

# Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church WORSHIP-SERVE-GROW August 10, 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**



# August 10, 2025 10:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

#### **GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

PRELUDE Toccata on "Holy Manna" Ashdown

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Paul

CALL TO WORSHIP Mak/Quinn Mihleder

Leader: The Mighty One has delivered our souls from death.

People: In God our hearts are glad!

Leader: The Mighty One has fashioned all our hearts.

People: In God our hearts are glad!

Leader: The Mighty One is our help and shield.

People: In God our hearts are glad!

Let us worship the one in whom we trust.

People: Let us worship the one in whom we hope!

\*OPENING HYMN #76 Do Not Be Afraid

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mak/Quinn Mihleder

Steadfast God, we come with faith, with conviction of things not seen, yet we worry we may be getting it all wrong. And you whisper in our ear, "Do not be afraid, little flock." You ask us to cease doing evil, to stop our meaningless rituals and turn toward your ways. And you whisper in our ear, "Do not be afraid, little flock." We want to do good and seek justice, but we are afraid of failing. And you whisper in our ear, "Do not be afraid, little flock." We want to trust that you will bring forth life from the desert places in our lives, but we are scared of being brokenhearted. And you whisper in our ear, "Do not be afraid, little flock." Center our hearts in you, that we may find our treasure and the courage to live into it. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Mak/Quinn Mihleder

\*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 #188 (vs 1) Jesus Loves Me

Lori Bass-Riley

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 6:1-14 Mak/Quinn Mihleder

ANTHEM Festival Prelude onThaxted Holst, arr Pettit

Evelyn Makosey, trumpet

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 6:15-23 Rev. Paul

SERMON Pursue Holiness Rev. Paul

#### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*SERMON HYMN #24 God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY Lori Bass-Riley/Joshua Kenst

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

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Call for the Offering

Offertory Song in the Morning Martin

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication Mak/Quinn Mihleder

# **CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*CLOSING HYMN #403 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

\*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 The Morning Trumpet Martin

#### **Sermon Notes**

- 1. We must understand we believers no longer have to obey sin. -Romans 6:1-8
- 2. We must embrace this truth in faith. -Romans 6:11
- 3. Offer your life to God. Embrace new life in Christ. -Romans 6:13

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WELCOME OUR NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR: Dia Duit (God be with you), my name is Joshua Kenst. I'm a proud Pittsburgher, born and raised in the North Hills. I graduated from Thiel College located in Greenville, PA with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Youth Ministry and Theology in 2018. In 2023 I earned my Master of Arts degree in Christian Ministry from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, recently relocated to Hickory, NC. Over the years I have been active in outdoor ministry, serving as a camp counselor at Camp Lutherlyn, where I met my Fiancé, Heidi. In addition to outdoor ministry I have gone on several mission trips to different parts of the United States and served as a missionary in Senegal, West Africa as a participant in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) Young Adults in Global Mission program. For me, youth ministry plays an important role in a person's faith. The youth ministers and campus ministers I have had over the years made a tremendous impact in my life and faith, and I hope to steward the gift of their faith, wisdom and experience by passing it on to others. My spiritual director once said to me, "God is in your life as you live it." The work of youth ministry is to help young people see God in their daily lives. This is my prayer and hope. Some fun facts about me include my love of being in nature, either hiking or kayaking. When I'm not in nature, I can be found at my dojo, practicing Aikido and Toyama Ryu Batto Do. Additionally, I am a bit of an artist and crafter. My favorite things to make for people include walking sticks, canes, and prayer beads.

**SUNDAY SUNDAES TODAY!:** All worshipers are invited to join us for a delicious addition to your Sunday morning on Sundae Sunday, TODAY, 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 Doutt, 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.

<u>NEW MEMBER CLASS:</u> 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!

<u>LADIES, LET'S SING!</u> On August 17 @ 10:00 am, women, girls and female friends will present the mornings' anthem. In order to accomplish this, one Thursday evening rehearsal will be needed to prepare; Thursday, August 14 @ 7 pm. The song title will be "I Will Follow Him" from Sister Act which you are probably familiar with. Our rehearsal is needed so that we can sound our best. We also welcome last minute singers in the sanctuary on Sunday morning, 8/17, @ 9:30 am. This will be so much fun! Please come.

**FRESH EXPRESS:** will be held in NPC parking lot on Monday August 18th. Please contact Judy Radcliff or Susan Keaney if you can help give out food from 2:00 to 4:30. This is a service of the Westmoreland Food Bank to those in our community with food insecurity. Judy 724-787-3745 Susan 412-414-6881

<u>PARKING LOT PAVING:</u> While we are still working on the campaign to raise funds for the three key projects, we recognize the parking lot has to be paved while the weather is nice and before the Preschool year begins. We have scheduled the parking lot paving work starting Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and be done by Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tarr Hollow parking can be used while the parking lot paving work is being conducted. 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 <a href="https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/give/property">https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/give/property</a>

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 on 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, Christlike, and careful manner.

**BELL RINGERS ARE NEEDED** Several vacancies in the big bell group have occurred. We need help! If you are interested in ringing this fall, please let Bettie know ASAP. While a little musical background is preferred, bell ringing experience is not needed because we will teach you how to ring. It is a joy to be a ringing part of worship.. Why not give it a try and be part of the joy?

PROPERTY CAPITAL PROJECTS FINANCIAL UPDATE: In June we launched a campaign to raise \$127,000 for three key projects: new sign, parking lot pavement and HVAC improvements for Common Ground. Because of your generosity, we are on the way to meeting this goal. Thank you to those who donated. Check out the progress meter in the Narthex and outside Common Ground to see how close we are to reaching our target. We urgently need additional support to reach our overall goal by September 30th. Please prayerfully consider a gift to help us raise the remaining \$34,350 needed to undertake these important property projects 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

<u>JOIN REALM</u>: 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 resoling 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 <a href="https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/give/property">https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/give/property</a>

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

work. Commitments can be emailed to giving@newlonsburgchurch.org or made online at https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/AddPledge/property

# 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 (<a href="www.livingstonespgh.com">www.livingstonespgh.com</a>) 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:

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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!





# Blood Drive Murrysville Community Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall 4600 Old William Penn Highway Murrysville

> Tuesday, August 26 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.

If you are an eligible type 0, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.

Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: NPC to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

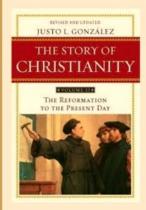


Come give Aug 1 to 28 for a \$15 e gift card to choice of merchant!



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# ALONG THE WAY: ON THE ROAD TO THE PRESENT AGE



JOIN DON PEARSON AND TRAVIS WEBSTER IN THIS 14-SESSION STUDY OF MODERN CHRISTIAN HISTORY!

WHEN: WEDNESDAYS

TIME: 10:15AM-12:15PM

**LOCATION: GATHERING PLACE** 

**STARTING SEPTEMBER 10** 

**RSVP BY AUGUST 31ST** 

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Sunday August 10	8:30 AM	Worship – Arc Patio	
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary	
	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	New Member Class - Gathering Place	
Monday August 11	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	
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Deacons - Gathering Place	
Tuesday August 12	8:30 – 9:30 AM	Men's Breakfast – Dicks Diner	
	11:00 AM	Leadership Programming	
	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Crochet Group - Gathering Place	
	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	
	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Stewardship and Finance - Gathering Place	
	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Outreach - 205	
	7 – 9:00 PM	NA – Common Ground	
Wednesday August 13	8:30 AM	Women's Breakfast	
	3:00 PM	Music Academy – Rooms 101- 103, 201, 208,	
		Nursery	
Thursday August 14	10-8 PM	Music Academy	
	8:30 PM-9:30 PM	Music Academy- Sanctuary	
Friday August 15		·	
Saturday August 16	8:30- 9:30 AM	Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205	
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground	
Sunday August 17	8:30 AM	Worship - Arc Patio	
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary	
	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	New Member Class - Gathering Place	

# **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, Youth Director
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

New Member Evangelism

Kate Montgomery, Chair, '27

Rachel Oates, '25

Outreach

Susan Keaney, Chair, '25

**Property** 

Robin Pokrzywinski, Chair, '27

Michael Rhoades, '26

**Finance** 

Ken Bird, Chair, '25 Lindsey Berk, '27

**Human Resources** 

Jan Hill, Chair, '26

Communications

Rhonda Johnston, Chair, '26 Angel Stahl, '27

**Clerk of Session** 

Susan Keaney

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