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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.	



January 19, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday After Epiphany



Thought for the Day before Worship

Religion, indeed faith itself, that isn't consistently renewed is eventually used up.

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes"

(A. Schreiner)

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

Let us speak our prayers of praise and thanksgiving.

We cannot be silent when the wonders of God's ways are before us.

We praise you, God, for the hope to which Christ is herald.

We thank you, God, that trust in your grace is never misplaced.

Let us Worship our God with praise and thanksgiving!

*Hymn #243

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" (St. George's Windsor)

*Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Gracious God, we are grateful for your presence with us as we travel the pathways of life and faith that have now converged for us. We realize that an occasional glance backward is necessary to help us understand where we have come from, but we have also learned that our attention must be primarily focused on the next few steps and the steps beyond those. We have learned from what is behind us, but if it doesn't help

us follow your lead in the present and the future, it is of no ultimate value.
Ultimately, with our brother Paul, we forget what lay behind us and strain forward to what is ahead.
O God, your Spirit moves among us, calling us to peace.
We confess our anxiety.
Your Spirit moves among us, calling us to mission.
We confess our passivity.
Your Spirit moves among us, calling us to bear witness.
We confess our silence.
Your Spirit moves among us, calling us to unity.
We confess our divisions.
Spirit of the living God, be present with wind, word, and fire. Holy Spirit, rest upon us, and dwell within us. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

In anxiety, passivity, silence, and 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**

(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.

From the Major Prophets of the Old Testament: Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the Lord
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her
and your land Married,
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

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: Darlene Knepshield & Julie Ollier

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, January 19:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Monday, January 20:** **Martin Luther King Jr. Day-Church Office Closed**
7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, January 21:** 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
7:00 p.m. East Row Garden Club Meeting
- Thursday, January 23:** 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class-Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, January 25:** 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
- Sunday, January 26:** 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, 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

Immanuel UCC; Bromley

Christ UCC; Ft. Thomas
Ed Goode

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 Betty Hasse. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Betty as our member of the week!

Her address is:

Betty Hasse
500 Lakeview Drive #103
Wilder, KY 41071

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 36:5-10

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Anthem

"Total Praise"

(Joel Raney)

Lord I will lift my eyes to the hills knowing my help is coming from you.

Your peace you give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength, you are the strength of my life.

I lift my hands in total praise to you.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God almighty.

Early in the morning my song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, Holy, Holy merciful and mighty

God in three persons blessed trinity.

From the Gospels: John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Sermon

"Water into Wine, and Back into Water Again" Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

***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 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 #426**

“Blessed Assurance”

(Assurance)

Gathering Together in Prayer

Joys and 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 306

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in G major (one sharp) 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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Mission Moment

Pat Goins

Offertory Invitation

God does not require sacrifices and burnt offerings, but in our delight to do the will of God we bring our best in thanksgiving and praise. We rejoice in the abundant gifts of God, which enable us to share. Let us generously support our mutual efforts to be faithful to the One who is faithful to us.

Offertory

“Praise! Praise!”

Praise! Praise! Let every nation give praise to the Lord.

Rejoice and be glad for the Lord comes to all.

Let every nation give thanks to our God, resound joyful praise.

The glory and power of God we proclaim,

And sing with a loud voice the Lord’s holy name.

***Doxology**

(Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Christ, we have seen that in your presence, we can expect the unexpected. You come and give the amazing gifts that only you can give. Show us today what only we can give. Then may our offerings go beyond what is expected, and prove our love for you. It is in your name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn #231**

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

(Festal Song)

***Benediction**

***Choral Response**

***Postlude**

“Festal Flourish”

(Flor Peeters)

Thank You To the Coppage Family

The Memorial Committee would like to extend a big thank you to Barbara Coppage for giving permission to use the David Coppage Memorial Funds to purchase new paraments. Also a big thank you to Barbara for giving an extra donation enabling us to purchase three different sets.

We now have beautiful new white, (displayed today on the altar and pulpit) red, and green paraments to be used for the upcoming seasons of the church year.