3:00 PM		Music Academy – Rooms 101- 103, 201, 208, Nursery
Thursday May 28	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 29	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Music Academy - 101/102
Saturday May 30	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 31	8:30 AM	Worship - Patio
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Confirmands Reception

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

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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

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Robin Pokrzywinski, Chair, '27

Michael Rhoades, '26

Communications

Angel Stahl, Chair, '27

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Susan Keaney