



 Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

July 26, 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

VISITOR SIGN IN



THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

July 26, 2026

10:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Curtis Paul

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rowan Burch

Leader: Enter God's gates with praise and thanksgiving.

People: **We order our footsteps according to God's word.**

*OPENING HYMN # 143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory vs. 1&4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rowan Burch

O Lord, your loving-kindness is better than life. There is nothing that can separate us from your enduring love. Move us out, draw us close, and keep us steady, that we might serve you all the days of our lives. All glory, power, dominion, and majesty are yours from eternity to eternity. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rowan Burch

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO Refrain of # 113

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATION WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Curtis Paul

#188 (vs 1) Jesus Loves Me

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 10:5-10

Rowan Burch

ANTHEM

He Is Born (18th century French Carol)
Kloe Jarosz, flute

arr. Dean

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:39-56

Joshua Kenst

SERMON

Showing Mercy is an Act of Justice

Joshua Kenst

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN # 150 As with Gladness, Men of Old vs. 1&4

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Ron Donaldson

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Bass-Riley

(Please mention first names only)

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

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Rev. Bass-Riley

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

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Rowan Burch

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

* BRINGING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

Joshua Kenst

*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

ANNOUNCEMENT

A special Thank You to Lois Hollinsworth for sharing her talents with us today!

FLOWERS: Given by Bettie and Mitch Jarosz in honor of their seven grandchildren. Merry Christmas in July! Love, Grammie and Pa

NEW ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM (ACS): The new ACS and intercom systems have been installed and will replace the current key-based access to NPC. These systems will be gradually implemented over the next few weeks and will be fully operational by September 1st.

If you currently have a key for access, you'll need to complete an "Access Request and Agreement" form to obtain a key fob that will replace your key. This form is available in the church office and must be returned to the office so that the data can be added to the system.

Between now and September 1st, we'll be debugging the system and loading the system database with individuals and groups who currently have keys to the church. We'll also input time frames for when doors will be unlocked and locked for facility user groups.

Not everyone will require an access device (fob) to enter the church. If you primarily attend Sunday worship services and occasionally visit the church to drop off something, you don't need to fill out an access form. The church doors will remain open for Sunday services and other church events.

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!

WHAT MAKES SENSE FOR YOU & YOUR CHILDREN THIS FALL?: Before we officially leap ahead into fall evening programming, we would really like to know a few things like: Are you adults interested in being more involved in our music programming? What type of things outside of Sunday morning are you interested in for your children? What times work best for you? All this is important information! Please take the time to fill out this survey so we can coordinate with the most people!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSev4JBir0rqFG2gGHRw7E_hDIIS_JH7E6RP6b4ueExR9fvGg/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=11357956620299959022



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

<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=NWRkZjZiNzQtYzJjYi00MmZjLThtOTYtYjQ0OTAxNTQyMDBl>

AUGUST PARK FAMILY MEET UP: SIGN UP BY JULY 29! In order to pick a date that will work for the most people, Pastor Lori would like people to sign up for our final summer park meet up. She will then contact all the people on the list to choose a date!

<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=N2NmZTVmNmQtZjk0ZS00NDI1LThtN2QtYjQ4ODAxNjZhNjg2>



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT APNC 8/2/26 11AM: There will be a meeting directly after the 10am service on August 2nd in order to elect our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS 8/23/26: We will pray over students and teachers returning to school during both worship services. We will also present students with prayer cards, something for their backpacks to remember their church is praying for them, and a small gift to give their teachers.

"HELP NEEDED": Thank you NPC for your continued and overwhelming response to our children's summer clothing and feminine hygiene products collection for our Haitian neighbors in Charleroi! We now need to transport all of your donations to them and so are looking for someone with a truck, van or large SUV that can help. If you are able to help us transport, please contact Susan Keaney (412.414.6881) Thank you!"

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 skeaney@comcast.net) Many thanks to you all for your tremendous generosity for those in need. It truly is a Newlonsburg thing!

"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.

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 today, July 5, 2026 (deadline extension). Please sign up today if you want to join us.



HELP US PUT NAMES TO FACES IN OUR CHURCH PHOTO COLLECTION: The office team is purchasing photo albums to give our NPC photos a home. We need your help to put names to faces and help us determine the years the photos were taken. If you are able to help, please reach out to Jenn or Rachel at office@newlonsburgchurch.org or 724-327-0061.

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.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The Nominating Committee at NPC has begun our search for members to join our already committed Elders, Deacons, Pre-school Board and other roles at NPC.

One of our first priorities is also to establish the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to begin the process of filling this position. If you have an interest in learning more about the duties on any of these jobs at NPC, or perhaps in joining other members in serving the church please call one of the members of the Nominating Committee.

They are: Shauna Frantz, Matt Hand, Susan Hois, Rob Jessup and Angel Stahl.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: A new member class will be held in August. The two sessions for this class will be on 8/2 and 8/9 from 11:30 - 1:00 PM in the Gathering Place. Light refreshments will be provided. The class will also be held virtually via Zoom. Please reach out to Kate Montgomery, Rachel Oates, or one of the pastors if you are interested to learn more. Hope to see you then!

YOUTH GROUP MOVIE NIGHT 8/16/26: On Sunday, August 16th @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 31st.** 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

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>

LEGACY GIVING: Endowment Funds: NPC has two endowments. You can donate directly to one of these funds or name one of the funds to your list of beneficiaries in your estate planning documents. Please contact the Endowment Committee with any questions.

WAYS TO GIVE TO NPC: In addition to cash, checks, and online, there are a variety of ways that you can financially support the mission and ministry of NPC. Please visit <https://www.newlonsburgchurch.org/give> to explore ways to contribute. For more information, please contact giving@newlonsburgchurch.org, and thank you for your generosity.

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 June 2026:

	<u>Common Good</u>	<u>Special Gifts/ Reserve Accounts</u>
Giving for Month	\$62,492	\$7,430
Year to Date Giving	\$345,415	\$51,505
Year to Date Spending Budget	\$352,400	
Year to Date Spending Actual	\$349,325	\$100,421

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>

THIS WEEK AT NPC

Sunday July 26	8:30 AM	Worship – Patio
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday July 27	5:00 PM- 8:30 PM	Music Academy- Room 201
	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Boy Scouts – Rooms 104, 106, ARC
Tuesday July 28	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 July 29	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
Thursday July 30	11:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Music Academy - 201
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	No Praise Team Rehearsal
	7:30 -8:30 PM	No Choir Rehearsal
Friday July 31		
Saturday August 1		
	9:45 - 11:45AM	OA - Gathering Place
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground
Sunday August 2	8:30 AM	Worship - Patio
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary

NEWLONSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Curtis Lane Paul II, 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