

Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church July 20, 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

July 20, 2025 10:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Webster

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marcia Smith

- Leader: God has called us to this house, so that we might know divine goodness and mercy.
- People: The Lord provides abundantly for us. We will never fully understand how deep God's grace truly is.
- Leader: Our Lord's love and faithfulness are truly beyond comprehension. We will never deserve what God freely provides.
- People: Divine blessing is a gift selflessly offered. In this worshipful time, may we be open to receiving what our Lord desires to give us.

*OPENING HYMN # 302 When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Marcia Smith

Generous God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, perhaps because we are afraid to be honest about ourselves when we come before you. An authentic glimpse of our sinfulness is too painful for us to bear, for in the light of your holiness, we are found lacking. We are not loving, gracious, or faithful in the ways you call us to be. We tend to be jealous of what you have kindly given to us, carefully guarding it because we are never sure if we will have *enough* – enough time, enough money, enough emotional energy, enough of anything. What a depleted way of life! Have compassion on us and help us draw alongside your vision of plenty, that we would live into and out of the abundance that, in Christ, you have made ours.

(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 CHILI #188 (vs 1) Jesus Loves M			
SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 6: 1-14	Marcia Smith	
ANTHEM			
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Haggai 1: 1-11	Rev. Webster	
SERMON Webster	Return on Investment	Rev.	
RESPONDING TO GOD'	S WORD		
*SERMON HYMN	#824 There Is a Place of Quiet F	Rest	
MOMENT FOR MINISTR Breitkreutz	Υ	Katie	
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS		Rev. Webster	
(Please mention first na	imes only)		

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 *Doxology *Prayer of Dedication

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 699 Fill My Cup

Rev. Webster

***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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special thanks to AJ Schmidt from the Parasky Flute Studios for sharing his talents with us today!!

FLOWERS: Given by Lois Nesbitt in gratitude to all those who volunteer to serve those in need.

COMMON DISCIPLESHIP: LIVING OUT OUR FAITH IN DAILY LIFE:

This is the last week of HSHC's 4th annual Summer Series – a 4-week journey into how everyday actions like how we eat, spend our money, and use our time reflect our faith.

Register for weekly videos/podcasts, reflection questions, articles, activities, and conversations. To learn more, please follow this link:

bit.ly/HSHC_SummerSeries_2025

Let's grow in faith and community — one common act at a time!

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 either Sunday, July 27th or 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, Christlike, and careful manner. <u>SUNDAY SUNDAES</u>: All worshipers are invited to join us for a delicious addition to your Sunday morning on Sundae Sunday, 8/9/25, 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 Doutt, 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.

DONATION STATEMENTS: Donation statements for giving for this year through April, 2025 will be sent out (emailed or sent through USPS) in May. If you have any questions regarding your statement, please contact Ginny Rygg at ryggvj@gmail.com or 412-491-7937. Additionally, if you log into our new system REALM, you will be able to see your giving at any time. HOWEVER, please be aware that there can be a delay in what you see posted to your account if you are giving on a Sunday and not online. All of the donations need to be entered and questions answered before the entries get posted and that could be a week or 2 after Sunday's collections. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your specific donation always feel free to contact Ginny Rygg or Lindsey Berk. As always, thank you for your ongoing generosity!

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

+ 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.

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 resoling 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 <u>https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/give/property</u>

If a current gift is not feasible, your commitment will allow Property to plan the work.

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:

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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!







Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church





SUPPORT FOSTER LOVE PROJECT AMD BRING HOPE TO CHILDREN OF ALL AGES IN FOSTER CARE. YOUR DONATIONS CAN MAKE A **WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!**

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WE'RE COLLECTING NEW OR GENTLY USED ITEMS: **CLOTHING, TOYS, BABY** GEAR, ETC

DONATE!

CONTACT KATIE FOR ANY QUESTIONS BREITKREUTZKATIE29@GMA 412-607-2212

At Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church we strive to best meet the needs of our families and further the kingdom of God. Please take a moment and share your honest thoughts on children and youth programs; this will help guide us on the best use of time, talents and resources. We value your honest responses, even if your family is not interested in NPC programs. Thanks very much for your time and consideration.



Sunday July 20	8:30 AM	Worship – Arc Patio
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday July 21	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 July 22	8:30 – 9:30 AM	Men's Breakfast – Dicks Diner
	11:00 AM	Leadership Programming
	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
	7 – 9:00 PM	NA – Common Ground
Wednesday July 23	8:30 AM	Women's Breakfast
	3:00 PM	Music Academy – Rooms 101- 103, 201, 208,
		Nursery
Thursday July 24	10-8 PM	Music Academy
	8:30 PM-9:30 PM	Music Academy- Sanctuary
Friday July 25		
Saturday July 26	8:30- 9:30 AM	Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground
Sunday July 27	8:30 AM	Worship - Arc Patio
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Power of Hello Training - Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK AT NPC

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

Affirmation

Kate Moerdyk, Chair, '25 Amanda Neely, '26

<u>Care of Members</u> 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

ELDERS OF SESSION BY MINISTRY

<u>New Member Evangelism</u> Kate Montgomery, Chair, '27 Rachel Oates, '25

Outreach Susan Keaney, Chair, '25

<u>Property</u> Robin Pokrzywinski, Chair, '27 Michael Rhoades, '26

<u>Communications</u> Rhonda Johnston, Chair, '26 Angel Stahl, '27

Clerk of Session Susan Keaney A Stephen Ministry Congregation CLI License # 1289082