



 *Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church*  
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

September 28, 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

September 28, 2025

11:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Webster

### THE INTROIT

Wake Up, Church, Wake Up!

Choplin

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Katie Breitzkreutz

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the

shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord:

**People: My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.**

Leader: The Lord executes justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry, sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind, lifts up those who are bowed down, watches over those who are estranged, and upholds the orphan and the widow.

**People: The Lord loves the righteous, but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.**

Leader: Come, people of God,

**People: let us pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Let all generations praise the Lord!**

### \*OPENING HYMN

# 613 O Lord Our Lord (sing twice)

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Katie Breitzkreutz

**Almighty God, Lord Most High, Giver of life, Maker of all, we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. So, knowing that alone we have nothing, let us regard those with nothing as our own. Make us instruments of your providence and justice and partners in your process of salvation, which you work for the glory of your name, and that of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*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

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| SCRIPTURE LESSON | Luke 16:19-31 | Katie Breitzkreutz |
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| ANTHEM | Redeemer, Rock, and Refuge<br>Evelyn Makosey, trumpet | Martin |
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| SCRIPTURE LESSON | Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 | Rev. Webster |
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| SERMON | Priorities | Rev. Webster |
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RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

**\*SERMON HYMN            # 463    How Firm a Foundation**

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| SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS<br>(Please mention first names only) | Rev. Paul |
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts)

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| 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. |           |

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| Call for the Offering |                                 |          |
| Offertory             | Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You | Althouse |

## The Bell Choir

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

Katie Breitzkreutz

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

\*CLOSING HYMN # 837 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Webster

\*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

Reprise of "What A Fellowship"

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILI, SOUP & BREAD COOK-OFF TODAY!** Come enjoy lunch and vote on your favorite dishes! Cook-off will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 service today, Sunday, September 28th.

**WELCOME PASTOR EVENS ON 10-5-25:** Pastor Evens SALOMON is a servant of God with a deep passion for reaching souls. He answered God's call to ministry and graduated from the Nazarene Theological Seminary of Haiti in 1998. After serving two years as a pastor in a Nazarene Church, he joined LaCroix New Testament Mission, where he has spent the past 27 years ministering in some of Haiti's most impoverished communities. He is married to Margarette, and together they are blessed with four children. His ministry is guided by Proverbs 11:30: "He who wins souls is wise."



**THERE IS STILL TIME TO GIVE!... to Healthy Seminarians-Healthy Church's Cultivating Joy fall fundraiser, which is taking place 9/22 - 9/30/25.** During this 9-day campaign (fundraising goal is \$10,000), we have been seeking support for those who have committed their lives to serving God's church. Your contribution will provide the vital resources needed to sustain seminarians, clergy, and community of faith members - physically, mentally, emotionally, relationally, and spiritually - through educational workshops and programs. Together, let us cultivate childlike joy in the ordinary and make a lasting impact! To learn more and/or to donate, please click here: [bit.ly/HSHC-Cultivating-Joy-2025](http://bit.ly/HSHC-Cultivating-Joy-2025)

**SHOE DONATIONS DUE TODAY!** 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.

**CALLING ALL INTERESTED, WANNABE and BEGINNING RINGERS;** The new and official start date for Beginning Bells is this Thursday, Oct 2nd @ 5:30 pm. We will practice and have fun for about 35 or 40 minutes. All are welcome whether you are coming by yourself or with a parent or friend. Just come.

**CALLING ALL 3<sup>RD</sup> TO 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS TO PARTICIPATE IN A STICKER DESIGN CONTEST!** New Member Evangelism needs your help to create new sticker designs for NPC. These stickers will be used to promote our church to the wider community! All submissions are due by Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The top 4 sticker designs chosen will receive a prize and be recognized at church.

#### Requirements

1. We are asking that you create a sticker template in Canva with the size 2x2 or 3x3.
2. The sticker must contain at least **one** of the NPC logos. (logo files have been sent out by Joshua and Lori)
3. The deadline is October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
4. Send sticker design to [rachel.m.olear@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.m.olear@gmail.com)

**INTERESTED IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP?** So many in our church family are grieving lost loved ones. Care of Members is exploring the possibility of offering a GriefShare support group if members would be interested. This 13-week support group program includes a weekly video featuring respected experts on grief-related topics and helpful stories from people who have experienced loss. This is followed by a discussion by group members about what was presented in

the video and what is going on in their lives. If you think you could benefit from a GriefShare support group, please email [lauren.babich@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.babich@gmail.com) or call the church office (724-327-0061) to let them know. Note: if you emailed the [careofmembers@newlonsburgchurch.org](mailto:careofmembers@newlonsburgchurch.org) with your interest, that address has been deactivated, so please resend your email to Lauren Babich.

**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

**WOMEN IN THE WOODS RETREAT:** Women in the Woods (October 3 and 4, 2025) is a retreat designed to be physically and spiritually refreshing for women of all ages. The teaching will be incredible, and the retreat will be packed with great singing, fun, laughter and fellowship. Come by yourself, bring a group or a friend and enjoy the teachings of Kelly Miskis as we learn to rest – she will show us how to take what we study about God (Mind) and allow it to shape us and settle into us (Heart) and live into this knowledge and faith (Body.) The retreat will be held at Pine Springs Camp and runs from Friday to Saturday evening with a special dinner celebration. Find details and register at <https://www.pinesprings.org/women-in-the-woods>.

**THE NPC CROP HUNGER WALK TEAM NEEDS YOU!** This year's Church World Service Murrysburg CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 12. 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. 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. To join the NPC team or make a contribution, please use this QR code or go to:



<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/newlonsburg-presbyterian-church> Just scroll down below the initial “End Hunger” Walk goal graphic to the blue rectangular button that reads “Join the Team.” There is another larger blue button in the middle of this main page, as well. Although online will be our primary method, in-person registration will be available at the beginning of the Walk on October 12. Secure donations may also be made on this same webpage. Just use the orange buttons that read “Donate Now”. The Westmoreland Heritage Trail route will continue to be an approximate total of 3.5 miles (5 kilometers). The estimated walk is about 1.5 hours. The Walk will begin and end at the Duff Park shelter at the park entrance off School Road South, with a water stop at the Walk midpoint near the Murrys ville Community Center. Sign-in will begin at the shelter at 1:00 PM, with the Walk beginning at approximately 1:30 PM. For more information, please contact Roger Schneider at rogerls@comcast.net or during the day or evening at 412-613-8470.

**WOMEN'S FALL BREAKFAST:** Come enjoy a morning of food, fellowship, and spiritual refreshment at our Women’s Fall Breakfast on Saturday, October 25th, at 9:30am-11:30am. We will welcome Lori Bass-Riley, our new Director of Children and Family Ministries, as our speaker. 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 (Linda Gossar-Loesch & Diane Sciallo) and Team Members: Kim Anderson, Debbie Andrachek, Don & Darlene Blansett, Brian Boyd, Lori Brickner, Dreama Delmar, Bob Dippolito, Alex & Julie Gebrosky, Rhonda Johnston, John Kaye, David & Michelle Lint, Todd & Lindsay Lippman, Kaitlyn Lippman, Mark Loesch, Michael & Connie Lowe, Chris & Sybil Marshall, Abbygayle Marshall, Darlene Matta, Michelle McAllister, Jon & Kate Moerdyk, David & Lynne O'Connor, Joe & Jessica Phillips, Walter & Joelle Pitts, John & Leanne Salava, Hope Schilling, Frank Sciallo.*

### **TRUNK OR TREAT SIGN UPS**

October 26 3pm-5pm will be our Trunk or Treat Fall Festival in our church parking lot! This is a celebration of fall and an outreach to our wider community! Sign up to volunteer, to give out treats from your car trunk, or if your child will be participating by collecting candy! There will be pumpkin decorating/carving, games, and Kona Ice! Use the QR code or sign up after worship. Questions? Contact Pastor Lori 412-737-1412



**PUZZLES & PIZZA NIGHT:** Calling all puzzlers age 9 to 90! Join us for some puzzling fun on Wednesday, 10/29/25 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Competition begins at 6:15pm sharp, so don't be late! Assemble your own team of 2-4 people or come solo and join some fellow puzzlers for a friendly jigsaw puzzle race. Each adult team will tackle a 500-piece puzzle and each youth team will complete a 300-piece puzzle. Pizza will be served! Bring a snack or dessert to share and invite your friends. Sign up online through our Fellowship Event Sign-up Form.

**FALL WORK PARTY (CLEAN UP DAY):** will take place November 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 8AM? All are welcome to come and help!

**FUTURE EVENTS:** Save the dates for these other events so you don't miss out on the fun.

- Hoss's Lunch on Sunday, 11/9/25 after the 11am service
- Advent Dinner on Sunday, 12/7/25 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall
- Christmas Caroling & Celebration on **SATURDAY** (yes, Saturday), 12/20/25 at 3pm. It's worth scheduling your other holiday celebrations around this if you can!



**DONATION STATEMENTS WILL BE SENT OUT FOR GIVING FROM JANUARY THROUGH AUGUST, 2025:** They will be either emailed or sent out via USPS for those not using email. If you have any questions please contact Ginny Rygg (412-491-7937) or Lindsey Berk (412-559-7862). You can also check your giving through REALM. As always, thanks for your continued generosity.

**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>

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

| <u>August Giving</u> | <u>Giving YTD</u> | <u>YTD Spending</u> | <u>YTD Budget</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <u>\$49,293</u>      | <u>\$404,365</u>  | <u>\$415,781</u>    | <u>\$444,293</u>  |

Common Good giving includes offerings, short term investment interest and facility usage.

**OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE:** Please continue to give to NPC by check or text "Newlonsburg" to 73256. Please visit [www.newlonsburgchurch.org/give](http://www.newlonsburgchurch.org/give) to give online or email npcgiving@gmail.com with any questions.

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

## **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 \$20,000 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.

**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**

|                      |                     |                                                      |
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| Sunday Sept. 28      | 8:30 AM             | Worship – Arc Patio                                  |
|                      | 11:00 AM            | Worship - Sanctuary                                  |
|                      | 12:00 PM            | Chili Cook Off - Fellowship Hall                     |
| Monday September 29  | 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 30 | 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                                |
|                      | 3:00 - 4:45 PM      | RAM - Arc                                            |
|                      | 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 – 9:00 PM         | NA – Common Ground                                   |
| Wednesday October 1  | 8:30 AM             | Women’s Breakfast                                    |
|                      | 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM | Along the Way Church History Class - Gathering Place |
|                      | 3:00 PM             | Music Academy – Rooms 101- 103, 201, 208, Nursery    |
|                      | 6:00 - 7:30 PM      | Youth Group/Club 45 - Fellowship Hall, Arc           |
|                      | 6:00 - 7:30 PM      | Girl Scouts - 204                                    |
|                      | 7:00 - 9:00 PM      | Stephen Ministry - Gathering Place                   |
| Thursday October 2   | 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM  | Music Academy                                        |
|                      | 3:00 - 4:45 PM      | Ram - Arc                                            |
|                      | 4:30 - 7:00 PM      | Mintec - Common Ground, Arc                          |
|                      | 5:30 - 6:15 PM      | Beginning Bells - Choir Room                         |
|                      | 6:00 - 7:00 PM      | Praise Team Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall              |
|                      | 6:15 - 7:15 PM      | Bell Choir - Choir Room                              |
|                      | 7:30 - 8:30 PM      | Choir Practice - Choir Room                          |
|                      | 8:30 PM-9:30 PM     | Music Academy- Sanctuary                             |
|                      | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM   | Quilters - Fellowship Hall                           |
| Friday October 3     | 4:00 - 5:30 PM      | Music Academy - 101/102                              |
| Saturday October 4   | 8:30- 9:30 AM       | Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205                      |
|                      | 11-1:00 PM          | AA – Common Ground                                   |
| Sunday October 5     | 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