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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
Pastor of Visitation	John Robson	Jmarrobson@gmail.com
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CHURCH LEADERS

PERSON	POSITION	CONTACT
Kyle Taylor	Church President	859-394-5256
David Stamm	Church Vice President	859-322-2426
Pat Goins	Church Secretary	859-250-2830
Vickie Kennedy	Church Treasurer	859-653-2630 text or call

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.	



January 12, 2025
10:00 a.m.
First Sunday After Epiphany



Thought for the Day before Worship

What do you expect of God – and from that, what do you expect of yourself?

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“The Three Kings”

(Wilbur Held)

Tower Bell

*Call to Worship: based on Psalm 29

The voice of the Almighty is powerful;

The voice of the Sovereign is full of majesty!

The Holy One is in this place.

Praise be to God!

May the Lord give strength to God's people!

May the Lord bless God's people with peace!

Let us Worship our God!!

*Hymn #247

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

(Salzburg)

*Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Holy God, John the Baptist promised that you would bring fire, and it is with fire that we ask you now to come.

- Come with fire to enliven our weakened spirits and our dimmed hopes.

- Come with fire to light the path to your truth.

- Come with fire to burn away all in our world and in us that stands in the way of your Word.

- Come with fire to warm hearts grown cold and to comfort those against whom the stormy winds have blown.

- Come with fire to draw us into the holiness of your life, to empower us with your Spirit, and to send us with zeal into the world you love.

God, we come in confession. We see people in pain and ignore the opportunity to help; we walk by the homeless on the street pretending we don't see them. We hear people speaking in ways that degrade other races and cultures, and we laugh unashamed or maintain an apathetic silence. We hear troubling news and switch to shows that dwell on gossip. We prefer easy lives.

This we confess, Lord, and ask for your forgiveness and renewal. For we also confess this day your grace to transform us and empower us for new ways. And we confess our hope in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! In anxiety, passivity, silence, division, the Spirit moves and fills us with holy fire. We are renewed! We are forgiven! Grace abounds! 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.

From the Major Prophets: Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight
and honored and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

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

Sunday, January 12: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, January 13: 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, January 14: 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Thursday, January 16: 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class-Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 18: 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
9:00 a.m. Leadership Team Meeting-Monthly
Business Meeting

Sunday, January 19: 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 Marty or Pastor John Robson to contact you.

In Our Prayers

Judy Adams, Joan Berkemeyer, Norma Biery, Family of George Budig, Barbara Coppage, Yvonne Daniels, Betty Jo Haas, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Betty Hasse, Rona Hater, Chuck Hawkins, Gayle McAtee, Carol Schoulthies, Ralph Schoulthies, Ed Von Strohe, Bonnie Walter & Marty Westermeyer

Weekly Prayer List for Northern Kentucky UCC Cluster

St. John UCC; Bellevue
Allen Fluent, Interim

St. John's UCC; Newport
Martin Westermeyer, Interim

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 Pam Maloney. Pam's birthday is Thursday, January 16th. 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!

bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

From the History of the New Testament: Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Solo

"In This Very Room"

(Ron Harris)

(Jean Nutgrass - soloist)

In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus ... is in this very room.

And in this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus ... is in this very room.

In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus ... is in this very room.

From the Gospels: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon

"What We Expect to See"

Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

