



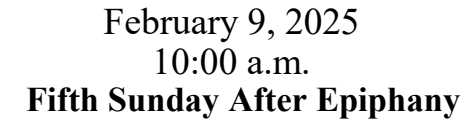
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Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age Child Care	South Hallway	9:30 a.m.

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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.	



*Peace and love are always in us, existing and working,
but we are not always in peace and love.*
– Julian of Norwich, Revelations of Divine Love

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.

We come together to be God's peace,
To love confidently in times of anxiety,
 To love generously in times of scarcity,
To love trustingly even those we call enemies.
 We come to suffer, to endure, to hope,
To become the character of Christ, the love of God, incarnate.
 We come to be more faithful disciples right now, right here.
 Let us Worship our God!!

***Hymn #136** *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”* (Nicaea)

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

O God, on this day, we pray for many things:

- In the places of dryness, let us be fresh water.**
- In the places of barrenness, let us be blossom and fruit.**
- In the places of need, let us be food and drink.**
- In the places of alienation, let us be welcome.**
- In the places of fear, let us be love.**
- In the places of violence, let us be healing.**

Let us be your Spirit,
embodied in flesh and blood, revealing that you dwell here and now.
Spirit of life and peace, we confess that it is easier to love possessions,
acquired and hoarded, than to love giving.
It is easier to choose a momentary pleasure that soothes our anxiety
right now, than to sacrifice comfort to meet the need of a sister or brother.
It is easier to believe in the illusion of worldly prosperity,
than live dependent on the reality of abundance outside our control.
We confess that the ways of this world are delightfully seductive, and living
for a greater good we cannot fully comprehend, seems dull by comparison.
Remind us that we are choosing between mortality and eternal life, between the
values of this world and your realm of peace. Help us choose what we claim we want.
It is in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! We are assured that God is already at work in our lives, accepting us where we are and granting us new life. Know that you are being unbound; you are free to live, able to share in God’s saving action in our midst. Accept the gift of God’s forgiveness and grace. Take your place among Christ’s disciples. Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

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.

(Creatorex)

From the Major Prophets of the Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Laura Haas

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dr. Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Laura Haas & Tom Williams

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, February 9:**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. ”Souper” Bowl Luncheon
- Monday, February 10:**

7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, February 11:**

7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
- Wednesday, February 12:**

12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch
- Thursday, February 13:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Food Pantry
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class-Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, February 15:**

9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
9:00 a.m. Leadership Team Meeting
- Sunday, February 16:**

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 Barbara Copping, 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

St. John UCC; Bellevue
Allen Fluent, Interim

St. John's UCC; Newport
Marty 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 Bertie Jo Tuerpe. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Bertie Jo as our member of the week!

Her address is:
Bertie Jo Tuerpe
999 Lincoln Road
Dayton, KY 41074

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!

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

From the Poetry of the Old Testament: Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.
All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.
For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Anthem

"Go Into the House of the Lord"

(Lloyd Larson)

I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord!
Come and enter His gates, come and offer Him praise.
People of God, lift your voice in the house of the Lord.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving and enter His court with praise.
Give thanks to Him and praise His name. God is good in all His ways.
God's love endures forever, and by His love He never shall forsake you.
His faithfulness continues to all generations.
Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord God, our Maker,
for He is our God, and we are the sheep of His pasture, the flock under His care.
People of god lift your voice! With spirits united, rejoice!
Lift up your voice and rejoice in the house of God!

From the Letters of Paul: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

Sermon “Spread the Good News!” Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

*Affirmation of Faith: Litany of Affirmation (responsive)

Sometimes we yearn for the comfort of another’s arms.

O Rock, rock us.

Sometimes we grow weak, with apathy and indifference.

O Strength, strengthen us.

Sometimes our fear of death prevents our full participation in life.

O Life, enliven us.

Sometimes our will to do right wavers in the face of difficulties.

O Spirit, spirit us.

Sometimes we surprise ourselves by the good will we desire for others.

O Love, love us.

O God, we want to be yours and yours alone, as we journey in this life.

Thanks be to God through our Lord Jesus Christ! Amen.

***Hymn #350** “The Summons” (Kelvingrove)

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.

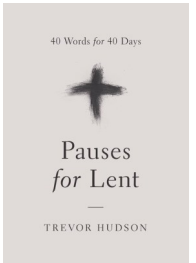
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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.

PAUSE FOR LENT

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.



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

“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN’S

Luncheon today at 11:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
Everyone is welcome

LUNCH BUNCH

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

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.

ST. JOHN’S COOKBOOKS DISCOVERED AGAIN

After many cleaning projects in the church, we have discovered another box of church cookbooks. You can purchase your cookbook today down in Fellowship Hall for \$5.00 during the luncheon. Look for the display as you enter Fellowship Hall and proceeds once again will go to the Buildings and Grounds Campaign.

Response

(Sing twice)



Offertory Invitation

It is well with those who deal generously, the psalmist tells us. They have distributed freely, and have given to the poor. Bring your tithes and offerings to participate in the joy of our Creator. Let your light shine so others may see your good works and give glory to God.

Offertory

“Then Sings My Soul”

(Mary McDonald)

Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art"

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
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