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PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.

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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.	



November 3, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday



Thought for the Day before Worship
*Eternity is not something that begins after you are dead.
It is going on all the time. We are in it now.
- Lily Dougall, "The Undiscovered Country"*

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome

Prelude

“Pie Jesu”
(Yo Shionoya - Oboe)

(Andrew Lloyd Webber)

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.

***Call to Worship**
From the rising of the sun until its setting in the west,
God's holy name be praised.
On the lips of children, by babies at the breast,
God's holy name be praised.
In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,
God's holy name be praised.
In the sweet memories of those who have departed from this life,
God's holy name be praised.
In the banquet hall of heaven,
God's holy name be praised.

In the warmth with which we greet another day, this day,
God's holy name be praised.
 Peace be with you.
And also with you and with all who are in this House of Worship.
 Let us Worship our God together on this special day!!

***Hymn #287** “*Lift High the Cross*” (*Crucifer*)

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**
O Alpha and Omega, you are our beginning and our end.
- You are our pathway and our goal.
- You are our companion and journey.
Help us to see through the veil of time to the eternal now in which your hope for creation already exists, whole and holy. Guide us to live as citizens of that new heaven and new earth in this time and place and, in so doing, to bring your Shalom to radiant fulfillment.
Holy and merciful God, we often are more ready to admire the saints than to imitate them - to praise them than to follow where they have led. We give our lives to the pursuit of success, pleasure, and self-aggrandizement, rather than spending ourselves for the sake of the kingdom. We are rich in earthly things but poor in the coin of heaven; we have filled our bellies with food that perishes but have not hungered and thirsted after justice. But in Christ and the saints, you have set before us a better way. Forgive our sinful and selfish choices. Renew and inspire us that we may once again set our feet on the path of holiness and service; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**
Hear the Good News! Wherever you go, wherever you stay, God will be with you. God remains God! Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

***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.**

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Vickie Grey Kennedy

Liturgist: Laura Haas

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dr. Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: David Stamm & Wendy Watts

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

Sunday, November 3: 10:00am Worship Service/All Saints Sunday

Monday, November 4: 7:00pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, November 5: 7:00pmNA Meeting
7:00pm East Row Historic Foundation Meeting

Thursday, November 7: 3:00pm-4:00pm Yoga Class-Fellowship Hall
7:00pm-9:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 9: 9:00am AA Meeting
9:30am-11:00am The Chosen

Sunday, November 10: 10:00am Worship Service/Blessing of the Thanksgiving Baskets

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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, Yvonne Daniels, Betty Jo Haas, Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Betty Hasse, Rona Hater, Chuck Hawkins, Gayle McAtee, Ed Von Strohe, Bonnie Walter, Marty Westermeyer & Family of Peggy Westlund

Weekly Prayer List for Northern Kentucky UCC Cluster

Grace UCC; Ft. Wright
Mark Roeder

St. Paul UCC; Alexandria
Paul Forrey

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 Norma Biery. Norma's birthday is Friday, November 8th. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Norma as our member of the week!

Her address is:
Norma Biery
Fields of Florence
212 Main Street
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!

From the Poetry of the Old Testament: Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it,
for he has founded it on the seas
and established it on the rivers.
Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false
and do not swear deceitfully.
They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from the God of their salvation.
Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah
Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in!
Who is the King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in!
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory. Selah

From the Revelation to John: Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Anthem	<i>“In My Father’s House”</i>	<i>(Lani Smith)</i>	*Hymn #529	<i>“For All the Saints”</i> (vs. 1, 2, 5 & 6)	<i>(Sine Nomine)</i>
Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. In my Father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you; I go to prepare a place for you. These are the words He spoke in love to you and me. This is the promise He made, from death to set us free. He said that He would come again And with Him we would go, And where He went and the way He went, We would surely know. These are the words He spoke to help us find our way. This is the bond that He gave to hold us through the day. The thoughts He shares with us this night shall evermore remain, to comfort us, and to guide us on, and our hope sustain.			*Benediction		
			*Choral Response		
			Postlude	<i>“O God Our Help In Ages Past”</i>	<i>(Gordon Young)</i>
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.					
Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”			 Flowers in church today are In Loving Memory of Rob Hawkins November 12, 1967 to November 5, 2020 From Chuck Hawkins Open flower dates are November 10th & 17th To reserve your special date, please call the church office. 		
Sermon	<i>“Tears of A Friend”</i>	Vickie Grey Kennedy			
*Hymn #526	<i>“How Blest Are They”</i>	<i>(Canonbury)</i>			

Trash receptacles are located at each exit for disposal of communion cups.

Thus, even when they are gone, the departed are with us, moving us to live as, in their highest moments, they themselves wished to live.

We remember them now; they live in our hearts; they are an abiding presence.

We celebrate the gift of life, and remember those members and friends of St. John’s United Church of Christ who entered the Church Triumphant in the last 12 months. Their names will be read and the bell tolled in loving memory.

Reading of Names

- Shannon Lawrence November 4, 2023
- Bruce Shay November 30, 2023
- Mary Haas December 2, 2023
- Roger Milner December 8, 2023
- Barbara Runge December 17, 2023
- Carol Marksberry December 22, 2023
- Robert Westermeyer December 22, 2023
- Betty Westermeyer January 31, 2024
- Joseph Wendling March 31, 2024
- Walter Dauzenberg April 22, 2024
- Donna Hamilton April 23, 2024
- Annette LaCroix May 1, 2024
- Bill Seibert May 3, 2024
- Judy Gadd May 21, 2024
- Harold Clark May 25,2024
- Tony Charlton July 23, 2024
- Henry Marksberry September 9, 2024
- James Haas October 8, 2024
- Peggy Westlund October 30, 2024

In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of Winter, we remember them.

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of Summer, we remember them.

In the rustling of Autumn, we remember them.

In the beginning of the year, and when it ends, we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

**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

Psalm 143:1

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, in - cline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. A - men.' The score ends with a double bar line.

WORDS: Psalm 143:1

MUSIC: George Whelpton, 1897

HEAR OUR PRAYER
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Offertory Invitation

The work of the church goes on night and day. Around the world, our partners in ministry labor and toil for the cause of Christ. In every land, the word of God is at work in believers who share good news through speaking and doing. We join them through our tithes and offerings and in our own efforts where we live. Let us dedicate all to God.

Offertory

“Come into God’s Embrace”

(Mary McDonald)

The table of love, prepared for you; come to the feast of grace.
Come, eat the bread; come, drink the wine; come into God’s embrace.
Lamb of God, Lamb of love, You took away our sin.
Here we remember Your sacrifice, God’s plan for all: forgive!
His body, His blood are given for you; come to the feast of grace.
Come, taste the bread; come, taste the wine; come into God’s embrace.

*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**
God, we have learned that you watch over your holy ones. In your love you grant them grace and mercy, making all things new. Watch over us. Make us holy, make us new. Accept our gifts and our thanks for every sainted one who has taught us confidence in you. Amen.

Commissioning for Tuesday

Called to be salt for the earth ...
we take Christ’s call with us into the voting booth.
Called to be the light of the world ...
we take Christ’s call with us as we cast our ballots.
In the presence of the saints who have gone before us
and in the anticipation of the generations that will follow us ...
may we learn from the best of the past and accept responsibility to the future.
Called to live as citizens of both heaven and earth ...
may we vote with hearts wide open to the needs of the whole world
Bless, O God, the leader of this and every nation ...
that they may plant seed of blessing and peace.

*Hymn #695

“As We Gather At Your Table”

(vs. 1 & 3)

(Beach Spring)

Communion

Celebrating God’s Word in Sacrament
Communion is Open to ALL: saint and sinner, lost and found, believer and seeker.
We partake of the bread together to symbolize our unity and community as God's people.
We shall partake of the cup individually to symbolize our solitariness
as we each stand alone before our God

***Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed**
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the one holy universal Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of the Elements

Partaking of the Lord's Supper
As is our tradition, the Elements of Communion are held until all are served and partake at the direction of the Pastor.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)**
Eternal God, you have called your people from the east and west and north and south to eat at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

Responding to God in Faith, Deed and Memory

All Saints’ Day, November 3, was originally a celebration of all the known and unknown saints in the Roman Catholic Church. In many Protestant traditions, including the parent denominations of the United Church of Christ, all the people of God are understood to be saints, following the New Testament usage of the word. On All Saints’ Sunday, the living saints remember all the saints of our church that have died, especially in the last year.

When the cherished ties are broken, and the chain of love is shattered, only trust and the strength of faith can lighten the heaviness of the heart. The Psalmist said that in his affliction he learned the law of God. And in truth, grief is a great teacher, when it sends us back to serve and bless the living.

We learn how to counsel and comfort those who, like ourselves, are bowed with sorrow. We learn to keep silence in their presence, and when a word will assure them of our love and concern.