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PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF

POSITION	PERSON	CONTACT
Designated Pastor	J. Martin Westermeyer	Shaman4@zoomtown.com
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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.	



August 3, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



Prayer of Meditation before Worship

Lord, Jesus, we ask that during this time of Worship, we might seek the things that are with You, seated at the right hand of God, keeping our attention on the things that are above us, not on things beneath us. Appear to us, in word and music, that we might experience your glory. Amen.

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"To God Be the Glory"
(Amy Golden - cello)

(arr. Richard Nichols)

Tower Bell

*Call to Worship

And God created the heavens and the earth.

And gave them to us to use and enjoy.

And God breathed life into each of us, and set us upon the earth.

And God sent Jesus Christ to save us from the pull of death.

Everything that fills our souls with gladness and light is a gift from the loving Creator.

We are entrusted with immeasurable riches. For all this our God is to be praised.

Let us together Worship God!!

*Hymn #66

"To God Be the Glory"

(To God Be the Glory)

*Prayer of Adoration and Confession

We praise you, loving God, for the riches of your world. Your greatest treasures: the light of the sun, the songbird's hymn, the music of the baby's laugh, cannot be bought or sold. They are everybody's riches.

O Lord, you bless us with many things. Forgive us for placing our trust in the blessing and not in the One who blessed. In your mercy, forgive our greed. Open our eyes to the gifts that truly enrich us. In Christ's name we pray.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! We have been blessed and are the precious people of God and we carry with us the special promise of God that we are loved. Each day is new. The future is open. Let us bring free and joyful hearts before God.
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)

Scripture Lesson: From the Poetry of the Old Testament: Psalm 49:1-12

Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
both low and high,
rich and poor together.
My mouth shall speak wisdom;
the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
I will incline my ear to a proverb;
I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.
Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,
those who trust in their wealth
and boast of the abundance of their riches?
Truly, no ransom avails for one's life;
there is no price one can give to God for it.
For the ransom of life is costly
and can never suffice,
that one should live on forever
and never see the Pit.
When we look at the wise, they die;
fool and dolt perish together
and leave their wealth to others.
Their graves are their homes forever,
their dwelling places to all generations,
though they named lands their own.
Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;
they are like the animals that perish.

Scripture Lesson: From the Letters of Paul: Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Diana Stamm

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: David Stamm & Wendy Watts

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, August 3:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion Sunday
- Monday, August 4:** 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, August 5:** 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
7:00 p.m. East Row Historic Foundation Meeting
- Thursday, August 7:** 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, August 9:** 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
- Sunday, August 10:** 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, Yvonne Daniels, Family of Bob Gray, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Marilyn Hanson, Family of Melvin Hanson, Chuck Hawkins, Vickie Kennedy, Jean Morrow, Ed Von Strohe, 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 Pam Maloney. 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!

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

Solo

“For the Beauty Of the Earth” (arr. Richard Nichols)
(Amy Golden - cello)

Scripture Lesson: From the Gospels of the New Testament: Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Sermon

“What About Toys for Grownups?” Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

***Hymn #502**

“Be Thou My Vision” (Slane)

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

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

Offertory Invitation

Because we care, we give: to lift burdens, to provide fresh water, to share bread, to build self-esteem, to make disciples. Most of all, we give in thankfulness to God, who has multiplied in us great blessings.

Offertory “Amazing Grace” (arr. Richard Nichols)

*Doxology (Old 100th)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen

*Prayer of Dedication: our Monetary Offering and our School Supply Collection
Thank you, God, for the opportunities to share in your creative and restorative work among people. Because you have blessed us, we have much to give. We offer along with our monies, these gathered school supplies to be blessed this day. It is our hope that the children use them in continuing their education and understanding there are those supporting them in that endeavor. These offerings express our gratitude and our aspiration to be more fully your own loyal community. We give them all in the name of Jesus Christ, your greatest blessing. Amen.

*Hymn #695 “As We Gather at Your Table” (Beach Spring)

Communion

Celebrating God’s Word in Sacrament

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)
Eternal God, you have called your people from the east and west and north and south to eat at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

*Hymn #719 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (Ar Hyd Y Nos)
(vs. 1 & 2)

*Benediction

Postlude “Joyful Joyful” (Richard Nichols)

COMMUNION CUP DISPOSAL

Please use trash receptacles located at each exit for disposal of communion cups.



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.