



Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church

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June 28, 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

June 28, 2026

10:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE Toccata on "Come Thou Fount" Kolodziej

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Webster

INTROIT Come Before Him
Tunney

CALL TO WORSHIP Kaitlyn Lippman

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Your love, O Lord, forever we will sing.

People: From age to age, we will proclaim your faithfulness.

*OPENING HYMN # 475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Kaitlyn Lippman

Holy God, you welcome us all. Your loving-kindness is a gift to all who receive it. Teach us your ways, reveal your promises, and let your Holy Spirit rest upon us, that we might welcome others as you welcome us, in the name of Christ, now and forever. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Kaitlyn Lippman

***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	1 Kings 19: 1-8	Kaitlyn Lippman
ANTHEM	Agnus Dei Sanctuary Choir	arr. Raney
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Mark 5: 21-43	Rev. Webster
SERMON	Touching Stories	Rev. Webster

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN # 418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

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 Voice of Praise Lorenz

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication Kaitlyn Lippman

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 354 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

* BRINGING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION Rev. Webster

*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 Pastorale on "Come Thou Fount" Kolodziej

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: The flowers today are dedicated to Debbie Andrachek's parents, Ethel and Anderson Buck.

EMERGENCY PASTORAL COVERAGE: If you need emergency pastoral coverage in July, please call Rev. Ed Gray @ 239-293-8094.

CONGRATULATIONS to Alyssa Kemerer and Elizabeth Montgomery, who were ordained and installed as Deacons at the 8:30 service today!

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR PASTOR TRAVIS TODAY! — Following the 10:00am Service Please join us in Fellowship Hall after the 10:00am service today (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.

OUR HAITIAN FRIENDS IN CHARLEROI NEED YOUR HELP! Do you have outgrown kids' clothing that you are looking to purge? Our Haitian friends in Charleroi are looking for children's summer clothing (children only, birth through age 18) and would be very grateful to have them. We will be collecting new and/or gently used clothing throughout July – please look for the collection boxes in the narthex and by the office. Our Haitian friends are also in need of feminine hygiene products (pads only please!) diapers and wipes. They can also be placed in the collection boxes with the children's clothing. We will deliver all to Charleroi (if you are interested in helping to deliver our collected items, please reach out to Susan Keaney (412.414.6881 or slkeaney@comcast.net) Many thanks to you all for your tremendous generosity for those in need. It truly is 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!

"TEACHING 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.

FAMILY PARK MEET UPS: 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

PLEASE HELP BLESS TWO PINE SPRINGS COUNSELORS! UPDATE AND DEADLINE EXTENDED 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 are 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 have received additional information on both of them to help us to continue to bless them with prayers and contribute gifts to their boxes.

Between now and Sunday, July 12th, we will be collecting notes and cards expressing our prayers and support. Below are ideas to donate to each of their boxes. The boxes are located outside of the church office.

Paulo's favorite color blue; likes Takis tortilla chips and any other kind of chips; protein shakes – flavors chocolate and vanilla; gift cards -preferred to Chili's restaurant; drinks any kind of coffee. He also wears hats. Please keep his family back in Mexico in prayer.

IsaBella's favorite colors purple and green; likes Almond Joy candy bars; popcorn; any pies; root beer and Gatorade drinks; and gift cards – preferred Chick-Fil-A. Likes the clean and cozy scent lotion; wears hats and also drinks coffee. Asking prayers for patience and guidance during her time at Pine Springs this summer.

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=OGNhNDM0MTEtOWRjZS00NmYxLTlmYTgtYjQ0OTAxNTE1ZTdm>

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=ZmIxZWY5MmMtZjE4Ni00YWNLWFJOWWYtYjQyZTAxMWZINWQz>

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=NWRkZjZiNzQtYzJjYi00MmZjLTlhOTYtYjQ0OTAxNTQyMDBl>

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.

YOUTH GROUP MOVIE NIGHT 8/15/16: On Saturday, August 15th @6:30PM the Youth Group (**Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers**) will meet at Cinemark Monroeville (600 Mall Cir Dr, Monroeville, PA 15146) to see *Spider-Man: Brand New Day*. **Participants can be picked up from the theater by 9:45PM.** Please **register by Friday, July 17th.** This event is open to students in Middle School and High School. Parents, please note that this movie is rated PG-13. **If more than 40 people register, we can book a private screening!**



SAVE THE DATE:

Hoss's Lunch on Sunday, 9/13/26 after the 11am service

Puzzles & Pizza Night on Wednesday, 9/23/26 @ 6pm in Fellowship Hall

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.

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.

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>

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.

RAISERIGHT TO BENEFIT CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES AT NPC: The RaiseRight (formerly Script) gift card rebate program is up and running at NPC to benefit children and youth ministries. Members are participating by buying gift cards and NPC gets rebates. When you purchase gift cards (retail, gas, travel, groceries, etc. from over 750 retailers) using the program, you receive the face value of the gift card and Newlonsburg receives a rebate of 2.5% to 14%. For example, if you purchase a \$100 gift card through the program (note: you also pay a small transaction fee), you receive the \$100 gift card and NPC receives \$7. For additional details and lists of retailers, please visit www.raiseright.com. Currently, NPC is limiting this program to electronic gift cards. To sign up for the program or to get additional information, please email giving@newlonsburgchurch.org.

DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS: Many NPC families use a simple tax strategy called bunching to maximize their tax deductions. A 2017 tax law increased the standard deduction, making it harder to claim certain individual deductions such as for charitable giving. Bunching allows taxpayers who don't qualify for itemized deductions to access the charitable deduction by grouping contributions for multiple years into one year. Establishing a donor-advised fund (DAF) helps achieve this. You contribute money to your DAF, qualify for the current year's charitable deduction, invest tax-free, and donate over several years. You simply inform the DAF of the charity name and amount, and they do the rest. Investment gains are available for charitable giving. Consult your financial or tax adviser about DAFs.

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 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.

THIS WEEK AT NPC

Sunday June 28	8:30 AM	Worship – Patio
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday June 29	5:00 PM- 8:30 PM	Music Academy- Room 201
	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Boy Scouts – Rooms 104, 106, ARC
Tuesday June 30	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
	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
	8:30 AM	Women’s Breakfast
	10:00 - 11:00 AM	Kids Craft & Storytime - Gathering Place
Wednesday July 1	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
	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
Thursday July 2	7:30 -8:30 PM	No Choir Reahearsal
Friday July 3		
Saturday July 4	9:45 - 11:45AM	OA - Gathering Place
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground
Sunday July 5	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