

**FOR WE ARE WHAT HE HAS MADE US,
CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD
WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED
BEFOREHAND SO THAT WE MAY WALK IN
THEM.**

 **Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church**
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

August 2, 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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VISITOR SIGN IN



THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

August 2, 2026

10:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE Sonata in F Major K.332 mvt I Mozart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Curtis Paul

CALL TO WORSHIP Elizabeth Montgomery

Leader: God is great and greatly to be praised;

People: There is no end to God's greatness.

Leader: God's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;

People: God's dominion endures throughout all ages.

*OPENING HYMN # 714 God of the Fertile Fields

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Elizabeth Montgomery

Divine Ruler, you reign forever. We exalt you above every struggle and distraction. Fill our hearts with your desires and give us the courage to pursue your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. We look to you, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Elizabeth Montgomery

***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 Genesis 1:26-30 Elizabeth Montgomery

ANTHEM

Come Jesus Come
Amy Smith, solo

McWhirter

SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 1:15 & Ephesians 2:10

Rev. Curtis Paul

SERMON

Dignity & Worth

Rev. Curtis Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN # 525 Let Us Break Bread Together

Moment for Mission

Pastor Lori and Joshua

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Joshua Kenst

(Please mention first names only)

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving The Lord's Prayer Pg. 35 (Debts)

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after the meal

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

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

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

Elizabeth Montgomery

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

* BRINGING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Curtis Paul

*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

Sermon Notes

1. What does it mean to be made in the image of God?
2. In a culture that often divides people into categories, tribes, and opposing groups, Scripture begins with a remarkable truth: every person is made in God's image. Before politics, professions, accomplishments, or opinions, we share a common identity as image-bearers of God.
3. See others first as God's creation, not as labels.
4. Celebrate differences as expressions of God's creativity.
5. Practice speaking about others with dignity, especially those with whom you disagree.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

AUGUST HUNGER OFFERING: Our August Hunger Offering will help to provide food assistance to the victims of the ongoing war in Ukraine. The funds received from this offering will be designated for Ukraine food relief and will be sent to World Central Kitchen (WCK) in support of their #ChefsForUkraine program. On February 24th, 2022, Russia launched a large-scale attack on neighboring Ukraine, invading the country on several fronts. As a result, millions of families have fled their homes in search of safety. WCK initially set up meal distribution sites at border crossings for people fleeing. They then quickly expanded to serve fresh meals prepared by local restaurants across Ukraine. Now, over four years after the initial Russian invasion, the situation in Ukraine is even more dire, with the fighting continuing, including the enormous Russian drone and missile attacks, even in recent weeks. The devastating war in Ukraine has driven millions from their homes, and the consequences of the conflict have radiated outwards, triggering a wave of hunger in the immediate region and around the world. The war has destroyed farmland and infrastructure, killed livestock, and disrupted vital supply chains – all of which have driven hunger within Ukraine.

Today, 12.7 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance, including 2 million children – that’s nearly 1 in 3 families. Close to 7 million Ukrainians are still living as refugees globally, and another 3.7 million are internally displaced. Currently, WCK teams are focused on getting both fresh meals and food kits that can sustain families for several days to the most vulnerable residents in the eastern part of the country. They are reaching recently liberated cities as well as getting meals to people displaced by the attacks. Since the beginning of the war, it has been estimated that World Central Kitchen has served 276+ million meals; provided 2+ million gallons of water; distributed 10.7+ million food and vegetable kits; provided emergency response to 500+ attack sites; and distributed 216,000+ seed kits. It is important to note that World Central Kitchen has a “100%” - Four-Star “Exceptional” rating on Charity Navigator, the highest level possible. This signifies that they “exceed industry standards and outperform most charities.” They are celebrating 16 years of service around the world this year. WCK has also provided amazing food relief work in Gaza and is also on the scene in response to the recent earthquakes in Venezuela. Please give generously in support of the people of Ukraine who are continuing to struggle to just survive. *Our usual options are available to make your contribution: by check, online at our website, or by text.* **Give by Check:** Checks can be made out to “Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church” and mailed to 4600 Old William Penn Highway, Murrysville, PA 15668 or placed in the offering plate. Please include your envelope number and “hunger” on the memo line. **Give Online:** <https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/-/form/give/now> or click the **Give** button on the website. You can select a specific fund or multiple funds when making your donation. **Give by Text:** Text **NEWLONSBURG** to **73256**. You will receive a giving link and can then select a specific fund for your donation.

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=113579566202999590225

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.

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. Register by Wednesday, August 5th.** 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!**

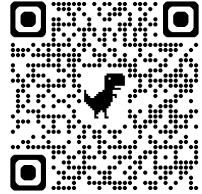
BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS 8/23/26 We will pray over students and teachers returning to school during both worship services. We will also present students with prayer cards, something for their backpacks to remember their church is praying for them, and a small gift to give their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

SIGN UP FOR NPC BLOOD DRIVE: " NPC's Deacons will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive for the Murrys ville community on Tuesday, August 25, from 11:30am-5pm in Fellowship Hall. Please call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter NPC and the sponsor code to schedule an appointment. Every drop counts!

KICK OFF SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13 10:AM Sunday School Returns on September 13th! All children and youth classes (besides confirmation) will begin in their classrooms and then after meeting their teachers, they will go to the ARC for a party! Pick up will be in the ARC.

FALL FUSION TWEENER RETREAT 9/12-9/13

Fall Fusion is Pine Spring Camp's fall retreat for campers who are in 4th - 6th grade! Our desire is to continue to provide an amazing environment where campers can grow in their faith and have a "vital encounter with Jesus Christ." Cost is \$95/child or \$85/child when coming in groups of 10. **Price includes food, lodging and camp activities. Please contact Pastor Lori (text 412-737-1412) if you are interested in attending with us as a group or you can register individually by using the QR code.



3rd GRADE BIBLE DISTRIBUTION/PRESENTATION 9/27/26 sign up before 9/6

We will present our 3rd Graders (and any older elementary students who do not have one) a student Bible with interesting articles and activities incorporated throughout the Bible. These will be presented at both the 8:30 and 11:00 Service. Please sign your child up by 9/6 so we can have our church enter your child's name with calligraphy.



<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ZmRmYzRmM2ltMmMzNC00YjY3LWlwZTYtYjQ4MzAwMDAxMDI1>

OUR HAITIAN FRIENDS IN CHARLEROI NEED YOUR HELP! Our Haitian friends are in need of feminine hygiene products (pads only please!) diapers and wipes. Please place them in the collection boxes. 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.

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.

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. 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!

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.

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>

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please have all articles for the bulletin to the church office no later than Wednesday at noon.

THIS WEEK AT NPC

Sunday August 2	8:30 AM	Worship – Patio
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday August 3	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	New Member Class - Gathering Place
	5:00 PM- 8:30 PM	Music Academy- Room 201
	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Boy Scouts – Rooms 104, 106, ARC
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Matthew 25 - Gathering Place
Tuesday August 4	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
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Executive Meeting - Gathering Place
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Committees - Fellowship Hall/Gathering Place
Wednesday August 5	7:30 - 9:30 PM	NA - Common Ground
	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
Thursday August 6	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
	7:30 -8:30 PM	No Choir Reahearsal
Friday August 7	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Quilters - Fellowship Hall
Saturday August 8		
	9:45 - 11:45AM	OA - Gathering Place
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground
Sunday August 9	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