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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.	



February 15, 2026
10:00 a.m.
Transfiguration Sunday
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany



Thought for the Day before Worship
"It is never too late to be who you might have been."
– George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans)

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"* (Albin Whitworth)
(Amy Golden - cello)

Tower Bell

Introit

We are standing on holy ground.
And I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now.
We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

*Call to Worship

God calls us, "Come to me, on the mountain, in the forest, on the trail."
"Come to me, across the ocean, across the river, across the street."
"Come to me, at the kitchen table, in the grocery store, on the Web."
"Come to me, under the overpass, in the shelter, on the soup line."
God invites us, "Come. Be with me. Share the day with me."
God invites us, "Share the week, the year, your whole life with me."
Let us accept God's invitation.
We come in answer and response.
Let us Worship our God together!!

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

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Glorious God, as you transfigured Jesus, making his face shine like the sun and his clothes dazzling white, may we, too, be so changed that your glory shines radiantly in us. As those assembled heard your voice from the cloud, may we hear you speaking to us this day. Help us to listen and to hear your word, that we may know with fresh certainty that we are your beloved children, ones called to follow Jesus and to shed your light among the nations.

Enduring God, we confess that as Jesus’ disciples, we do not listen to him as you commanded. We look for a way through life other than that of the cross of suffering, a way other than that of the laying aside of self-will in obedience to your will and your purpose for our lives. When suffering, fear, loss, and sorrow come to us, we fail to remember how Jesus came down from the mountain to move toward Jerusalem and toward what lay ahead for him, that he might walk with us through our darkness, toward resurrection and new life to come.

Forgive us, we pray, for keeping so occupied in busyness that we neglect times of waiting upon you, of communing with you, times in which you would revive our dimmed spirits, strengthen our hearts, bring peace to our minds, and inspire our service.

Forgive our sin and transform us by your grace, we pray.

***Assurance of Grace**

God loves us, not because of what we have done or not done, but because we are God’s beloved children. The cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ assures us that neither sin nor death can separate us from God’s love. So as those who confess Jesus as Lord, we are counted as righteous with him, and the same glory of transformation and eternal life are ours. Thanks be to 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.**

From the Law of the Old Testament: Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Dr. Charles Hawkins

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Chancel Choir Director: Tony Burdette

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield & Julie Ollier

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, February 15:** 10am Worship Service
- Monday, February 16:** Church Office Closed-President’s Day
7pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, February 17:** 7pm NA Meeting
7pm East Row Garden Club Meeting
- Wednesday, February 18:** 12pm Ash Wednesday Service
7pm Ash Wednesday Service
8pm - 8:45pm Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, February 19:** 3pm-4pm Yoga Class Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, February 21:** 9am AA Meeting
10am-11am Lenten Discussion Group
- Sunday, February 22:** 10am 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, Judy Eads, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Eric Haas, Janice Keeney, Vickie Kennedy, Ed Von Strohe & Wendy Watts

Weekly Prayer List for Northern Kentucky UCC Cluster

Immanuel UCC; Bromley
Jack Denham

Christ UCC; Ft. Thomas
Diane Vego, 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 Peggy Eckert. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Peggy as our member of the week!

Her address is:

Peggy Eckert

The Barrington of Ft. Thomas
940 Highland Avenue Room 1203
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!

Anthem

"O Love"

(Elaine Hagenber)

O love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through the pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow thru' the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

From the Gospels of the New Testament: Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Sermon

"Refreshed, Renewed, Restored, Transfigured"
Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

***Affirmation of Faith:** from That All May Worship

As God's creations, we are fashioned uniquely,

Each endowed with individuality of body, mind, and spirit

To worship freely the One who has given us life.

Each of us has abilities; each seeks fulfillment and wholeness.

Each of us has disabilities; each knows isolation and incompleteness.

Seeking shelter from the vulnerability we all share,

Claiming our promised place in God's Household of Faith,

We are transformed by invitation, affirmation and love.

In grateful response, we...

- Worship and serve God, the source of hope and joy;

- Celebrate and serve one another, rejoicing in our diversity;

- Transform and serve the world,

until we become a Community which reflects God's Oneness and Peace.

Let the House of God be open to all who enter and Worship. Amen.

*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

Psalm 143:1

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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Musical score for 'Hear Our Prayer, O Lord' in G major, 4/4 time. The score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, in - cline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. A - men.'

WORDS: Psalm 143:1

MUSIC: George Whelpton, 1897

HEAR OUR PRAYER

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Offertory Invitation

Unless we plant and water, how will God give the growth? If we do not share, how will others be fed? If we hoard God’s love, how can new life burst forth into the world? Surely, we are instruments of God, co-workers who can make a difference in the world. One way is through proportionate giving of our substance and ourselves.

Offertory

“Jubilance”

(Linda S. Spevacek)

Clap your hands all people, shout to God your praises,

Let your heart be joyful with singing! Alleluia! Sing your praise to God!

Every form of life, every hill and valley is clothed in beauty.

Everywhere on earth life is in rebirth, molded by the wondrous hand of God.

God the artist, God the painter, blessed be. O be joyful now in harmony.

Lift your voice in song to God!

*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

As the transfigured Christ revealed a life offered for the sake of us all, receive our offerings for the sake of others. Transform, O God, money into the hope for justice, time into signs of service, talents into acts of ministry, and ourselves into expressions of faithfulness. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn #123

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

(Crusader’s Hymn)

*Benediction

*Choral Response

(Peter Lutkin)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you,

and give you peace,

The Lord make his face to shine upon you

and be gracious, unto you. Amen.

Postlude

“Hornpipe in D”

(John Dixon)



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.



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