



Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

August 3, 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

August 3, 2025

10:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together

Ashdown

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Paul

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Scriven

Leader: Gathered in from many lands,

People: we come from east and west, from north and south.

Leader: Some of us have wandered through deserts.

People: Some of us are hungry and thirsty.

Leader: But the Holy One heard our pleas

People: and has delivered us from our distress.

Leader: So we come with prayers of thanksgiving,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

*OPENING HYMN #318 In Christ There Is No East or West

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jim Scriven

God of Justice, we gather from all corners of the world knowing that you have made a new world possible even as we hold on to the old world. We pray for those in places where greed and evil still reign, for those who are still full of anger and wrath for those who still act with malice, for those who still use abusive language, for those who still lie to others, and for those who hoard treasures on earth. We pray with the knowledge that sometimes, this is us. Don't give us up now. Clothe us with a new self according to your image so that one day there will be no more divisions among us. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jim Scriven

***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		Lori Bass-Riley
#188 (vs 1) Jesus Loves Me		
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Ephesians 4:15-23	Jim Scriven
ANTHEM	My Help Comes from the Lord	Cameron,
	Wesley	
	Cynthia Goff, solo	
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Ephesians 4:24-32	Rev. Paul
SERMON	T.H.I.N.K	Rev. Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*SERMON HYMN	#322 We Are One in Christ Jesus	
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS		Rev. Webster
(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

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	Largo	Dvorak
	Kloe Jarosz, flute	
*Doxology		

*Prayer of Dedication

Jim Scriven

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 300 We Are One in the Spirit

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Paul

*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

In Christ There Is No East or West

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Sermon Notes

1. TRUE
2. HELPFUL
3. INSPIRING
4. NECESSARY
5. KIND

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HUNGER OFFERING TO PROVIDE FOOD RELIEF FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE:

Our August Hunger Offering, which will be taken this morning, 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. Now, over three years after the initial Russian invasion in February, 2022, the situation in Ukraine is even more dire, with the fighting continuing, including the enormous Russian drone and missile attacks, even in recent weeks. 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. WCK has been active in the relief efforts in Ukraine since the Russian attacks began. 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 15 years of service around the world this year. WCK has also provided amazing food relief work in Gaza, and was also on the scene to provide aid to victims of wildfires earlier this year in Southern California and recently after the floods in Texas. 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. Roger Schneider - Outreach Ministry

SUNDAY SUNDAES: 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 Doult, 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!

LADIES, LET'S SING! 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, July 14 @ 7 pm. The song title will be "I Will Follow Him" from Sister Act which you are probably familiar with. Our rehearsal will behoove all of us so that we can sound our best. We also welcome last minute singers in the sanctuary on Sunday morning, 8/17, @ 9:30 am. Hope to see you on Thursday, August 14th @ 7 pm.

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

PARKING LOT PAVING: 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 18th and be done by Friday, August 22nd. 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 <https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/give/property>

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, Christ-like, and careful manner.

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 two thirds of the way to meeting this goal and exceeded the \$80,000 goal by July 25th. Thank you. We urgently need additional support to

reach our overall goal **by September 30th**. Please prayerfully consider a gift to help us raise the remaining **\$42,335** 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>

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. 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 (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!bpHm1pDKn4lO7jMbvv0YsppzUDVYuSbMHfjF0wgEIBByKMxrlqWvod0GV3SFsSnCol2tZjJW5f68ff2fy0dCw\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/owner-view/29CG7ZDE3H4QF?ref=gr_universal_landing_ggr;!!AQegZw!bpHm1pDKn4lO7jMbvv0YsppzUDVYuSbMHfjF0wgEIBByKMxrlqWvod0GV3SFsSnCol2tZjJW5f68ff2fy0dCw$)

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



JOIN US FOR A NEW
MEMBER CLASS
AUGUST 10TH AND 17TH
11:30 - 1:00

IN THE GATHERING PLACE!

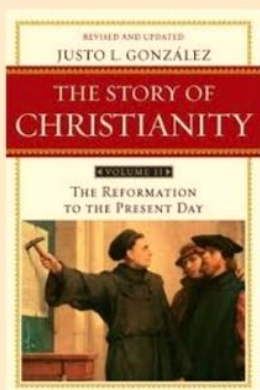


CONTACT KATE MONTGOMERY
DR.KMONTGOMERY@GMAIL.COM,
RACHEL OATES
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OR SEE ONE OF THE PASTORS IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US!



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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

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/24CEKUHf](https://tinyurl.com/24CEKUHf)



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THIS WEEK AT NPC

Sunday August 3	8:30 AM	Worship – Arc Patio
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday August 4	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 August 5	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
	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Executive Meeting - Gathering Place
	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Committee Meetings - Fellowship Hall, Gathering Place, 104, 106, 204, 205, 207
	7 – 9:00 PM	NA – Common Ground
Wednesday August 6	8:30 AM	Women’s Breakfast
	3:00 PM	Music Academy – Rooms 101- 103, 201, 208, Nursery
Thursday August 7	10-8 PM	Music Academy
	8:30 PM-9:30 PM	Music Academy- Sanctuary
Friday August 8		
Saturday August 9	8:30- 9:30 AM	Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground
Sunday August 10	8:30 AM	Worship - Arc 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, 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

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Lindsay Lippman, '26

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Beth Ehrlich, Chair, '25

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Ken Bird, Chair, '25

Lindsey Berk, '27

Human Resources

Jan Hill, Chair, '26

New Member Evangelism

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Rachel Oates, '25

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Property

Robin Pokrzywinski, Chair, '27

Michael Rhoades, '26

Communications

Rhonda Johnston, Chair, '26

Angel Stahl, '27

Clerk of Session

Susan Keaney

