



 Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

June 21, 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



THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

June 21, 2026

8:30 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev.

Paul

CALL TO WORSHIP

Don

Pearson

Leader: What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins
and griefs to bear;

People: what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.

*PRAISE THROUGH MUSIC # 370 This Is My Father's World

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Don Pearson

**God our rock and salvation, you have called us to follow you; give us the
courage to do so. You have called us to love you above all; give us
confidence to do so. When the waters of life rage around us, hear our
prayers, steady our feet, and anchor us in your word, that we might
proclaim your presence in the midst of turmoil. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Don Pearson

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATION WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Lori Bass-Riley

#188 (vs 1) Jesus Loves Me

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15:11-32

Don Pearson

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9:1-19

Rev. Paul

SERMON

Create Space for Grace

Rev. Paul

*SERMON HYMN

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

GRIEF BAG COMMISSIONING

Rev. Bass-Riley

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev.

Webster

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

*THE BENEDICTION

Rev. Paul

Leader : The peace of our Lord,
 Jesus Christ, be with you.

People: And also with you. Amen

*THE CLOSING RESPONSE

 May the Lord our great Creator
 Bless you this day.
 Grant you peace and hope and courage
 Along your way.
 May you stay within God's keeping
 In your waking, in your sleeping
 In your joy and in your weeping, God Be with you.

* Please stand if you are able

SERMON NOTES

1. The father runs toward the son—before explanations, before repayment.
2. The older brother reminds us how easy it is to resist grace.
3. In divided times, people expect judgment—but are transformed by grace.
4. Where can I extend grace instead of criticism?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS:

IT'S BLANKET SUNDAY - HOLD ONTO THIS HOPE....and a \$5 BLANKET: When war or riots have torn your world apart, and your immediate need is for a warm place to hide, a Church World Service blanket is something to hold onto, along with hope for a safer tomorrow. When your world has been washed away by floods, or torn apart by howling winds, and a fallen wall is your only protection, hope, and a blanket are something to hold onto and will provide comfort from the disaster. Like God's love, hope never dies and with your help a blanket will also offer relief from the storms of life. For just \$5 you'll receive an NPC card to give to your Dad or another special person. Your gift will help Outreach provide

comfort and warmth, along with hope, to sisters and brothers in need around the block, across the state, or around the world. Today, when you give the gift of a blanket in your father's name, you will honor both your Dad and your heavenly Father - and THAT's a Newlonsburg thing.

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!

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=NzY3ZjFiNGQtNDg5Ni00ZDFhLWJiM2QtYjQ0OTAxNGU4ZTI4>



WONDERS AND WISDOM 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=MmNjY2NhMzEtMzI5NS00OTYzLWFhNzctYjQyZjAxMjYzZjJi>



FOOD COLLECTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need volunteers to fill one-hour or two-hour shifts in collecting food at the Murrysville glass recycling event on Saturday, June 27 near the Municipality building. The collection is done outside from those donating food to our Loaves and Fishes food pantry. This is a low-stress, low-physical activity that greatly benefits Loaves and Fishes and those with food insecurity. It's easy to do by yourself or make it a family outing. The only requirement is to have a car to put the food into so that it can be taken to Loaves and Fishes later that day or on Sunday. Volunteer slots are from 9:00 am

- 2 pm on Saturday, June 27. If you are interested, please contact Jon Moerdyk. (jonathan.moerdyk@gmail.com; 231-679-5861)

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR PASTOR TRAVIS SUNDAY, JUNE 28 — Following the **10:00am Service** Please join us in Fellowship Hall after the 10:00am service on June 28 as we celebrate Pastor Travis and his faithful service to our church family. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

We invite you to share your gratitude with cards. A collection box will be available on the office island, and all cards placed there will be presented to Pastor Travis during the celebration.

PLEASE HELP BLESS TWO PINE SPRINGS COUNSELORS! We are excited to announce that we will be continuing NPC's tradition of sponsoring a Pine Springs Camp summer staff person! In fact, this summer we will be sponsoring two different counselors ! The first is Paulo Mercado - coming all the way from Aguascalientes, Mexico. The second is IsaBella Gaebel, who will be a Cornerstone Counselor for the summer. We will be receiving more information about each of them shortly.

As Paulo's and IsaBella's sponsor, we have committed to bless them with prayers, encouragement, and gifts throughout the summer. **Between now and Sunday, June 28th**, we will be collecting notes and cards expressing our prayers and support. We will soon be finding out their preferences of snacks and restaurants. Once we find out these specifics, we will provide an update looking for donations for them both. Once the time comes, please put items in the box labelled "Pine Springs Counselor" by the office. Most importantly, please keep Paulo, IsaBella, and the entire Pine Springs staff in your prayers as they serve and lead campers this summer. Thank you for helping us to bless them!

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>

FAMILY PARK MEET UPS - FIRST ONE 7/11/26 @ 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!



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

August Meet Up - Bear Hollow Park - August TBA

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=ZmIxZWY5MmMtZjE4Ni00YWNILWFIOUYtYjQyZTAxMWZlNWQz>

BOWLING NIGHT AT NESBIT LANES 7/29/26: Line them up and knock them down! Come to Nesbit Lanes on Thursday July 30, 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 Monday, July 27th:**



<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=NWRkZjZiNzQtYzJjYi00MmZjLTlOTYtYjQ0OTAxNTQyMDBl>

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.

"TEACHINGS OF JESUS" YARD SIGNS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE: Political signs soon will be sprouting up like wild flowers. Let's take this opportunity to also display simple messages of love and hope. Yard signs reflecting teachings of Jesus Christ that were displayed in front of the church last fall are once again available for purchase at cost (\$13 per sign). If you are interested in obtaining one of these signs, please contact the church office at 724.327.0061 or look for the table in the narthex display between services.

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>

HAITI KIDS: Some changes are being made in the leadership of Haiti Kids. After many years of helping manage the sponsorship of Haiti Kids, Sue and Stan Billings are retiring. We are grateful for their many contributions to this ministry. Kathie Lukitsch will continue to head the ministry, and some new people have volunteered to help with the work. Lindsey Berk will be managing your contributions on Realm, Mary Ann Roberts will be keeping the Child Sponsorship list up to date and Kate Mordyke will help with publicity. We are thankful they answered God's call and volunteered to be a part of this ministry. We all hope to work together in furthering this very worthwhile mission and help the community of LaCroix.

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.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS: Using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a great way for people meeting certain requirements with an IRA and a need to withdraw funds to meet a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), to contribute to NPC.

DONATIONS SENT FROM FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS: If you are having any donations sent directly from your financial institution, please let them know that they should put your name somewhere on the documentation that is sent with the check made out to Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church. If they do not add your name we have no way of knowing who the donation is from. Thanks as always for your generosity and support! For more information, please contact giving@newlonsburgchurch.org

FINANCIAL SUMMARY Thank you to all those who give in gratitude for what God has given to us. As of the end of May 2026:

	Common Good	Special Gifts/ Reserve Accounts
Giving for Month	\$43,850	\$6,981
Year to Date Giving	\$287,568	\$41,373
Year to Date Spending Budget	\$293,482	
Year to Date Spending Actual	\$289,463	\$78,282

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, Capital Campaigns, 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.

PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FROM OUR EXTENDED CHURCH

FAMILY SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Curtis Alberts, Haven Boyd, Jeremy Boyd, Brittany Brock Lopez, Mauro Lopez, Tracy Dover, Matt Frantz, Josh Hockenberry, Jared Ingersoll, Adam Kessel, Lara Lewis, Evah McGinley, Samantha McGregor, Corey Miller, Danny Musgrove, Porter Parker, Ruby Paul, Timothy Spirnock, Ben Whitlow, and Ryan Whitlow.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR: Beth Tyson, Andrew Smith, Andrea Seeley, Katie (Ehrlich) Morgan, Patrick Hesson, Samantha McGregor, Billy Landisch, Ann Shannon, Joseph McGinn, Wil Rissler, and Rob Behr

THIS WEEK AT NPC

Sunday June 21	8:30 AM	Worship – Patio
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday June 22	5:00 PM- 8:30 PM	Music Academy- Room 201
	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Boy Scouts – Rooms 104, 106, ARC
Tuesday June 23	8:30 – 9:30 AM	Men’s Breakfast – Dicks Diner
	11:00 AM	Leadership Programming
	1:15 PM	Leadership Meeting – Offsite
	12:00 - 4:00 PM	Music Academy – 102/103
	1:00 - 9:30 PM	Music Academy - 208
	2:30 - 9:00 PM	Music Academy - 101
	3:30 PM- 7:30 PM	Music Academy - 202/203
	5:00 - 8:30 PM	Music Academy- 201
	7:30 - 9:30 PM	NA - Common Ground
Wednesday June 24	8:30 AM	Women’s Breakfast
	10:00 - 11:00 AM	Kids Craft & Storytime - Gathering Place
	10:00 AM - 6:30 PM	Music Academy - 101
	11:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Music Academy - 208
	12:00 - 4:00 PM	Music Academy - 102/103
	3:30 - 7:30 PM	Music Academy - 202/203, Nursery
	5:00 - 8:00 PM	Music Academy - 201
	7:00 PM	Stephen Ministry - Gathering Place
Thursday June 25	11:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Music Academy - 201
	2:30 - 9:00 PM	Music Academy - 208
	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 June 26		
Saturday June 27		
	9:45 - 11:45AM	OA - Gathering Place
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground
Sunday June 28	8:30 AM	Worship - Patio
	10:00 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

Lindsey Berk & Ginny Rygg, Financial Secretaries

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