



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

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PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age Child Care	South Hallway	9:30 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF

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Church Office Hours


Monday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday Closed
Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.



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October 23, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“From God Shall Naught Divide Me”* (J.C.Bach)

Tower Bell

Introit Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can feel the brush of angel wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

***Responsive Call to Worship**
Come away to the mountaintop for a while; stand apart from your daily pace to know God.
Life’s blessings are more than we can count; the commonwealth of heaven is beyond our imagining.
Sing aloud to God, our strength and defender; shout for joy to the one who listens and hears.

God has given us an example to follow; in Christ, we are enabled to live at our best.

Hear God’s word for us and do it; give to God your loyalty and your labor.
We are eager to respond to God’s direction; we are ready to sing as God gives us voice.

***Hymn #66** “To God Be The Glory”

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**
All powerful God, You have placed us in the vineyard of Your world to tend and care for all Your creation here. You have called us to be a fruitful people. Send among us the leadership we need to do as You intend. Grant that we may hear Your voice and obey Your commands. Set before us goals we can attain and prizes to claim. Surely

our highest aim and purpose is to live as Your people. We praise You for that opportunity. Amen

(silence is kept)

***Assurance of Pardon**

When we call on God in our distress, we are heard. When we confess our self-centered rebellion, God delivers us. Surely our Creator will lead us to that realm where we are known and welcomed as forgiven sinners. Live no longer as enemies of the cross, but as friends of Christ.

***Gloria Patri**

(Creatorex)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Children's Chat

Scripture Lesson – 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for His appearing.

¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Anthem

"Thou Art Holy"

(Craig Courtney)

Holy, holy, holy, Thou art holy.
Thou alone art holy, Thou art holy.

Holy, holy, holy though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty,
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Thou art holy, Thou alone art holy.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Vickie Grey Kennedy

Liturgist: Kyle Taylor

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield & Flo Grey

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

Sunday, October 23: 10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, October 24: 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, October 25: 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Thursday, October 27: 9:00 a.m. Food Pantry
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 29: 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting

Sunday, October 30: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Hearing Assistance

We have wireless receivers for the hearing impaired which you may obtain from an usher.

Pastoral Care Notice

If a pastoral care need arises, please contact the church office at (859) 431-1818 and we will get a message to Pastor Barry or John Robson to contact you. You can also call, text or email Barry at:
Revbarryb@stjohnsuccnewport.org
Cell Phone: (513) 317-8146

In Our Prayers

Joan Berkemeyer, Cheryl & Barry Bordenkircher, Judy Eads, Carolyn Garriott, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Robert Hasse, Mark Hater, Chuck Hawkins, Vickie Kennedy, Carol & Henry Marksberry, Barbara Runge, Bill Seibert, Bruce Shay, Ed Von Strohe, Bonnie Walter, John & Peggy Westlund

Continued Prayerful Support

Homebound members.
Those in assisted living and nursing homes.
Rev. Barry Bordenkircher
Church Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, and all our church leaders.

Homebound Member of the Week

Our homebound member of the week is Pam Maloney. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Pam as our member of the week!

Her address is:
Pam Maloney
Parkside Manor
317 Oddville Pike #B
Cynthiana, KY 41031

Infant, Toddler, Preschool and School Age Child Care is Available on Sunday Mornings

We have childcare workers available for our infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school age children. Children can be dropped off starting at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in the Youth Room. You can ask any usher for assistance or information about this program.

Audio Recordings of Our Sunday Services

Did you miss a Sunday service or would like to hear one over again? You can get a CD audio recording of any service each week down on the table located at the North Lobby entrance. The recordings are separated by date so just look for the service you want to hear and take it home.

COVID Update

Just a reminder that if you become infected with the COVID virus, please let the church office know so that we can notify anyone that you may have been in contact with at that time. Thank you and everyone please stay safe.

Gathering Together in Prayer

Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

Response

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al - le - lu - ia!
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, Al - le - lu - ia!

Offertory Invitation

We bring the fruit of our labors to be blessed by God, reminding ourselves that earthly things are temporary. Yet the commonwealth of heaven can be glimpsed and shared as we pursue the heavenly call of God in Jesus Christ. How much of ourselves will we invest, with our offerings, that others may hear the truth of God?

Offertory

“Gentle Shepherd”

(Deborah Dresie)

Gentle Shepherd, be my guide; I have wandered far from home.
I can find no place to hide, no shelter from the storm.
It has been too long a night for a lamb alone.
Gentle Shepherd be my guide; lead me safely home.

Gentle Shepherd, comfort me, for I am a soul unsure.
In Your arms I long to be evermore secure.
As You wait so patiently for my faith in You,
Gentle Shepherd, comfort me; I will trust in You.

O Lord, I come to You in faith and gratitude;
Humbly now all I do, I will follow You. I will, follow You.

Gentle Shepherd by my side, You will keep me safe and warm.
Now I need no place to hide; You will calm the storm.
I will never fear the night or feel alone.
Gentle Shepherd by my side, I am safely home.

***Doxology**

(Old 100th)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

For the land You have given us, for the rich abundance that surrounds us, for all who lead us toward the life You intend for us, we give thanks. May generosity divert us from the pursuit of things that do not satisfy. In our giving, keep us from too easy satisfaction with what we have already accomplished. Set our minds on the possibilities before us, that we may live as citizens of heaven while coping with the controversies of our times. Bless and use our offerings of self and substance. Amen.

Scripture Lesson - Luke 18:9-14 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Today’s Message

"What if.....?"

Vickie Grey Kennedy

***Hymn #326**

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

***Responsive Benediction**

God sends us out into the vineyards of life; let us seek to imitate the best we know.

The encouragement of Christ sustains us; the Spirit evokes our affection and sympathy.

God calls us to maturity of outlook and purpose; let us live by values for which we would even die.

We seek to move beyond selfishness and conceit; the interests of others are as important as our own.

God meets us when we gather to worship; God goes with us as we depart to serve.

We would empty ourselves to become servants; in obedience, we will work for God’s good pleasure.

Amen.

Amen

***Choral Response**

Postlude

“Paeon”

(Gordon Young)

Welcome!

Welcome to this house of prayer and worship!

We pray that your experience of worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God’s Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ.

May you know His grace and peace today!

Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.



Flowers in church today are provided by the Sanctuary Flower Fund. If you or anyone you know would benefit from the beauty and joy of the arrangement, please feel free to take them.

Open flower dates are October 30th, November 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

All Saints Day Service

If you have a loved one who passed away within the past year and would like for them to be remembered during our All Saints Day Service on Sunday, November 6th, please call the church office or email Kelli at kelli.taylor@stjohnsuccnewport.org and we will have their name added to the list for the worship service. Please have all names to the church office by Thursday, November 3, 2022