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PROGRAM

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

POSITION	PERSON	CONTACT
Designated Pastor	J. Martin Westermeyer	Shaman4@zoomtown.com
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CHURCH LEADERS

PERSON	POSITION	CONTACT
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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.



July 14, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



Thought for the Day before Worship

Commitment is healthiest when it is not without doubt, but in spite of doubt.
- Rollo May

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome

Prelude

"Sheep May Safely Graze"
(Dobin Park - piano)

(Bach/Petri)

Tower Bell

*Call to Worship

David and the people brought the ark.

They came with music, singing, and dancing!

Amos said God would measure the people like a plumb line measures a wall.

Even though unpopular, he followed God's command.

God has adopted us as children so that we may know grace.

Because of God's grace, we look forward to the time when God will gather all things together.

Jesus sent out the disciples in pairs.

We come together now to worship God with one another!

Let us Worship our God!!

*Hymn #68

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

(Nettleton)

*Prayer of Adoration & Confession

O God, we Worship and praise you for your gift of redemption. In Christ you chose us before the world was created. You sent him to cleanse us of all our unrighteousness. He sacrificed himself for us so that we should be blameless. Your grace surrounds us, and your peace dwells within us. Through Christ, who calls and names us as your chosen people, we gather to praise you for your glorious grace.

God of redeeming grace, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin.
- Charged to travel light, we overburden ourselves.
- Commissioned to preach repentance, we ourselves do not change.
- Cautioned to avoid violence, we are quick to confront others.
- Called to be reconcilers, we create divisions.
As Christ sends us forth and equips us to serve Him, cleanse us of abusing His trust and name. It is in Jesus’ name that we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**
Remember that we have redemption through Christ’s sacrifice on our behalf. We have forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of God’s grace. For God has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of God’s will, “to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.” Therein lies our assurance of pardon. Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** *(Greateorex)*
**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.**

Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God, and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

It was told King David, “The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him because of the ark of God.” So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing, and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened calf. David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the LORD and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Vickie Grey Kennedy

Liturgist: Tom Williams

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dr. Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Tom Williams & Laura Haas

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

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| Sunday, July 14: | 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Florence Community Band Concert |
| Monday, July 15: | 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting |
| Tuesday, July 16: | 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
7:00 p.m. East Row Garden Club Meeting |
| Thursday, July 18: | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Food Pantry
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class-Fellowship Hall |
| Saturday, July 20: | 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting |
| Sunday, July 21: | 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:15 a.m. Cookies & Lemonade Reception |

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 Marty or Pastor John Robson to contact you.

In Our Prayers

Judy Adams, Joan Berkemeyer, Norma Biery, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Betty Hasse, Chuck Hawkins, Henry Marksberry, Gayle McAtee, Ed Von Strohe, Carol Strong, Bertie Jo Tuerpe, Bonnie Walter & Marty Westermeyer

Continued Prayerful Support

Homebound members.

Those in assisted living and nursing homes.

Church Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, and all our church leaders. Designated Pastor Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Pastor of Visitation John Robson

Homebound Member of the Week

Our homebound member of the week is Phil Hamilton. Take a moment this week to send him a card or give him a call as we celebrate Phil as our member of the week!

His address is:

Phil Hamilton

8520 Gunpowder Road

Legacy Living Florence Room 214

Florence, KY 41042

Children's Activity Bags

Activity bags for the children are located at each entrance of the church. Feel free to pick up a bag for your child (children) to work on during the worship service. When the service is done just drop the bags off at each exit so that we may replenish the bags for the following week.

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.

Online Video Worship Services

You can view our online video Sunday worship services through our church website: www.stjohnsuccnewport.org, our Church's Facebook Page or YouTube Channel (just search our church's name on Facebook/YouTube) and through the Constant Contact weekly email, (just click the online worship button at the bottom of the page). Hope you enjoy the services!

finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Solo

"Give Me Jesus"

(Spiritual/arr. Yo Shionoya)

(Yo Shionoya - oboe)

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus's name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests, and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Sermon “Be Careful What You Wish For” Vickie Grey Kennedy

*Hymn #345 “Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult” (Galilee)

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

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Offertory Invitation

Because we care, we give: to lift burdens, to provide fresh water, to share bread, to build self-esteem, to make disciples. Most of all, we give in thankfulness to God, who has multiplied in us great blessings.

Offertory “Largo” (Handel/ arr. Yo Shionoya)
(Yo Shionoya - oboe)

*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

*Prayer of Dedication

O God, our parent and our benefactor, our spirits dance as we bring these symbols of the ways you have blessed us. Hearts of joy sing your praises, responding to the grace we have inherited. We return these gifts of thanks to you asking that they may be transformed. Use them, so that all may be gathered to you in the fullness of your redemption. Shape them, so that we may be disciplined followers of your paths. Through them reveal the good news of your salvation offered graciously. Use them to distribute food to all, to support those who proclaim repentance, and to send out ministers of healing. As we give these gifts, may we learn to rely on your everyday gifts every day. Amen.

*Hymn #508 “Lead On, O King Eternal” (Lancashire)

*Benediction

Postlude “Recessional” (Gordon Young)

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD THANKS BE TO GOD!

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 at the pulpit are provided by the church.
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 July 21st & 28th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.