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

CHURCH STAFF

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Designated Pastor	J. Martin Westermeyer	Shaman4@zoomtown.com
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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 24, 2024
10:00 a.m.
**Twenty-Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost**



Prayer of Meditation before Worship

*Lord, you know that few of us are born thankful.
We need someone to teach us how to give thanks in all things.
For this reason we turn to Scripture and your holy word.
Perhaps if we would learn to pray in thanksgiving and experience,
then we should learn how to experience the joy that is ours in Christ.
Come, Lord Jesus. Guide our spirits toward the truth; give us thankful hearts and lives. Amen.*

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome

Prelude

“We Gather Together”
(Kendra Franke - flute)

(Healey Willan)

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: based on Psalm 92:1-2

It is good to give thanks to God.

We will sing praise to God.

It is good to sing praises to the Most High God.

We will exalt God in our words and actions.

It is good to give thanks to God!

It is good to give thanks to God!

Let us Worship and give thanks to our God!!

*Hymn #721

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (St. George's Windsor)

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

O God, author of everlasting life, we come before you today with thanksgiving. We rejoice because in your wisdom and creative power you have provided us with a life that is worth living. You created us to be in a relationship with you and it is in this covenant bond that we find our highest purpose. As we eat our daily bread, remind us that it symbolizes eternal life. May we celebrate this day in Jesus' name.

Gracious God, we find it easy to praise you and to express gratitude to you when all is well, but that is not the story when we face adversity. Cynicism develops quickly. Doubts storm our minds. Pessimism threatens to dominate our outlook. And our words of praise and thanks to you fall silent.

O God, we need to know what is more important: please teach us.

O God, we need to see the great generosity of your love; please show us. We need to evaluate life with criteria that considers more than material goods; please help us.

We need to understand that even in the midst of adversity you are with us to care for us; please enable us.

We have every reason to give thanks every day of our lives. Forgive us for any lapse in gratitude and shape us as creatures incapable of forgetting to give thanks. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we learn that God's love has no bounds. In Christ we are forgiven and empowered to begin anew. Thanks be to God! Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

(Greatest)

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.

From the Poetry of the Old Testament: Psalm 95:1-7

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. Andrew Bierkan

Liturgist: Rose Wendling

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dr. Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, November 24:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Thanksgiving Sunday
- Monday, November 25:** 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, November 26:** 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
- Thursday, November 28:** Happy Thanksgiving
Church Office Closed
- Friday, November 29:** Church Office Closed
- Saturday, November 30:** 9:00a.m. AA Meeting
- Sunday, December 1:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/ First Sunday of Advent

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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, Family of Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Betty Hasse, Rona Hater, Chuck Hawkins, Gayle McAtee, Carol Schoulthies, Ralph Schoulthies, Ed Von Strohe, Bonnie Walter, Marty Westermeyer & Family of Peggy Westlund

Weekly Prayer List for Northern Kentucky UCC Cluster

St. Mark UCC; Latonia
Rachel Wirrig

St. John UCC; Covington
Jim Hill

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

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

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!

Anthem

"Celtic Laud"

(Martin/Courtney)

For fruit of the vine, for harvest of wheat,
for bread and for wine, the gift of Your feast.
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

For dove in the sky, for wind in the trees,
for coal in the fire, Your Spirit in me,
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

For springtime's green earth, for morning's first light,
for every new birth, for grace and for life,
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Sermon

"They Got by With a Little Help From Their Friend" Rev. Andrew Bierkan

***Affirmation of Faith - from A New Zealand Prayer Book**

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us.

You are God.

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.**

You came to us before we came to you.

**You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.**

You are with us now.

You are God.

You, O God, are the Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We Worship you. Amen.

***Hymn #723**

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

(Ar Hyd Y Nos)

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 (Amazing Grace)

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Offertory Invitation

We know about the hungry, homeless, and lost of our world. We have seen those who walk long miles for water in a parched land, who languish as prisoners of conscience amid oppressors, who live in lonely old age. Christ dwells in them, and among them is where we will know God. Our offerings mark us as faithful servants who intend to help one another.

Offertory “A Hymn for Thanksgiving” (David H. Williams)

Praise, oh, praise, our God and King,
Hymns of adoration sing;
For His mercies still endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Praise Him that He made the sun
Day by day his course to run;
Praise Him that He gave the rain,
to mature the swelling grain.

He hath bid the fruitful field,
crops of precious increase yield;
for his mercies still endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

Glory to our bounteous King,
Glory let creation sing;
Glory to the Father, Son,
And the Spirit, Three in One!

*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

Great and generous God, we bow before you not so much to get a blessing as to make an offering. You fill our days with blessings beyond numbers. Your grace follows us even in our darkest days. Your comfort fills us with promise even when our circumstances scream despair. How can we not make an offering to you? Here is our praise. Here is our money. Here are our hearts. These offerings are gifts of Worship that we pray are acceptable in your sight and worthy of the name in which we pray, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Hymn #14 “Now Thank We All Our God” (Nun Danket Alle Gott)

*Benediction

*Choral Response

Postlude Postlude on “Old Hundredth” (Fred Bock)

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 in celebration of Kyle Taylor’s
28th birthday on Thursday, November 28th.
Happy Birthday Kyle!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kelsey & Elise



Open flower dates are December 1st, 15th, 22nd & 29th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.