

November 6, 2011 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Liturgical Color: White

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Madeline Johnson

PRELUDE

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
Rhonda McGinnis, flute and Joyce Nickles, piano

arr. Dick Blosser

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dave Chastain

Leader: How many voices have sung in this place?

People: How many hymns have rung out in this place?

Leader: How many tears have fallen in this place?

People: How many feet have stepped in this place?

Leader: How many Lord's Prayers have echoed in this place?

People: These walls resonate; these walls vibrate with the wonder of generations.

Leader: These walls echo with the heartbeats of ancestors and friends.

People: Nothing disappears without a trace in this creation.

Leader: Love and high aspiration, grief and adoration live in these walls.

People: The heartbeats of generations live in these walls.

Leader: Their yearning toward God lives in these walls.

People: Whispering to us, encouraging us,

Leader: Echoing in us.

People: Singing with us.

***Hymn No. 711**

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

***Invocation**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Generous and gracious God, we give you thanks for those who have gone before us who now belong to the communion of saints. We thank you for ordinary persons with laughter in their eyes and kindness in their deeds. We thank you for common ones with compassionate hearts and listening ears. We thank you for holy ones who saw light in the midst of darkness and potential when others saw dead ends. We thank you for strong ones who remained faithful in times of crisis, who endured suffering yet remained joyous, who fought for justice when they could have chosen comfort. Help us walk in the shadow of the saints who go before us, now and always. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Page 70 in United Methodist Hymnal

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 7:9-17

Page 303 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

The Promised Land
Chancel Choir

arr. Michael Compton

*†GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

Page 4 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

There Is a Happy Land

George Shearing

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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 uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Margaret Crooks

As the children come to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message, they are invited to bring change to help in buying a heifer (cow) for \$500. If any adults want to contribute, please pass your money to a child as they come forward. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

*HYMN NO. 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hanson Place

SERMON

"Saintly Attitudes"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

LITANY FOR THE SAINTS

Minister: Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

People: **We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses –**

Minister: Patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and psalmists, disciples and evangelists, martyrs and saints.

People: **We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith.
For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live, who followed,
obeyed, adored you – our grateful hymn we sing.**

Minister: Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

People: **We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses –**

Minister: Loved ones now resting in you, who guided us, nurtured and cared for us; ancestors who worked and traveled, lived and died that we might be who we are, where we are – your precious children in this community of believers.

People: We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die, who counted you their great reward – accept our thankful cry.

Minister: Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

People: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses –

Minister: Family members and members of this congregation; fellow believers in every country, every denomination; friends who help guide and uplift us – children of your family, sheep of your fold, saints of your redeeming.

People: We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For this, your name we bless, and humbly pray anew, that we like them in holiness may live and die in you.

Minister: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

People: and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

Minister: looking to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

People: Amen.

RECOGNITION OF SAINTS

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

*HYMN NO. 529

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

*BENEDICTION

Leader: May the love of the Father enfold us.

People: May the wisdom of the Son enlighten us.

Leader: May the fire of the Spirit kindle us.

People: And may the blessing of the Lord God come down upon us and remain with us always. Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 666

Shalom to You

SHALOM

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

*POSTLUDE

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

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Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
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All Saints Day

In the early church, Christians would observe the anniversary of a martyr's death by holding an all-night vigil and celebrating the Eucharist (Holy Communion). As the Christian church divided into East and West, the Eastern Church began the tradition of a collective remembrance of the saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost. In the West, November 1 was established by a decree by Pope Gregory III as the date of remembrance. In the United Methodist Church, All Saints Day is generally observed on the first Sunday in November. Traditions vary but usually involve the reading of the names of those that have died during the preceding year, accompanied by the lighting of candles and in many cases, the ringing of bells. Today, a family member or friend will light a candle in memory of those who have died in our congregation since November, 2010, accompanied by ringing of the bells.

<i>James Hayden Igleheart</i>	November 7, 2010	Margaret Walker, daughter
<i>Mary Hartzog Barrow</i>	November 24, 2010	Sally Maxie
<i>Olin H. "Buck" Lawson</i>	December 1, 2010	Gladys Lawson, wife
<i>Sally Johnson Sivell</i>	December 11, 2010	Jasmine McKee, daughter
<i>William Hughes Nicholson, Jr.</i>	December 16, 2010	Suzanne Nicholson, daughter-in-law
<i>Richard C. "Bud" Angvall</i>	December 18, 2010	Joan Angvall, wife
<i>Jack V. Taylor</i>	December 27, 2010	Helen Taylor, wife and family
<i>Joe Thomas Gallegly</i>	January 8, 2011	Mildred Gallegly, wife & Clay Hackney, grandson
<i>Genevieve Taylor Poe</i>	January 18, 2011	Ann Drew Hodge, daughter
<i>Riley Ficklin Watson</i>	February 2, 2011	Miriam Garner, daughter & Carrie Pundt, granddaughter
<i>James William Britt</i>	March 2, 2011	Bill Britt, son
<i>Ruth Mary Strock</i>	May 1, 2011	Hank Strock, husband
<i>Edward Baird Moore</i>	May 22, 2011	Anne Farquhar & Linda Rollison, daughters & Anne McFaddin, granddaughter
<i>Elisabeth Gray Scurry Charles</i>	September 5, 2011	Bill Charles, husband & family
<i>Glenn Howard Burghardt</i>	September 22, 2011	Shirley Burghardt, wife
<i>Emilie Foster Haskin</i>	September 24, 2011	Tina Bell, daughter
<i>James Alvin Barmore, Sr.</i>	September 27, 2011	Ann Workman, sister-in-law
<i>Carolyn Brenner Bobilin</i>	October 1, 2011	Ted Bobilin, husband
<i>Sarah Ann Milford Stuart</i>	October 2, 2011	David Stuart, husband & family
<i>Anna Hurt Painter</i>	October 9, 2011	Jim Kelly
<i>Stanley F. Miller</i>	October 27, 2011	Genesis to Revelation Class