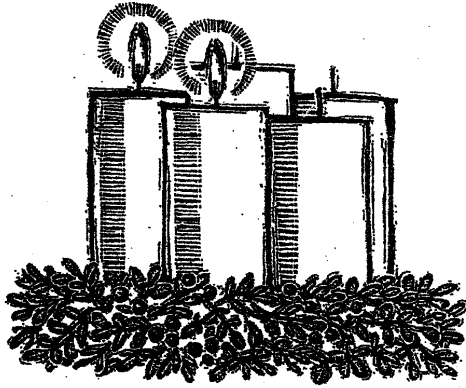


Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church



Second Sunday of Advent

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Mission Statement

We are a community of believers who,
in joyful response to Christ's love, worship God, nurture in faith, accept
others and reach out in love and service.

**WELCOME TO
NEWLONSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

We extend a warm welcome to all members and visitors. We pray that you will experience the presence and peace of God during this service of worship. We especially welcome those of you who are new residents and those of you who might be looking for a church home.

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OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY

Coffee Setup/Clean-up/Donuts Marsha & Dave Roarty,
Sarahjean Thompson, Anne Nevin

8:30 Worship set-ups Earle & Kate Lockwood

8:30 Greeters Jim & Diane Delbridge

11:00 Greeter Carollee Ifft

8:30 Children and Worship Ann Rittiger, Kelly Thomas,
and Evan Roncace

11:00 Children and Worship Jennifer Long, Beth Ann Fausto,
and Alaina Perry

8:30 Ushers: Dale Rygg, Tom & Jan Hill

11:00 Ushers: Don Baer, Harry McKee, Neil Lewis
and Laird Braughler

8:30 Nursery Diane Schapp and Diane Fields

8:30 Preschool Rich & Marcia Smith

11:00 Nursery Donna Powers

Counters Carollee Ifft, Beth Kindelberger and Ed Keyser

Prayer/Sermon/Music Request, Suggestions, or Note For Pastor:

THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

December 4, 2011

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

“O Sacred Head”
Newlonsburg Music Academy Saxophone Quartet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Paul

*THE GATHERING

Rev. Paul

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

Mike & Barbara Carroll

Song of Praise

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

Red 14

Confession

“Open Our Eyes Lord”

Anthem

“What Child Is This”
Newlonsburg Music Academy Saxophone Quartet

THE CELEBRATION WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Silbert

“Jesus Loves Me!” (vs 1) #304

SMALL TALK

“Light One Candle”

With 1st Base Sunday School Youth

THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2011

11:00 am

THE PRELUDE

“Silent Night”

Newlonsburg Music Academy Saxophone Quartet

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Paul

THE MOMENT FOR MISSION

Kathie Lukitsch

THE INTROIT

“Arise, and Shine”

-Rentz

Featuring the 1st Grade Jinglebellists

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Dennis, Jill and Eli Wilson and Linda Madden

*OPENING HYMN #9

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Rev. Paul

God of fierce compassion, you call us to make our ways straight, yet we get lost down crooked roads of selfish concern. We are to prepare the way for your reign of justice, but we choose easier paths of comfort. Have mercy on us. Forgive us and set us back to work, clearing paths of justice, building highways of peace, and preparing the world for your return.

(Let us continue with our silent confession)

THE KYRIE (See inside back of hymnal)

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Paul

*THE GLORIA #579

THE CELEBRATION WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Silbert

“Jesus Loves Me!” (v 1) #304

SMALL TALK *“Joy to the World”*

Chime Choir

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Rev. Paul

ANTHEM

“Will We Know Him?”

- Besig

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1: 1-8

Rev. Paul

THE SERMON *The Rev. Curtis Lane Paul II*
“Listen Up”

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH _____ *Rev. Paul*
The Apostle’s Creed (Traditional)
(Unison) Blue Hymnal Page 14

*THE SERMON HYMN *“Comfort, Comfort You My People”* #3

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS *Rev. Silbert*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Rev. Silbert*
The Lord’s Prayer
Prayer Response **Threefold Amen**

THE OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE *Rev. Silbert*
The Offertory *“What Child Is This”*
Newlonsburg Music Academy Saxophone Quartet

The Doxology #592
*The Prayer of Dedication *Rev. Silbert*

*THE CLOSING HYMN #602
“Song of Zechariah”

*THE BENEDICTION *Rev. Paul*

*THE CLOSING RESPONSE *“May the Light”*
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.

*POSTLUDE *“A Mighty Fortress”*
Newlonsburg Music Academy Saxophone Quartet

*A special thank you to all those who shared
their musical gifts with us this morning:*

Newlonsburg Music Academy Saxophone Quartet
Soprano, Stephen Simpson; Alto, Drew Campbell-Emberg;
Tenor, Dan Mrachko; Baritone, Dan Kerschner.

First Grade Jingle Bell Ringers:
Ethan Kane, Katherine Livingston, Abbygayle Marshall, Violetta Peer,
Riley Phillips, Nikolas Rupnik, Marina Sciullo, and Joseph Thomas.

The Chime Choir members are:
Nick Fausto, Owen Goff, Thomas Hieber, Chrissy and Kaitie Livingston.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. FLOWERS Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Jim Dunbar husband and father of Sue and Jimmy Dunbar.

2. CHILDREN AND WORSHIP This worship program, specially designed for children in Pre-K through 2nd grade, is held during both worship services. The children meet an adult greeter and proceed to Common Ground following Small Talk and are picked up there after worship. During the month of December the following stories will be shared: Mary and Joseph, the Shepherds, and the Magi Show the Way to Bethlehem; and Meeting the Christ Child.

3. CHILD CARE Infants through 5 year olds may go to child care in the Education wing. Ask an usher if you need assistance locating these areas.

4. CHILDREN'S ADVENT DEVOTIONALS There are still some of the children's Advent chain devotionals available at the bottom of Fellowship Hall stairs.

5. ADVENT DINNER CELEBRATION The Advent family dinner will begin at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall followed at 7:00 by the play, "The Best Christmas Ever", under the direction of Megan Nelson and featuring many of our children and adult members. Our dinner reservations have us filled to capacity, but there is still room for everyone to attend the play at 7:00 pm.

6. HAITI GIFTS ARE HERE! Beginning today, you will be able to purchase alternative gifts for the LaCroix Mission in Haiti. Shade trees, fruit trees and Sam's gift cards (to be used for breakfast and lunch foods) will be available. Look for more information in the Good Newlonsburg.

7. HAITI KIDS If you are a child sponsor (or even if you are not) here is a chance to communicate with a needy child. In January a small medical team will be sojourning to LaCroix. We will have space available to take with us a letter or a Christmas card for your child. (No packages, please). Flat standard envelope or card sizes are all we can fit. A photo of you would be wonderful along with your letter and if you want to include a picture of Washington, Lincoln, or Jackson that would be fine. Please mark your envelope with the Child's name and Child's NPC ID number and give it to Barbara Rissler or Jack Metcalfe and we will fit them in with the medicines and vitamins we are taking. Anonymous cards are also welcome. Anyday can be Christmas in Haiti!

8. CHRISTMAS TREE TAGS Sunday School students are encouraged to choose a tag off of the Christmas tree in the Narthex or the small tree by the ARC to purchase a present to give to another child during this Christmas season. Please return your UNWRAPPED gift to the Narthex tree no later than TONIGHT. The gifts will be delivered to the East End Cooperative Ministry who serve families in the East Liberty area.

9. CHRISTMAS PAGEANT If you think there's nothing ever different about the Christmas pageant, you'll be wrong this year. Join us tonight at 7 PM, as we present the "Best Christmas Pageant Ever" written by Barbara Robinson. (No reservations required and plenty of room for all at the pageant). The Herdmans were the worst kids in the world. They played all kinds of pranks around the neighborhood, harassed their teachers, and bullied kids – and now, they want to join the Christmas Pageant. With the Christmas Pageant director in traction, Grace Bradley has been chosen to direct it. Reverend Hopkins is sure no one will come to see it, but Mrs. Bradley is determined to make it the best Christmas Pageant ever, and she'll do it with the Herdmans. Will the Christmas Pageant go on as planned? Will the Herdmans ruin a church tradition? Will the Christmas Pageant be a disaster? Find out as this zany, touching and comedic story plays out. The Best Christmas Pageant Ever is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

10. COOKIE WALK FUND RAISER Calling all cookie bakers! It is time for the NPC Cookie Walk to raise funds for our Lost Sheep Worktrip. The youth are asking congregation members to bake cookies for the Cookie Walk to be held Saturday, December 17th, 11am-2pm in Fellowship Hall. If you are able to help by baking 5 dozen cookies, please sign up on the list following church. Cookies should be delivered to the church before 10am on December 17th. Also, remind your neighbors, families and friends to come to the Cookie Walk on December 17th and purchase a wide variety of cookies for the holidays. Please see Steve Meyer or Kim Barner if you have any questions.

11. WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP The Women's Breakfast Group will meet this Tuesday, December 6th at 8:00 am, at the home of Jane Taylor, 6854 Marissa Court, Export. Please bring a Christmas "White Elephant." The group will meet Thursday, December 15th at 8:00 am in the Adult Meeting Room to pack cookie boxes for the carolers to deliver on the 18th. All are welcome to help and/or contribute cookies (please leave cookies in the kitchen clearly marked for the carolers).

12. CHILDFUND Once again this Christmas season we ask you to find room in your hearts and your Christmas budget for Raniel Danglay, our ChildFund scholarship recipient. Raniel lives in the Phillippines and thanks to your generosity he has been enjoying the security of knowing that someone cares enough to meet his critical needs - food, clean water, medical care and education. He and his mother send their heartfelt thanks to this congregation for their love and care.

We support Raniel while sending Christmas greetings to one another in a unique way. Before and after each Advent service you will notice a large community Christmas card display. As we each sign the card we contribute to Raniel's education fund by donating our savings on the cost of cards and postage. Raniel thanks us for being so kind and generous. Please remember to sign the card and give your contribution to help Raniel grow into a literate, healthy young man. Have a blessed Christmas. Thank you!

13. ROCK A BYE BABY PAUL A cradle has been placed in the front of the church to receive gifts for our new little baby boy, due in January. If you'd like to you may wrap a small gift of welcome and place it in the cradle. Thanks! -PNC/Transition Committee

14. SUNDAY SCHOOL Classes for those ages 2 and up at 9:45 am.

Contemporary Issues and our Faith Dennis Skeers leads this discussion format class where an issue of the day is presented as a roundtable starting point from which comments from scripture, theology, and life make for a lively discussion and consideration together. This class meets in the Adult Meeting Room by the church office.

Lectio Divina The renowned theologian Henri J. M. Nouwen defined "spiritual reading" as "reading with an inner attentiveness to the movement of God's Spirit in our outer and inner lives." Those who have attended the Lectio-Divina Sunday School class have been involved with "spiritual reading" using the Lectio-Divina process to read and reflect upon selected Biblical passages from the Old and New Testament, including the sermons and parables shared by Christ during His ministry. If you want to experience "spiritual reading," consider making this class a part of your faith journey during the Sunday School hour at NPC. The class is led by Shelby and Sylvia Henriquez and meets in Room 207.

MIN-TEC Jill Wilson leads this class for exceptional adult citizens. Bible Study and prayer as well as service in God's name are the thrust of this class. This class meets in Ed Wing Room 206.

Adult Bible Study The Adult Bible Study will begin with a study of Revelation, a book that has generated many interpretations, many of which misrepresent the intention of its author, John. Come and join the class. We will be using a DVD series led by Dr. Brian Blount, President of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA and a Commentary written by Earl Palmer. The study group will have the use of the new RSV and NIV Bibles donated to the Church in memory of Gini Miller. All are welcome. Bring your own Bible, if you prefer. The class will be held in Common Ground and will be led by Keith Paulson.

15. GOOD NEWLONSBURG Next Sunday, December 11th is the deadline for the January issue of the Good Newlonsburg. Please submit all articles to Shelley via her office mail box or email to administrativeassistant@newlonsburgchurch.org
Please include your name in case there are any questions.

Advent Schedule ***Please mark your calendars!***

This is an exciting time in the life of Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church and we invite you to celebrate the anticipation of the birth of our Lord Jesus within the circle of your church family.

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| Sunday, December 4 | Second Sunday of Advent
Worship at 8:30am and 11:00am
Advent Dinner 6:00 pm
“The Best Christmas Pageant Ever”
Gifts due for East End Cooperative Ministry |
| Sunday, December 11 | Third Sunday of Advent
Worship at 8:30am and 11:00am
Installation Service of Rev. Curtis L. Paul II, in
the Sanctuary at 4:00pm
Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall |
| Saturday, December 17 | Cookie Walk - Fellowship Hall - 11am - 2 pm |
| Sunday, December 18 | Fourth Sunday of Advent - Cantata
Worship at 8:30am and 11:00am
Both Services in the Sanctuary
Caroling to Homebound Members at 3pm
Blue Christmas Service 7:30 pm -Fellowship Hall |
| Saturday, December 24 | Christmas Eve Services
Christmas Joy Offering will be received
5:00pm Family Candlelight Service - FH
7:00pm Candlelight Service – Sanctuary
9:00pm Candlelight Service - Sanctuary |
| Sunday, December 25 | One Service at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall
Communion
No Sunday School |
| Sunday, January 1, 2012 | One Service of worship at 9:30 am - Sanctuary
No Sunday School |
| Saturday, January 7, 2012 | Removal of the Greens at 9:00am |

THIS WEEK AT NPC

Sun., Dec. 4	8:30 am	Worship - Fellowship Hall
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship - Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Advent Dinner - Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Best Christmas Pageant - Fellowship Hall
Mon., Dec. 5	10:00 am	MOPS - Common Ground
	3:00 pm	Music - 201, 208, Choir
	7:30 pm	Nominating Committee - Adult Meeting Room
Tue., Dec. 6	8:00 am	Women's Breakfast - The Taylor's home
	8:30 am	Men's Study Group - Dick's Diner
	10:00 am	Parents Day Out - Sanctuary
	1:00 pm	Crochet - AMR
	3:00 pm	Music - 106, 208
	3:00 pm	RAM - ARC
	7:30 pm	NA - Common Ground
Wed., Dec. 7	10:00 am	PDO Rehearsal - Sanctuary
	3:00 pm	Music - 101, 104, 206, 208
	7:30 pm	Praise Team-Fellowship Hall
Thu., Dec. 8		Preschool Program - Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
	3:00 pm	Music - 101, 203, 206, 208
	3:00 pm	RAM
	6:30 pm	Bells/Chimers
	7:30 pm	Alanon
	7:30 pm	Choir
	Fri., Dec. 9	9:00 am
9:30 am		MOPS Study -AMR, 201 & Nursery
Sat., Dec. 10	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
	8:00 am	Music - 101, 208 & Choir
	11:00 am	AA - Common Ground
Sun., Dec. 11	11:00 am	ESCA - Fellowship Hall
	8:30 am	Worship-Fellowship Hall
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship-Sanctuary
	3:00 pm	Reception set up - FH, AMR & Sanctuary
	4:00 pm	Installation Service & Reception-Sanctuary, FH, AMR

LARGE PRINT hymnals and bulletins are available.
Please ask an usher.

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Shelley Earhart, Office Manager

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Bettie Jarosz, Choir Director

Nadina Bembic, Music Director, Organist, and Bells

Jim Carlisle, ARC Schedule

BOARD OF DEACONS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Sylvia Henriquez, Moderator, Coffee Set-up & Supplies '11

Carollee Ifft, Reminder Cards, '11

Neil Lewis, Ushers, 8:30 set-up, '11

Vicki Schneider, Counters, '11

Debbie Andrachek, Secretary, '12

Kate Montgomery, Flowers, '12

Tim Kyper, Photo Directory Coordinator, '12

Cindy Hopper, Correspondence Cards, '12

Michael Oates, 8:30 Childcare, '13

Jason Scheible, 11:00 Childcare, '13

Judy Washburn, Newborn roses and Baptism Books, COM Liason, '13

Kelly Thomas, Greeters, '13

ELDERS OF SESSION BY COMMITTEE

Affirmation

Christel Thompson, Chair, '13

Karen Hay, '11

New Member Evangelism

Paul Thompson, Chair, '11

Virginia Peterson, '12

Care of Members

Ann Himelein, Chair, '11

Diane Sciallo, '12

Outreach

Roger Schneider, Chair, '13

Equipping

Jill Wilson, Chair, '12

Cynthia Goff, '12

Property

John Shultz, Chair, '12

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