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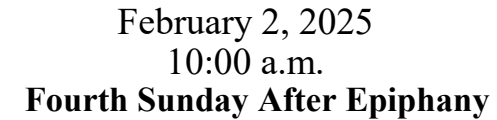
PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age Child Care	South Hallway	9:30 a.m.

POSITION	PERSON	CONTACT
Designated Pastor	J. Martin Westermeyer	Shaman4@zoomtown.com
Pastor of Visitation	John Robson	Jmarrobson@gmail.com
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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.



*It is impossible to love Christ without loving others,
and it is impossible to love others without moving nearer to Christ.*
– Teilhard de Chardin.

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.

***Hymn #68** *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* (Nettleton)

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

We cannot thank you enough, dear God, that through Jesus you have made us your children and heirs of heaven. You have united us to your own life by bringing us into the body of Christ, your church, and making us temples of the Holy Spirit. Allow us to recognize the dignity you have freely poured out on us, not through pride and boasting, but through humility that recognizes our full dependence on you to be successful in your work. Give us discerning and faithful hearts that we may hear you when you speak and have the courage to follow wherever you might lead.

How often, Lord, have we failed to listen for your voice, or, having heard it, have chosen to ignore it so that we might choose our wills over your own. We repent that we so often have failed to seek your holy will and have not come when you call us to follow. Strengthen us to prefer your will always to our own. Give us wise discernment that we might recognize your words when you speak to us. Keep us safe from deception and ever walking in your holy ways.

It is in Jesus’ name that we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! God’s love lasts forever; there is no place it cannot reach. There is no age it cannot touch. God touches each one of our lives every day. 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 Poetry of the Old Testament: Psalm 71:1-6

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.
Be to me a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.
From my birth I have leaned upon you,
my protector since my mother’s womb.
My praise is continually of you.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: John Robson

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, February 2: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion Sunday

Monday, February 3: 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, February 4: 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
7:00 p.m. East Row Historic Foundation Meeting

Thursday, February 6: 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class-Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 8: 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting

Sunday, February 9: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. ”Souper” Bowl Luncheon

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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, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Betty Hasse, Rona Hater, Chuck Hawkins, Gayle McAtee, Carol Schoulthies, Ralph Schoulthies, Chuck Shay, Ed Von Strohe, Jim Thompson, Bonnie Walter, Wendy Watts, & Marty Westermeyer

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

Her address is:

Joan Berkemeyer
213 Linden Avenue
Southgate, 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 Letters of Paul: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

Anthem

"I Will Serve The Lord All My Days"

(Don Besig)

Each day I live, I will walk with the Lord,
I will follow Him wherever He may lead.
He will take my hand, He will understand;
His grace is all that I need.

Each day I live, I will talk with the Lord,
I will come to Him in worship and in prayer.
He will hear my plea, He will comfort me;
His love will always be there. Alleluia!
My heart sings with glory and with praise. Alleluia!
I will serve the Lord all my days.

Each day I live, I will sing to the Lord,
I will lift my voice to glorify His name.
Singing clear and strong, I will raise my song,
His wondrous love I'll proclaim!

Alleluia! My heart sings with glory and with praise.
Alleluia! I will serve the Lord all my days.
I will serve my Savior and my Lord all my days!

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

***Hymn #393** *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”* (Dennis)

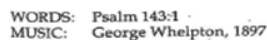
Joys and Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer

**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.**

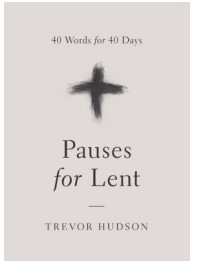
**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Psalm 143:1

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Please consider joining our small group gathering during Lent. “Sometimes a pause is good for the soul. It gives us the chance to regroup, reflect, and refocus on God. In *Pauses for Lent*, Trevor Hudson offers a beautifully minimalist book in which he focuses on one word for each day of Lent. You are invited to pause, focus on the word, read a scripture and a brief meditation related to the word, and then offer a prayer.” We will enhance the experience by gathering each week for reflection and learning together.



This discussion group will meet from 10-11 am in the church parlor every Saturday during Lent beginning on March 8. All are welcome. You do not need to be following Hudson's book to join us, nor do you have to participate every week. If you have questions, please contact Laura Haas (lauraclairehaas@gmail.com) or Kelli in the church office.

SENDING VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS TO CHILDREN AT CINCINNATI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

This Valentine's Day, St. John's would like to help the children that are unable to participate in the normal festivities of Valentine's Day. Cincinnati Children's has made it possible for individuals to send Valentine Day Cards to children in the hospital so that they may feel the love of others on this special holiday. To send a card please visit: <https://give.cincinnatichildrens.org/site/SPageNavigator/ValentinesDay>



or google search Cincinnati Children's Valentine's Cards. A link for easy access will also be located on our weekly email and Facebook page.

We would love for members of St. John's to participate in this special activity to help those children in need. If there are any questions please contact the church office.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The 2024 End of Year Contribution Statements were mailed out on Friday, January 17th. If you did not receive a financial statement and feel that you should have, you can contact our financial administrator Chris Baker at: Financialadmin@stjohnsuccnewport.org or you can call the church office at (859) 431-1818 option 3 for Kelli or option 7 for Chris for more information.

“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN’S NEXT SUNDAY

Join St. John’s on Sunday, February 9th as we celebrate Super Bowl Sunday with our “Souper” Bowl Event. This event will be a two-part event consisting of a food drive and luncheon following Sunday Worship.

Before worship, we will be hosting a canned food drive benefiting the Washington UCC Food Pantry to help individuals in need in our local area. We are asking everyone to bring in a canned food item (soup, fruit, vegetable, etc.) and place it in the baskets located at either entrance of the Sanctuary.

Then, following worship, join us in Fellowship Hall where we will be hosting a light luncheon of soup, sandwiches, and desserts. Carol Thompson and Julie Ollier are leading this luncheon and will be providing some delicious recipes, but they can always use our help. If you would like to help, sign-up sheets for food will be located at the entrances of the sanctuary of the church. Please sign up if you would like to bring a dessert or just come for the luncheon. Reservations are also welcomed, and you will find forms in the bulletin to do so, or you may contact the church office. Forms may be placed in the offering plates on Sunday morning.

We hope you can join us as we gather for worship and fellowship while also helping our local community with this fun event. If there are any questions, please contact the church office.

LUNCH BUNCH
Wednesday, February 12, 2025
12:00 p.m.-2:00p.m.
Bring Your Own Lunch
Drinks & Desserts Provided

PRAYER PARTNERS FOR LENT

Praying for one another is a special way in which we become acquainted with each other. In keeping with that idea, we will exchange Prayer Partners for Lent. You will be given the name of a church member or church friend that you will pray for each day during the Lenten Season. You will ***not know*** who is praying for you!!

Partners will be exchanged on the First Sunday of Lent, March 9th and will be revealed on Easter Sunday, April 20th. This commitment is for six weeks and is a good way to remember one another every day

There will be a sign-up sheets available for those interested in being part of this Lenten Prayer Ministry 2025 until Sunday, March 2nd. If you cannot be present to sign-up and would like to be part of this Lenten Prayer Ministry, call the church office, 859.431.1818 or email Kelli: kelli.taylor@stjohnsuccnewport.org

Offertory Invitation

What offering can we bring to God? All our wealth is not enough to express our praise. How shall we share in tasks beyond our ability to accomplish? Yet God chooses us and our gifts to make a difference in the world. God employs our weakness to shame the strong. God prospers our work and witness, transforming the world, beginning with us. Let us share in the joy of giving.

Offertory

“I Am Light, I Am Life, I Am Love”

(Mary McDonald)

At this table come and dine, feast on bread, partake the wine
Do this in remembrance of me.
This my body and my blood, for the weary soul outpoured.
Do this in remembrance of me.
I was given for you.
Come and taste of the Father’s love.
As you drink from the cup, remember the blood shed for you.
I am Light, I am Life, I am Love.
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***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**

We dedicate these gifts and ourselves to you, generous God. They represent who we are, what we have, and what we do. As we offer them to you, we also thank you for the great gifts you have given us through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. May our gifts be used in your service, and may the gifts you give to us inspire us to be ever faithful in your service. Make us aware of your sacred presence in our lives and give us the grace to hear your voice and answer its call. Amen.

***Hymn** (Sing twice)



Celebrating God’s Word in Sacrament of Communion
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.
 Please be seated

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)**
Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior’s presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ’s body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a beacon of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

***Hymn #358** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Beecher)
 (vs. 1 & 4)

***Benediction**

***Choral Response**

***Postlude** Postlude on “Love Divine” (Gordon Young)



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 provided by the church.
 If you or anyone you know would benefit from the beauty and joy of the arrangement, please feel free to take them.
 Open flower dates are February 9th, 16th & 23rd.
 To reserve your special date, please call the church office.