



March 2, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Transfiguration Sunday



Prayer for the Day before Worship

My eyes would like to see the Glory of your coming, Lord, with the Glory in your bosom that could transfigure all of us. My eyes would close in prayer like the disciples if I believed, like them, I would hear the voice of God. Let your Glory be seen and your voice heard; in the spirit of Jesus Christ, the beloved Son of God. Amen.

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Prelude on “Bread of Life”
(Kendra Franke - flute)

(Albin Whitworth)

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**

Peter, John, and James saw the dazzling light of Jesus Christ!

We want to see the light and glory of the Gospel in Christ!

God said: “let the light shine out of the darkness.”

May God shine in our hearts with the light of the knowledge of His glory.

Let us Worship the God who gives us the true light, Jesus the Christ!

***Hymn #569**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

(CWM Rhondda)

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession: (done responsively)**
Holy God, you have revealed yourself on the top of the mountain.
Moses got to see the promised land, but could not enter due to sin;
Jesus was transfigured, but still had to die for sin.
In spite of your revelations, in spite of the history of punishments for sin,
we continue to do that which you have told us not to do.
Hear each of us as we confess those things which we have done wrong.

Pause in Silent Prayer

O God, you keep commitments. We trust your covenant promises of forgiveness
and a second chance.
We would build booths, but have refused to let you build our lives.
Our sins burden us, separating us from you.
Hear us as we confess those things which separate us from you.

Pause in Silent Prayer

Almighty God, save us by your grace and mercy, not for what we have done
or left undone in righteousness;
Forgive our sins and reconcile us with you through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord!

***Assurance of Grace**
Hear the Good News! God answers our prayers and is forgiving toward us. In Christ the
veil is lifted from our minds and we are changed in the likeness of our Creator. By God’s
mercy we are entrusted with a ministry to one another and to our world. Embrace God’s
truth and do not lose heart. 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 Law of the Old Testament: Exodus 34:29-35
Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of
the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been
talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining,
and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of
the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came
near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount
Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, but whenever Moses



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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.

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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.	

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Kyle Taylor

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, March 2:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion Sunday
- Monday, March 3:** 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, March 4:** 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
7:00 p.m. East Row Historic Foundation Meeting
- Wednesday, March 5:** 12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
- Thursday, March 6:** 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class-Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, March 8:** 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Pause for Lent
- Sunday, March 9:** **Time Change-Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour**
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD THANKS BE TO GOD!

went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out, and when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining, and Moses would put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with him.

From the Letters of Paul: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with complete frankness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, the same veil is still there; it is not unveiled since in Christ it is set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds, but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Anthem	<i>“Bread of Life”</i>	<i>(Joel Raney)</i>
	At this table, Lord, we lay our burdens down; at your feet we humbly kneel to pray. At the foot of the cross, we contemplate the cost as we share this feast today.	
	Lord, break your bread of life for me; feed my hunger, set my spirit free; pour out your grace on me.	
	Lord, fill my cup from the fountain of your love, Open my eyes that I might see; Break your bread of life, Lord, for me.	
	Lord, we renew our strength; from this cup we drink of boundless grace. Teach us, Lord, how to share the bounty of your care when we leave this holy place.	
	We worship you, Lord of might and majesty. We pray for your guidance from above. We remember the sacrifice on Calvary, We thank you for your never ending love.	

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,” not realizing what he was saying. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

***Hymn #502** “Be Thou My Vision” (Slane)

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.

The ends of the earth are our possession for a time, as stewards of God's bounty. When we manage well the abundant resources of the earth, there is joy awaiting us. Enter into the joy of giving.

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!

ST. JOHN'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON

On Sunday, March 16, 2025 St. John's will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day early with a potato bar luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Join us following worship for baked potatoes, salads, and desserts as we gather with family and friends for this fun event.

We are asking the congregation for food donations for this luncheon. A sign up sheet will be located at the front of the church by the baptismal font if you are interested in signing up to bring in potato toppings, salads or desserts. The church will provide the baked potatoes.

We also ask that you please RSVP to the luncheon by filling out the form in your bulletin and placing it in the offering plate or contacting 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(s) for \$5.00 each by calling Kelli in the church office. Proceeds once again will go to the Buildings and Grounds Campaign.



LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

12:00 p.m.-2:00p.m.

Bring Your Own Lunch

Drinks & Desserts Provided



TIME CHANGE

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 9th at 2:00am, when people will move their clocks an hour ahead, or “spring forward,” creating an extra hour of daylight in the evening and cutting morning light short by an hour. This is an excellent time to change batteries in smoke detectors.



ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

For online giving, please scan the QR code.



***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**

You have richly blessed us, O God, and we give you thanks with our offerings here today and with our lives of service each day. Reveal to us your loving will for our lives and give us the faith to go where you call us. Draw us together in your name that we may strengthen one another in all our ministries. Give us joy in the talents and abilities you have given to us, so that we may delight in doing your will. Amen.

***Hymn #354**

“Just As I Am”

(Woodworth)

(vs. 1 & 2)

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.

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)**
O God, by coming to your table we receive more gifts than we deserve. We give thanks for Jesus Christ, through whom we receive life and in whom we are bound in covenant. Renew us so we may willingly serve as Christ served. Amen.

***Hymn #715** *“Now Let Us from This Table Rise”* (Tallis’ Canon)

***Benediction**

***Choral Response**

Postlude *“Postlude on the Agincourt Hymn”* (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.



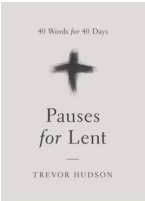
Flowers at the pulpit are provided by the church.
If you or anyone you know would benefit from the beauty and joy of the arrangement, please feel free to take them.

Open flower dates are March 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

Trash receptacles are located at each exit for disposal of communion cups.

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 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



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

We will begin the Season of Lent with Worship Services on **Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025**. Two services will be offered that day: **12:00 noon and 7:00 pm**.

The 12:00 noon service will be Liturgy only and the 7:00 pm service will be a full worship experience including hymns and special music. The Imposition of Ashes will be offered at both services. Holy Communion will be offered only at the 7:00 pm service. Please place this on your calendar and let us begin Lent together.