



Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

August 31, 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 31, 2025

10:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev.

Webster

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Paul

Leader: Happy are those who fear the Lord,

People: who delight in God's commandments.

Leader: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright.

People: Those who love God are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Leader: They are generous, sharing freely what they have received.

People: It is well with those who live in justice.

Leader: Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid.

People: Let us praise the Lord!

*PRAISE THROUGH MUSIC #442 Just As I Am, Without One Plea

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Paul

Lord of Hosts, King of Kings, you sit in the place of honor. We pray that we might have a seat near you today, not to boost our egos or build ourselves up, but so that we might draw closer to the hopes you have for us, so that we might gain understanding of the kin-dom you desire. through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Paul

***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	2 Kings 5: 1-14	Rev. Paul
SPECIAL MUSIC	Hallelujah Rowen, Kimberly & Hal Burch	Cohen
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20	Rev. Webster
SERMON	What Do You Make?	Rev. Webster

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN #12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY James Berk

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Rev. Paul

(Please mention first names only)

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE Rev. Paul

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

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Paul

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN #828 More Love to Thee, O Christ

*BENEDICTION Rev. Webster

*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

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.

SEEKING MINTEC SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: We are looking for a few more folks to serve as MINTEC Sunday School teachers on a rotating basis for the coming year. The lessons and other materials will be provided; all we ask is that you have current child-protection clearances on file with the church office. If you are willing to be part of this fulfilling, long-time ministry, or would like to know more, please contact Travis, either by phone in the church office (724-327-0061) or email (travis.webster@comcast.net). Thank you!

CALLING ALL 8TH GRADERS FOR CONFIRMATION: Confirmation class will be starting soon! This is an important process of discernment, as participants learn more about both their faith and the Presbyterian tradition and think about joining NPC as members. Every NPC student on our rolls who will be in 8th grade in the coming 2025-2026 school year, as well as their parents, should have

received an invitation to and description of our confirmation program by mail. If you did not, if you know you will be participating, or if you have any questions/would like more information, please let Travis know as soon as possible, either by phone (724-327-0061) or email (travis.webster@comcast.net)! Confirmation will start on Rally Day, which is Sunday, September 7, along with the rest of our Christian Education program. We look forward to having you join us!

SHOE DONATIONS: The FR Cross Country team is collecting shoes to financially benefit our Loaves and Fishes Emergency Food Pantry. Any type and size of new or used shoes can be donated in the box by the office from September 7-28th.

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?

BACK TO SCHOOL MEANS MORE LAUNDRY: Please help up provide laundry detergent to the Westmoreland County distribution at Mother of Sorrows in October. This is our 10th year to add this high-cost item to the monthly food given out to local families in need of support. Place the detergent in the narthex. We need 200, so please be generous. (You always are!!) BLESSINGS! Outreach Ministry

TRIVIA NIGHT @ GINNY'S!: Come join us at 6:45pm (7pm start) on Wednesday, 9/10/25 for trivia on the front patio of Ginny's Neighborhood Pizza Joint (5549 Old William Penn Highway, Murrysburg, PA 15668). Sign up sheet coming soon!

Future Events: Save the dates for these other events so you don't miss out on the fun.

- Puzzles & Pizza Night on Wednesday, 10/29/25 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall
- Women's Fall Breakfast on Saturday, 10/25/25 at 9:30am
- Hoss's Lunch on Sunday, 11/9/25 after the 11am service



FOOD COLLECTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need volunteers to fill one-hour or two-hour shifts in collecting food at the Murrysville glass recycling event on Saturday, September 20 near the Municipality building. The collection is done outside from those donating food to our Loaves and Fishes food pantry. This is a low-stress, low-physical activity that greatly benefits Loaves and Fishes and those with food insecurity. It's easy to do by yourself or make it a family outing. The only requirement is to have a car to put the food into so that it can be taken to Loaves and Fishes later that day or on Sunday. Volunteer slots are from 9:00 am - 2 pm on Saturday, September 20. If you are interested, please contact Jon Moerdyk. (jonathan.moerdyk@gmail.com; 231-679-5861)

CHILI, SOUP & BREAD COOK-OFF: We're adding an extra twist to our Chili Cook-off this year! Bring your favorite chili, soup, or bread dish (or enter a dish in every category!) and prove that you are top chef at Newlonsburg! We'll have a judge's choice winner and a people's choice winner in each of the three categories. If you aren't a chef, bring your appetite! You can enjoy lunch and vote on your favorite dishes. Cook-off will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 service on Sunday, September 28th. Sign-up sheet coming soon!

Thanks in advance to our Cook-off Hospitality Chairs (Lauren Babich & Kimberly Burch) and Team Members: Tom and Mary Ann Austin, Buck Babich, Hal Burch, Lynn Comstock, Jim and Diane Delbridge, Greg and Caroline Franko, Sylvia Henriquez, Cindy Hopper, Mark and Gale Lieber, Dean and Sue Matanin, Andrew and Jordan McBurney, Matt and Megan Nicely, Keith Paulson, Jim and Heidi Scriven, and Kevin and Nicole Tomer.

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

	Common Good+	Special Gifts *
Giving for Month	\$ 32,917	\$ 81,768
Year to Date Giving	\$355,071	\$ 140,719
Year to Date Spending Budget	\$ 389,254	Not Applicable
Year to Date Spending Actual	\$ 367,949	\$ 85,585

+ 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.

PARKING LOT COMPLETION & NEXT STEPS FOR 2025 PROPERTY

IMPROVEMENTS : The parking lot is done and paid for! It looks fantastic. Session and the Leadership Team offer their sincerest appreciation and heartfelt thanks for your generous support of the 2025 Property Improvements Projects. Your gifts have played a pivotal role in ensuring our ministry and mission continue to grow and flourish. Special thanks go to the Property Ministry for their thoughtful design and dedicated oversight of this timely project. With this major improvement complete, we continue looking forward: we still need donations by September 30th to move ahead with our next exciting projects—the new church sign and the replacement of the Common Ground HVAC system.

How Your Gift Makes a Difference The new sign will make our church more visible and welcoming to newcomers, guests, and longtime members alike—helping all find their way to worship, fellowship, and support. Replacing the HVAC system will ensure comfortable and safe gathering spaces year-round for all our ministries, programs, and community events, making NPC a true resource for everyone who enters our doors. **We need approximately \$25,000 to reach our goal. Every gift, no matter the amount, brings us closer to making these improvements a reality.** Your support is crucial in ensuring NPC continues to be

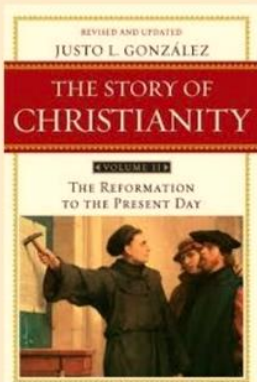
a welcoming, vibrant hub for faith and community. Please prayerfully consider a gift to help us undertake these two essential projects.

How to Donate

- Send a check with “2025 Capital Improvements” on the memo line to the church office
- Place your donation in the offering basket
- Or donate online at <https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/give/property>

Every contribution matters! If you have any questions about giving, please contact the church office. Thank you again for your steadfast generosity and for being an essential part of our shared ministry.

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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Hey parents and guardians!
I want to hear from you about what
school activities your children
participate in. Please scan the QR and
respond the Google survey.

Thank you!

Peace and blessings,

Joshua



Hey High Schoolers!

I'm planning on starting a new program just for you! Please scan the QR Code and respond to the Survey Monkey by Sunday Sept. 7. I look forward to meeting with you and hearing your ideas about this new opportunity!

Blessings,
Joshua



PINE SPRINGS PRESENTS

THE BIG ONE

OCTOBER 17-19

Scan to register



THIS WEEK AT NPC

Sunday August 31	8:30 AM	Worship – Arc Patio
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday September 1	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 September 2	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
	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
	6:00PM - 7:00 PM	Executive Meeting - Gathering Place
	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Committees - Fellowship Hall, Gathering Place, 104,106, 204, 205, 207
	7 – 9:00 PM	NA – Common Ground
Wednesday September 3	8:30 AM	Women’s Breakfast
	3:00 PM	Music Academy – Rooms 101- 103, 201, 208, Nursery
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Stephen Ministry - Gathering Place
Thursday September 4	10-8 PM	Music Academy
	5:30 - 6:15 PM	Beginning Bells - Choir Room
	6:00 - 7:00PM	Praise Team Rehearsal
	6:15 - 7:00 PM	Bell Choir - Choir Room
	7:30 - 8:30 PM	Choir Practice - Choir Room
	8:30 PM-9:30 PM	Music Academy- Sanctuary
Friday September 5	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Quilters - Fellowship Hall
Saturday September 6	8:30- 9:30 AM	Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground
Sunday September 7	8:30 AM	Worship - Fellowship Hall
	11:00 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, 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

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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