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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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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.	



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



Thought for the Day before Worship
*You have not lived until you have done something
for someone who can never repay you.*
– John Bunyan (1628-88)

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “On the hymntune St. Denio” (Austin Lovelace)

Tower Bell

***Call to Worship**
We have come today to Worship the Giver of Life.
We have come this day to give thanks to the Creator of all.
We have come today to Worship Jesus, who gave his life for us.
We have come this day to sing praises to our Risen Savior.
We have come this day to Worship the God who loves.
Come let us Worship in spirit and in truth and in love.
Let us Worship our God who has given us all these gifts!!

***Hymn #48** *Immortal Invisible God Only Wise* (St. Denio)

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**
Dear God, we are overwhelmed by the many ways you show us your love.
We see it in the beauty of nature.
We hear it in the laughter of children, and we feel it in a hug of a loved one.
Scripture tells us you have every hair on our head counted. Because of your love we ask you to hear our prayers and answer them.
Bring peace to our world so all soldiers can safely come home.

Guide those who have decisions weighing on their hearts.
Bring wholeness to those whose lives are in strife.
Heal those who need your special touch.
Touch all of our lives so we can be extravagant givers in your name.
Dear Lord, so often we are takers instead of givers.
We hoard all we can, fearful of what might happen in the future.
We live by fear instead of faith.
Help us to learn from our ancestors of faith and trust that you want to be a part of
our lives, guiding and leading us in the ways we should walk.
Forgive our unbelief, help us to believe. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! Remember that “faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the Word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.” We can therefore look “forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.” For by the faith of Jesus, the cornerstone, we are forgiven.
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 33:12-22

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.
The Lord looks down from heaven;
he sees all humankind.
From where he sits enthroned he watches
all the inhabitants of the earth—
he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.
A king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
and by its great might it cannot save.
Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
to deliver their soul from death
and to keep them alive in famine.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Diana Stamm

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Laura Haas & Tom Williams

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, August 10:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Monday, August 11:** 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, August 12:** 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
- Wednesday, August 13:** 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch
- Thursday, August 14:** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Food Pantry
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, August 16:** 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
- Sunday, August 17:** 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

St. John UCC, Bellevue
Allen Fluent, Interim

St. John's UCC, Newport
Martin 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 Betty Hasse. Betty's birthday is Tuesday, August 19th. 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!

Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and shield.
Our heart is glad in him
because we trust in his holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

Scripture Lesson: From the Letters to the Entire Church: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Solo

"Lord I Want To Be A Christian"
(Charlie Frederick - soloist)

(Spiritual/arr. Larson)

*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart*

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Christ all things are reconciled to God, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of Christ's cross. Amen.

Gathering Together in Prayer
Joys and Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer

**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.**

Postlude “Carillon” (Gordon Young)