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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

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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.	



November 2, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday



Thought for the Day before Worship

Almighty God, whose kingdom knows no end, ever present but always beyond us. Strengthen your people who are laboring for the happiness and welfare of all that they may find in you their salvation and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Largo”
(Kendra Franke - flute)

(G.F. Handel)

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

Today is a day to remember.

Lord, help us to remember the saints - local, global, historic - who gave us the gift of a faithful church.

As we Worship this day, may the spirit of those who came before us infuse us with confidence.

As we remember the past, may we become people who carry forth the love and mercy of God.

Let us Worship Almighty God!

*Hymn #84

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

(St. Anne)

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

O Gracious God, Creator of all: on this All Saints’ Day we are in awe of those who have gone before us. We think of your people – those of great name and those unknown – who have sought to open themselves to your love and compassion, and to share that with others. Help us, set apart from the world by our love for Christ, to live the ideals to which we are called. Help us to love our enemies. Help us to celebrate the simple blessedness of being your people. Help us to continue being saints. God of compassion, we hear the call to recognize our blessedness. Forgive us those times we fail to celebrate who we are and what we receive from you. Forgive us when we deny our own blessedness and that of others. We also hear the call to resist a sense of believing we have made it. Forgive us when we close ourselves off to your blessings. Forgive us when we think we do not need you in our lives. Help us to recognize that without you, we are nothing. It is in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! God welcomes us, like a mother scooping up her lost children, like a father embracing his prodigal offspring. We are encouraged to learn from that forgiveness, to offer it to ourselves and others again and again. In Christ Jesus, you 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)*

From the Poetry of the Old Testament: Psalm 149

Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.
Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.
Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,
to execute vengeance on the nations

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Vickie Kennedy

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Chancel Choir Director: Tony Burdette

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: David Stamm & Wendy Watts

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, November 2nd:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
Sunday/All Saints Day Service
4:00 p.m. Salon Music Series
- Monday, November 3rd:** 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, November 4th:** 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
7:00 p.m. East Row Historic Foundation Meeting
- Wednesday, November 5th** 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, November 6th:** 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, November 8th:** 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
- Sunday, November 9th:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Blessing of the Thanksgiving Baskets
11:30 a.m. Buildings & Grounds Celebration 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, Barbara Crapser, Family of Yvonne Daniels, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Eric Haas, Chuck Hawkins, Vickie Kennedy, 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 Jean Morrow. Jean's birthday is Tuesday, November 4th and she will be 101 years old. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Jean as our member of the week!

Her address is:
Jean Morrow
41 Arcadia Avenue
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

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!

and punishment on the peoples,
to bind their kings with fetters
and their nobles with chains of iron,
to execute on them the judgment decreed.
This is glory for all his faithful ones.
Praise the Lord!

From the Letters of Paul in the New Testament: Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Anthem

"In My Father's House Are Many Mansions" (Lani Smith)
(Charlie Frederick - soloist)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
In my Father's house are many mansions.
If it were not so I would have told you;
I go to prepare a place for you.

These are the words He spoke in love to you and me.
This is the promise He made, from death to set us free.
He said that He would come again And with Him we would go,
And where He went and the way He went,
We would surely know.

These are the words He spoke to help us find our way.
This is the bond that He gave to hold us through the day.
The thoughts He shares with us this night shall evermore remain,
to comfort us, and to guide us on, and our hope sustain.

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

We are called to companionship with all who labor side by side with us in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have been blessed with resources we are privileged to share. From our rich heritage, we reach out to invite the world to God's banquet. What a joy it is to give!

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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.*

*Traditional wine is located on the outside circle of the serving tray and
apple juice is available on the inner circle of the serving tray.*

*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.

Responding to God in Faith, Deed and Memory

All Saints’ Day, November 2, was originally a celebration of all the known and unknown saints in the Roman Catholic Church. In many Protestant traditions, including the parent denominations of the United Church of Christ, all the people of God are understood to be saints, following the New Testament usage of the word. On All Saints’ Sunday, the living saints remember all the saints of our church that have died, especially in the last year.

Solo

“Pie Jesu” (Gariel Faure)
(Sofiya Chvojka - soloist)

Blessed Jesus, Lord Our God, Grant to them eternal rest.
O Grant them Lord eternal rest with Thee forever Lord

When the cherished ties are broken, and the chain of love is shattered, only trust and the strength of faith can lighten the heaviness of the heart. The Psalmist said that in his affliction he learned the law of God. And in truth, grief is a great teacher, when it sends us back to serve and bless the living.

We learn how to counsel and comfort those who, like ourselves, are bowed with sorrow. We learn to keep silence in their presence, and when a word will assure them of our love and concern.

Thus, even when they are gone, the departed are with us, moving us to live as, in their highest moments, they themselves wished to live.

We remember them now; they live in our hearts; they are an abiding presence.

We celebrate the gift of life, and remember those members and friends of St. John’s United Church of Christ who entered the Church Triumphant in the last 12 months. Their names will be read and the bell tolled in loving memory.

Reading of Names

- Philip Hamilton November 14, 2024
- George Budig December 16, 2024
- Linda Zigos January 19, 2025
- Barbara Coppage February 4, 2025
- Jerry Robert Pettus June 8, 2025
- Horst Maass June 24, 2025
- Robert Gray July 21, 2025
- Melvin Hanson July 23, 2025
- Albert Nutgrass August 9, 2025
- Marilyn Hanson August 22, 2025
- Norma Biery September 29, 2025
- Yvonne Daniels October 3, 2025
- Gary Hogue October 26, 2025