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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
Kyle Taylor	Church President	859-394-5256
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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 21, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



Thought for the Day before Worship

How we live demonstrates what we believe our purpose in life to be.
What does your life reveal about your values, your beliefs,
your commitments, and your purpose?

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome

Prelude

"My Jesus I Love Thee"

(Don Hustad)

*Call to Worship

Come, let us gather to offer God our praise and thanksgiving.

Here we will remember the blessings God has bestowed upon us through Christ.

Here we will claim the gift of hope and the promise of peace.

Here we will join together as members of the household of God.

Let us Worship our God!!

*Hymn #17

"Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him"

(Austrian Hymn)

*Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Eternal God, we marvel at the patience you show to us. Time and again, you call to us as a shepherd beckons the flock, asking that we come to you. You gather the lost and the lonely, the humble and the proud, those who walk with certainty and those who stumble and fall. Alert us to your call to us this day. Help us listen intently to your voice through the noise without and within. Remind us that through Christ we are one, beloved by you. Bring us together in such unity that is not conformity. Make us a holy people. Show us how we may fulfill your hopes for our lives. Build among us a fitting and hospitable home for your Spirit to dwell.

We confess, Holy One, that we are heirs to divisions that have beset your people through the ages. We rank and sort ourselves to separate one from another. We distinguish ourselves by race and orientation, by politics and gender, by status and creed. But your Messiah sat at table with pious and scandalous ones, spoke love to prodigals and elders, and in doing so bids us to overcome our differences and live in peace. Forgive our failure to heed Christ's words and lived example. Help us to join with brothers and sisters from far and near, as you continue to make the human family a single people united by love and grace, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! There is no greater joy in the heart of God than this moment now! For in this moment, we call upon God to grant us new life in the center of our wounded hearts. It is with great joy that God grants us new life and forgiveness of our sin! Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

**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.**

(Greateorex)

Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both to God

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Robert Pettus

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dr. Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Rose Wendling

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield & Bertie Jo Tuerpe

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, July 21:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:15 a.m. Cookies & Lemonade Reception
- Monday, July 22:** 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, July 23:** 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
- Thursday, July 25:** 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class-Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, July 27:** 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Upper Room Devotional Group
- Sunday, July 28:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

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 John Westlund. Take a moment this week to send him a card or give him a call as we celebrate John as our member of the week!

His address is:

John Westlund

Emerald Trace on Turkeyfoot

3802 Turkeyfoot Road

Elsmere, KY 41018

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!

in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Duet

“God and God Alone”

(McHugh/McDonald)

(Jean Nutgrass and Katheryn Jones)

God and God alone created all these things we call our own,
From the mighty to the small, the Glory in them all is God's and God's alone

God and God alone reveals the truth of all we call unknown.
And all the best and worst of man won't change the Master's plan. It's God's and God's alone

God and God alone is fit to take the universe's throne
Let everything that lives reserve it's truest praise for God and God alone

God and God alone will be the joy of our eternal home
He will be our one desire, Our hearts will never tire of God and God alone
God and God alone is fit to take the universe's throne
Let everything that lives reserve it's truest praise for God and God alone

Scripture Lesson: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

Sermon

“Build Us Up”

Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

**We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit,
who is made known to us in Jesus our brother,
and to his deeds we testify:
God calls the worlds into being,
creates humankind in the divine image
and sets before us the ways of life and death.
God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.
God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness
declared through prophets and apostles.
In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord,
God has come to us and share our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.
God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,
tongues and races.
God calls us into the church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be servants in the service of the whole human family,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.
God promises to all who trust in the gospel
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.
Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto God. Amen.**

Gathering Together in Prayer
Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Response

Offertory Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology

(Old 100th)

*Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #667**

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Hornpipe” (John S. Dixon)