



Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

July 27, 2025

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

July 27, 2025

10:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

The Holy Boy

Ireland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev.

Paul

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lori Bass-

Riley

Leader:

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

God's glory will dwell in our land.

People:

Let us hear what God will speak!

Leader:

Righteousness and peace will kiss each other; faithfulness will spring up from the ground.

People:

Let us hear what God will speak!

Leader:

God will speak peace to God's people, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

People:

Let us hear what God will speak!

*OPENING HYMN

#150 As With Gladness Men of Old

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Lori Bass-

Riley

Merciful God, who are we but dust and ashes to pray on behalf of our hurting world and our wounded souls? And yet you answer on the day we call. Today we search and knock. We pray for deliverance for all those suffering under the wrath of war and violence, all those experiencing illness and famine, and all those who oppress and are oppressed. Teach us to pray, that we may know of your steadfast love and be assured of your faithfulness, for we know you will fulfill your purpose for the whole creation. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Lori Bass-

Riley

***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 Angel Stahl
#188 (vs 1) Jesus Loves Me

SCRIPTURE LESSON James 1:19-21

ANTHEM A Quiet Christmas (in July) Wagner
 Ginny Rygg & Kate Moerdyk, bell duet

SCRIPTURE LESSON James 1:26-27 Rev. Paul

SERMON Everyone Should be Quick to Listen, Slow to Speak, Slow to Anger
Rev. Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*SERMON HYMN #146 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

MOMENT FOR MISSION Robin Pokrzywinski

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Rev. Webster
(Please mention first names only)

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE Rev. Webster
Please continue to give to NPC by check or by texting 855-287-7898. The text should be the amount of your donation. Please visit the GIVE Section of the NPC website or email giving@newlonsburgchurch.org with any questions.

Call for the Offering
Offertory O Little Town of Bethlehem Kim
*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

CARRYING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 134 Joy to the World

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Webster

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CLOSING RESPONSE **May the Light of God**

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 every day.

POSTLUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

MacDonald

Sermon Notes

Everyone Should be Quick to Listen, Slow to Speak, Slow to Anger

1. Maybe you're wrong?

2. Listening demonstrates respect.

A. Good listening, not necessarily more talking, is the key to good communication.

B. Communicating builds trust.

3. Listening provides care for the most vulnerable. – James 1:26-27

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Given in loving memory of Dick Nevin, father of Amy and Sarah, husband of Anne Nevin, and Sunday school teacher.

POWER OF HELLO TRAINING: The Security Management Team invites all to learn how to greet each other in Christ while keeping NPC safe. Please join us TODAY, or August 24th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be served. You will learn the OHNO approach: 1. Observe 2. Initiate Hello 3. Navigate the Risk 4. Obtain Help. You will also learn Incident Response Best Practices and Active Shooter Response Best Practices. The SMT's purpose: Jesus commissions Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church (NPC) to invite all people to Him and to protect the lives of

all who enter our property in a loving and considerate way. The Security Management Team's goal is to ensure that this is done in a safe, healthy, Christ-like, and careful manner.

PROPERTY PROJECTS UPDATE: In June we launched a campaign to raise \$127,000 for three key projects: new church sign; parking lot pavement; and HVAC improvements for Common Ground. Because of your generosity, we are on the way to meeting this goal. We have received \$53,450 in gifts. Thank you for your ongoing generosity! Our goal is to have \$80,000 donated by July 25th and have the full \$127,000 by September 30th. Please prayerfully consider a gift to maintain our building and grounds. Your support is crucial in ensuring NPC remains a resource furthering the Kingdom of God. Donations: To donate please send a check with "2025 Capital Improvements" on the memo line to church, place in the offering basket, or donate online at <https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/give/property>

SUNDAY SUNDAYES: All worshipers are invited to join us for a delicious addition to your Sunday morning on Sundae Sunday, 8/10/25, following the 10:00 worship service. We will be serving ice cream, yummy toppings, and fellowship on the front patio. Come enjoy a sweet treat and catch up with your fellow Newlonsburgers. No need to sign up.

Thanks in advance to our Hospitality Team coordinating these summer events: Chrissy & Eric Hanchey and Mindy Markovich (Chairs) and Team Members: Ken & Tara Bird, Bill & Linda Blank, James & Erin Carlisle, John & Nancy Daller, Sean Daller, Alice Douth, Don Green, Kathy Groll, Tyler Hanchey, Bruce Hanington, Lauren Jessup, Barb Jewell, Doug Jones, Karen Kase, Kim Miskevics, Gail O'Toole, Alan & Kristin Petrazzi, Anderson Patrazzi, Avery Petrazzi, Kara Patrazzi, Mary Ann Roberts, JoAnn Rosenberger, Sherry Shadrach, Curtis & Sharon Southlea, Alan & Terri Thornburg and Janice Troup.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: A new member class will be held in August. The two sessions for this class will be on 8/10 and 8/17 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!

DONATION STATEMENTS: Donation statements for giving for this year through April, 2025 will be sent out (emailed or sent through USPS) in May. If you have any questions regarding your statement, please contact Ginny Rygg at ryggvj@gmail.com or 412-491-7937. Additionally, if you log into our new system

REALM, you will be able to see your giving at any time. HOWEVER, please be aware that there can be a delay in what you see posted to your account if you are giving on a Sunday and not online. All of the donations need to be entered and questions answered before the entries get posted and that could be a week or 2 after Sunday's collections. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your specific donation always feel free to contact Ginny Rygg or Lindsey Berk. As always, thank you for your ongoing generosity!

FINANCIAL SUMMARY Thank you to all those who give in gratitude for what God has given to us. As of the end of June 2025:

+ Common Good giving includes offerings, short-term investment interest and facility usage.

*Special gifts include Haiti Kids support, Hunger Offerings, Youth Fund-Raising, Legacy Endowment Fund Gifts, 2025 Property Improvements, Reserve Account giving, Memorial Gifts, and others.

JOIN REALM: NPC is rolling 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.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED SO OUR FACILITY CONTINUES TO ENABLE CHRIST'S WORK.

The Property Ministry has identified three near-term projects that need to be undertaken for safety concerns and/or to continue the usability and welcomeness of our facility.

Parking Lot: Property has evaluated repairs to get a few more years out of the current surface, but repairs would be extensive and costly. Based on the most effective use of our gifts, the contractor will repair the large holes and install a new 2-inch asphalt layer over the entire lot, with new line striping. We hope to receive enough gifts or commitments before July 25th so that we can take advantage of lower-than-expected paving quotes and do work this summer while the lot is less used.

Common Ground HVAC System: This work is a follow up to the successful 2023 water infiltration/wall project. As users of Common Ground know, the original duct work, installed in the 1970s, is in the floor and these ducts have collapsed resulting in a nonfunctional HVAC. This project will include new ductwork in the ceiling.

NPC Sign: A recent storm destroyed our NPC sign and surrounding stone. Thankfully no one was hurt. Right now, we have no road signage informing drivers we are here.

These three project costs are estimated to total \$127,000. Please consider a gift this summer to maintain our building and grounds so they can continue to be a resource to further the Kingdom of God. Gifts and commitments are requested by July 25, 2025. Thanks to the generosity of the congregation and its donations of funds, talent, and time, we can continue to maintain the church as a welcoming facility in good repair.

To donate now please send a check with "2025 Capital Improvements" on memo line to church, place in the offering basket, or donate online at <https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/give/property>

If a current gift is not feasible, your commitment will allow Property to plan the work.

Help LivingStones Help Their Neighbors!

As part of Outreach's commitment to helping those in need in our local or global community, we are asking for your help in supporting LivingStones (www.livingstonespgh.com) in June and July. LivingStones is a 501(c)(3) organization that was started here in Pittsburgh to help seniors and others who are food insecure, lonely and/or need assistance with basic needs. Their mission is to invite neighbors to the table, striving to holistically uplift them through meals, programs and services that meet their needs and exemplifying the love of Christ. They currently have a significant need for hygiene products for their clients and Outreach is asking for your help to meet this need. We will be collecting various hygiene products in June and July (donation boxes will be in the Narthex and by the office.) All products are welcome and more details

can be found in their wish list at the following link:

[https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/owner-view/29CG7ZDE3H4QF?ref=gr_universal_landing_ggr_!!AQegZw!bpHm1pDKn4lO7jMbvv0YsppzUDVYuSbMHfjF0wgElBBYKMxrlqWvod0GV3SFsSnCol2tZjJW5f68_ffy2fy_0dCw\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/owner-view/29CG7ZDE3H4QF?ref=gr_universal_landing_ggr_!!AQegZw!bpHm1pDKn4lO7jMbvv0YsppzUDVYuSbMHfjF0wgElBBYKMxrlqWvod0GV3SFsSnCol2tZjJW5f68_ffy2fy_0dCw$)

Please reach out to Susan Keaney (slkeaney@comcast.net or 412.414.6881) with any questions or if you wish to support this tremendous ministry in other ways.

Thank you Newlonsburg as always for your overwhelming support, caring and generosity.....it's a Newlonsburg thing!



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Share God's Love:

**SUPPORT FOSTER LOVE
PROJECT AND BRING HOPE TO
CHILDREN OF ALL AGES IN
FOSTER CARE. YOUR
DONATIONS CAN MAKE A
WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!**

**WE'RE COLLECTING NEW
OR GENTLY USED ITEMS:
CLOTHING, TOYS, BABY
GEAR, ETC**

DONATE!

**CONTACT KATIE FOR ANY QUESTIONS:
BREITKREUTZKATIE29@GMAIL.COM**

412-607-2212

At Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church we strive to best meet the needs of our families and further the kingdom of God. Please take a moment and share your honest thoughts on children and youth programs; this will help guide us on the best use of time, talents and resources. We value your honest responses, even if your family is not interested in NPC programs. Thanks very much for your time and consideration.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SURVEY
SCAN HERE



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Sunday July 27	8:30 AM	Worship – Arc Patio
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Power of Hello Training - Fellowship Hall
Monday July 28	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 July 29	8:30 – 9:30 AM	Men's Breakfast – Dicks Diner
	11:00 AM	Leadership Programming
	1:15 PM	Leadership Meeting – Offsite
	2:00 – 3:30 PM	Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	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 - 8:00 PM	Vacation Bible School
	7 – 9:00 PM	NA – Common Ground
Wednesday July 30	8:30 AM	Women's Breakfast
	3:00 PM	Music Academy – Rooms 101- 103, 201, 208, Nursery
	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Vacation Bible School
Thursday July 31	10-8 PM	Music Academy
	8:30 PM-9:30 PM	Music Academy- Sanctuary
	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Vacation Bible School
Friday August 1		
Saturday August 2	8:30- 9:30 AM	Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground
Sunday August 3	8:30 AM	Worship - Arc Patio
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary

THIS WEEK AT NPC

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, Christian Education Associate

Jennifer Wagner, Office Manager

Rachel Oates, Interim Office Manager

Leanne Salava, Treasurer

BOARD OF DEACONS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Emily Bondi, Ushers, '26

Debbie Carlson, Baptism Books and Newborn Roses/Affirmation Liaison, '26

Natalie Bollinger, Childcare, '27

Kathy Groll, Flowers/Reminder Cards, '25

Bruce Hanington, Counters, '27

Tyler Hanchey, At-Large, '26

Matthew Hand, Coffee and Doughnuts/Vice Moderator '26

Lois Nesbitt, HOPE/COM Liaison, '25

Jim Scriven, Moderator/Liaison to Nominating Committee, '25

Larry Stoken, Correspondence Cards, '25

Lori Novak, Secretary, '27

ELDERS OF SESSION BY MINISTRY

Affirmation

Kate Moerdyk, Chair, '25

Amanda Neely, '26

Care of Members

Lauren Babich, Chair, '25

Lindsay Lippman, '26

Equipping

Beth Ehrlich, Chair, '25

Finance

Ken Bird, Chair, '25

Lindsey Berk, '27

Human Resources

Jan Hill, Chair, '26

New Member Evangelism

Kate Montgomery, Chair, '27

Rachel Oates, '25

Outreach

Susan Keaney, Chair, '25

Property

Robin Pokrzywinski, Chair, '27

Michael Rhoades, '26

Communications

Rhonda Johnston, Chair, '26

Angel Stahl, '27

Clerk of Session

Susan Keaney

A Stephen Ministry Congregation
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