



 Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

September 27, 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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The Rev. Curtis L. Paul II, Pastor

VISITOR SIGN IN



THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

September 27, 2026

11:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE Fanfare on "Nicea"
Cobb

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Paul

INTROIT Wake Up, Church, Wake Up! Choplin

CALL TO WORSHIP Declan Rusiewicz

Leader: Listen, people of God!

People: Hear the wonders of our Creator!

Leader: God split the sea;

People: walls of water towered above.

Leader: God guided our ancestors in faith:

People: clouds by day, lightning by night.

Leader: God split open the rock;

People: water flowed like rivers.

Leader: God split open the heavens and met earth.

People: God meets us still.

*OPENING HYMN # 462 I Love to Tell the Story

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Declan Rusiewicz

God of living water, we gather, thirsting for you. Your well is deep; your spring ever-flowing. Complete our joy; refine our desires. Fill our cup with love for one another as we travel your paths of salvation. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Declan Rusiewicz

***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

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Leader: Friends, let us join together in this liturgy for our Bible distribution. Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

Children: We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Thank you. We will read and study the Bible together.

Congregation: We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.
We pray God will guide you, your family, and us
as you use this Holy Bible in your home,
in your church school classes, and in our worship.
We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

All: The Word of God is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE LESSON	1 Samuel 3:1-9	Declan Rusiewicz
ANTHEM	Carry the Light	arr. Christopher
SCRIPTURE LESSON	1 Samuel 3:10-20	Rev. Paul
SERMON	Jesus Calling	Rev. Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*SERMON HYMN # 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

(Please mention first names only)

Joshua Kenst

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 America the Beautiful arr. Raney
(bell tribute to the 250th anniversary of the USA)

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication Declan Rusiewicz

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN # 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

* BRINGING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION Rev. 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 “Holy” Reprise

Sermon Notes:

1. God values availability over ability. Christ's Holy Spirit equips the called, the Lord doesn't need to call the equipped.
2. Many of us ask, "What can I accomplish next?" Try instead to listen for what Jesus is calling you to do. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.
3. Sometimes God calls us to difficult situations/conversations with those who have power over us. Sometimes the wizened need to listen to the young.
4. Develop a posture of listening before acting. Instead of being the most interesting person in the room, try being the most interested. Practice

asking: Lord, what are you trying to teach me? Whom are you inviting me to encourage? Where are you already at work?

5. Listening is one of the highest expressions of trust.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: The flowers are in memory of Bob Johnson, loving husband, father, grandfather and friend.

WELCOMING MATT KLUMPP AS FULL-TIME MUSIC DIRECTOR: We are pleased to share that Session has approved making Matt Klumpp our full-time Music Director, effective January 1, 2027! Matt's exceptional musical talent, creativity, and passion for worship have already been a wonderful gift to Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church. In this expanded role, Matt will provide leadership for both our traditional and contemporary music ministries while helping us grow opportunities for children, youth, and adults to participate in music and worship. As our full-time Music Director, Matt will also help develop new ensembles and seasonal music opportunities, strengthen our youth music programs, expand our concert series community outreach, and continue to bolster the connections between our music ministry and the Newlonsburg Music Academy. He will also take a greater role in worship technology, digital ministry, and coordinating the many musicians and volunteers who help make our worship services special. We are excited about this next chapter in the life of our church's music ministry and grateful for the many ways Matt shares his gifts with our congregation. Please join us in celebrating Matt and looking forward to all that God will do through his leadership!

NPC KIDS CLUB K-5TH GRADE! EVERY THURSDAY 6-8PM Join us for our K-5th grade Kids Club! We will have games, Bible time, crafts, and lots of fun! Dinner will be included for participating children! \$5/donation is suggested. Drop off and pick up is at ARC (gym door #5 to left back of the building) Families need to fill out the 2026-2027 School Year NPC Child/Youth Registration Form prior to attending the first time.

AFTER SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY: The Youth Ministry Program offers 3 different days of after school ministry for our youth. Tuesdays we have a Youth Group for Sr. and Jr. High from 3PM-5PM. Wednesdays, we offer programming after school for Sr. High from 2:30PM-4PM. And on Thursday, we offer after school programming for Jr. High from 3PM-4:30PM. Please join



us for fellowship, fun, and spiritual nourishment. Please register by scanning the QR. Code.

NEW ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY WEDNESDAYS, STARTING

SEPTEMBER 30 @ 10:15AM: On Sept. 30 we will come together for, “The Bible with and without Jesus.” This 8-session class, led by the pastors and coordinated by Stephanie Makosey and Don Pearson, will look at some familiar stories from the Bible and how Jews and Christians read these stories differently. Such stories as the Creation story, Adam and Eve, “A Virgin will Conceive and Bear a Child”, Isaiah’s Suffering Servant, The Sign of Jonah, and “My God, My God Why Have You Forsaken Me?” The course was written by two Jewish scholars: one who is a New Testament scholar and one who is an Old Testament scholar. The two authors approach is to encourage exploring a future that is different from the frequently contentious past, a future in which “Jews and Christians come to understand each other’s positions and beliefs.” Each student will have a Participant’s Guide and our leaders each week will use a video to present the author’s basic information and then we will have discussion questions to reinforce the understandings that Jews and Christians bring to the stories. We will meet in the Gathering Place on Wednesdays from 10:15 am – noon starting September 30. If someone asks, we will provide a Google Meet option during the class. If you are interested, or have any questions, please notify Stephanie, Don, Curtis, Lori, or Joshua asap (because of short time frame). The Participant’s Guide costs around \$15 and is available on Amazon, or we can order it for you. You can also register through Realm.

FALL MONDAY FUNDAY FOR KINDERGARTEN- 5TH GRADE! 10/12/26 9:00AM-

2:30PM Looking for something fun for your kids on their day off? We have all day activities including a pottery painting session with Brushes and Beans! There will be fun in the gym, arts and crafts, and fun fall themed games! Cost is \$25!



SUDZY SEPTEMBER: Once again NPC will be supporting the Westmoreland Food Bank by providing laundry detergent to our neighbors who attend the distribution at Mother of Sorrows on October 6th. We need to provide 220 containers. Please place it in the narthex and hallway. This is a bold request and Outreach says “THANK YOU”.



THE NPC CROP HUNGER WALK TEAM NEEDS YOU! This year's Church World Service Murrysville Area CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 11. Our NPC team is now signing up walkers – AND requesting donations. We'll again be walking in person this year on the Westmoreland Heritage Trail. In-person registration begins at 1:00 PM and the Walk will begin at approximately 1:30 PM. For those who will not be able to be with us on Walk day, we're encouraging folks to join us virtually – as all of us did back in the first Covid years. Your help with our CROP website and social media fund-raising will be greatly appreciated. It's easy to join our team – OR to contribute to a team member or to the team in general. For more information, please contact Roger Schneider at rogerls@comcast.net or call during the day or evening at 412-613-8470. To join the NPC team or make a contribution, please use this QR code or go to: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/newlonsburg-presbyterian-church>



October 16-19 - THE BIG ONE: The BIG one is an amazing way to experience a retreat at Pine Springs Camp! Packaged like a student conference, the BIG one invites students in grades 6-12 for a retreat full of evangelism, fellowship, discipleship, worship and a whole lot of fun—Pine Springs Camp style. The weekend is packed with activities, games, entertainment, worship, teaching, friends and fun. This experience is great for individual campers and youth groups! Want to catch a glimpse of what the Big One is like? Make sure you plan to attend The BIG one in 2026! <https://www.pinesprings.org/the-big-one>

TRICK OR TREAT ON THE TRAIL: Kate Montgomery and Rachel Oates are looking for help on October 25th. Murrysville Community Park is hosting the annual trick or treat on the trail. NPC will be there giving out candy to trick or treaters. We need volunteers to help us from 2:00 - 5:15 to hand out candy and spread your love for NPC! Please reach out to the office if you can help.

FALL WORKDAY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 14TH: Please come help clean up the grounds and keep our space beautiful from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Many hands make light work!

PANERA SOCIAL: Please join us at our new meetup location—Panera in Murrysville—immediately after the second service on Sunday, 10/25/26. Look for the balloons; we will have several tables reserved. Come if you have time to sit and enjoy lunch, or even if you can stop by for just a few minutes. Please sign up through the Realm app or on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We hope to see you there!

WOMEN'S FALL BREAKFAST: Come enjoy a morning of food, fellowship and spiritual refreshment at our Women's Fall Breakfast on Saturday, November 7th from 9:30am-11:30am. Ages 13+ welcome. Bring a friend or two! You can sign up on the church sign-up boards or through Realm.

Thanks in advance to our Women's Fall Breakfast Chairs (Lauren Babich and Kimberly Burch) and Team Members: Buck Babich, Hal Burch, Mary Ann & Tom Austin, Natalie & Craig Bolinger, Lynn Comstock, Diane & Jim Delbridge, Caroline & Greg Franko, Di & John Hapach, Sylvia Henriquez, Cindy Hopper, Gale Lieber, Sue & Dean Matanin, Andrew & Jordan McBurney, Megan & Matthew Nicely, Susan & Robert Purdue, Heidi & Jim Scriven, Nicole & Kevin Tomer.

SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Advent Dinner** on Sunday, 12/6/26 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall
- **Christmas Caroling & Celebration** on **Sunday**, 12/20/26 at 3pm. It's worth scheduling your other holiday celebrations around this if you can!

A NOTE FROM THE CROCHET GROUP- As most of you know Newlonsburg Church has a crochet group that meets every Tuesday September thru May. This group has been in existence since 1993. Thanks to the support of outreach, individual monetary and acrylic yarn donations we were able to help various organizations by giving them blankets and hats. Last year we donated 425 blankets and 85 hats. Just recently our blankets were featured in a story that appeared on WPXI news. This is a wonderful program that is part of the Pittsburgh Public School run by Carolyns Rychick. We have put a link on Newlonsburg Facebook page. if you would like more information. We would like to thank this congregation for your continued support in helping us provide this service to others. If you'd like to join us, donate ,or just come to see us work, please don't hesitate to contact Debbi Grimaldi.

MEN'S BASKETBALL MINISTRY: Looking for a great way to stay active while growing in faith and fellowship? Join our **Men's Basketball Ministry** every **Tuesday and Thursday evening** from **9:00–11:00 PM** in the **Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church ARC Gym**. Each evening begins by sharing our joys and concerns, followed by a time of prayer before we hit the court. It's a wonderful opportunity to build friendships, encourage one another in Christ, and enjoy the gift of exercise through basketball. A **suggested donation of \$8 per night** helps support this ministry, but any amount that is financially feasible is appreciated. No one is turned away due to financial circumstances. Whether you're a seasoned player or just looking for fellowship and fitness, we'd love to have you join us! Contact Michael Lancaster mikelancastertech@gmail.com

LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS YOUR HELP: Loaves & Fishes is looking for a volunteer to shelve food monthly. Please call Judy Radcliff if you are interested, 724-787-3745.

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.

DAILY DOSE: Welcome to your Daily Dose of spiritual friendship. Each day in the Realm App or in your email box (whatever your preference) you will receive daily encouraging, challenging voices of Christianity to deepen your friendship with Jesus Christ and Christ's Church. You will need to go to the App or Realm Connect to opt-in yourself or email office@newlonsburgchurch.org to be added to the Daily Dose messages.

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.

DONATION STATEMENTS ARE ON THEIR WAY: Donation statements are being mailed/emailed out for the period January 1, 2026 thru August 31, 2026. If you have any questions or do not receive your statement please let Ginny Rygg know (412-491-7937). Thanks as always for your support!

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.

SHOW SUPPORT FOR HAITIAN REFUGEES: There are multiple ways we can demonstrate our support for our Haitian friends in Charleroi. One of the ways is to contact our elected officials to institute systemic change in our country's current approach. If you are interested in this, please refer to the Matthew 25 page on the NPC website or use this link

<https://www.newlonsburgchurch.org/matthew-25-at-newlonsburg>

RAISERIGHT TO BENEFIT CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY AT NPC: The RaiseRight (formerly Script) gift card rebate program is up and running at NPC to benefit children and youth ministries. Members are participating by buying gift cards and NPC gets rebates. When you purchase gift cards (retail, gas, travel, groceries, etc. from over 750 retailers) using the program, you receive the face value of the gift card and Newlonsburg receives a rebate of 2.5% to 14%. For example, if you purchase a \$100 gift card through the program (note: you also pay a small transaction fee), you receive the \$100 gift card and NPC receives \$7. For additional details and lists of retailers, please visit www.raiseright.com. Currently, NPC is limiting this program to electronic gift cards. To sign up for the program or to get additional information, please email giving@newlonsburgchurch.org.

EMPLOYER MATCHING: Many companies offer matching gift programs to encourage employees to contribute to charitable organizations. Ask your employer if your gifts to NPC are eligible for matching. If your employer does not match gifts to religious organizations, consider matching your contributions to these other organizations. Groups receiving support from NPC: <https://www.newlonsburgchurch.org/groups-receiving-support-from-npc>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY Thank you to all those who give in gratitude for what God has given to us. As of the end of August 2026.

	Common Good	Special Gifts/ Reserve Accounts
Giving for Month	\$43,921	\$11,454
Year to Date Giving	\$424,806	\$69,790
Year to Date Spending Budget	\$469,992	
Year to Date Spending Actual	\$439,548	\$136,839

Common Good giving includes offerings, short-term investment interest and facility usage fees. Special Gifts/ Reserve Accounts are gifts and spending related to reserve accounts such as Haiti Kids support, Hunger Offerings, Youth Fund-Raising, Legacy Endowment Fund Gifts, Memorial Gifts, Capital Campaigns and expenditures, 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 September 27	8:30 AM	Worship - Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday September 28	4:00 PM- 5:00 PM	Music Academy- Rooms 102/103
	4:45 - 8:00 PM	Music Academy- Room 201
Tuesday September 29	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Boy Scouts – Rooms 104, 106, ARC
	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
	2:30 - 9:00 PM	Music Academy - Choir Room
	3:00 - 5:00 PM	YG - Arc/206
	3:30 PM- 7:30 PM	Music Academy - 202/203
	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Music Academy – 102/103
	4:45 - 8:00 PM	Music Academy - 201
	7:30 - 9:30 PM	NA - Common Ground
Wednesday September 30	8:30 AM	Women's Breakfast
	10:00 AM - 12:00PM	Book Study - Gathering Place
	11:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Music Academy - 208
	1:30 - 3:30 PM	Music Academy - Choir Room
	2:30 - 4:00 PM	RAM (HS) - Arc/206
	3:30 - 9:30 PM	Music Academy - 101
	3:30 - 7:30 PM	Music Academy - 202/203
	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Music Academy - 102/103
	4:45 - 8:00 PM	Music Academy - 201
Thursday October 1	2:30 - 9:30 PM	Music Academy - 201
	2:30 - 9:00 PM	Music Academy - 208
	3:00 - 4:30 PM	RAM (MS) - Arc/206
	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Music Academy - 102/103
	4:30 - 7:00 PM	Mintec - Arc/Common Ground
	4:45 - 8:00 PM	Music Academy - 101
	5:30 - 6:15 PM	Beginning Bells - Choir Room
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal
	6:15 - 7:15 PM	Bell Choir
	7:30 - 8:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday October 2		
	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Music Academy - 102/103
Saturday October 3	8:30 - 10:30 AM	Men's Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
	9:45 - 11:45AM	OA - Gathering Place
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground
Sunday October 4	8:30 AM	Worship - Fellowship Hall
	11:00 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, Greeters, '28

Elizabeth Montgomery, Deacon, 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