

Surrounded
by a great
cloud of
witnesses...



All Saints' Sunday

FAITH DES PERES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

November 3, 2013

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

WE GATHER

Opening Voluntary

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. John Carter

Call to Worship

Leader: We remember, O God...

People: **The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time.**

Leader: We remember, O God...

People: **The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, and the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

Leader: We remember, O God...

People: **The gentle strength of grandparents, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, and the sacrifice of parents.**

Leader: We remember, O God...

People: **The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, and the glory of his resurrection shown forth in the lives of his disciples: young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.**

Leader: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

All: *Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us worship God with joy!*

Opening Prayer

Loving God, we your saints gather to worship and praise you this day. We celebrate the saints who have served you and have been an example for us throughout the past. We give you thanks for the joy of being a part of the communion of saints with those who have gone before and those scattered around the globe. Open us to your Spirit to continue being the saints you have called us to be. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

***Call to Confession**

Trusting in the power of God not only to create the world, but to reshape our hearts, let us say how it is with us.

***Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Lord Jesus, you bless the poor in spirit and give them the Kingdom. But we turn away from those whose physical poverty reminds us of our true spiritual state, and we build our own little kingdoms of self.

You bless those who mourn and you comfort them. But we flee grief that leads to repentance, and we seek comfort in possessions and prestige and power.
Lord, have mercy.

Hymn 578

O Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie eleison)

ORE' PORIAJU' VEREKO'

Leader: You bless the meek and promise them the earth. You bless the merciful and promise them mercy. But we are far from meek — we try to make the world our own through pride and self-promotion. We forget the forgiveness that was won at such cost, and we hold grudges at the slightest offense.

You bless those who hunger and thirst for righteousness — you promise to satisfy their desires. You bless the pure in heart and promise that they shall see God. But we hunger and thirst after everything else.

You bless the peacemakers and the persecuted and the reviled — and you give them the kingdom of heaven. But we covet each other's things and looks and jobs and successes.

Lord, have mercy.

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***Assurance of Pardon**

Beloved, through the love shown to us by Jesus, we can be sure that we are God's children now. The Spirit of Christ is among us in this gathering and the nature of Christ is revealed within us. We are becoming more and more like Christ each day. Therefore, let us live joyfully as God's people; saints and instruments of God's way.

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Leader: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

***Joyful Response Hymn 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD

WE PROCLAIM

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading Luke 6: 20-31

Sermon "The Butterfly Effect" Rev. Dr. Anne Epling

WE RESPOND

***Hymn 250** *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* PROMISE

News of the Church

Offering Our Gifts to God (*Please sign the friendship pad.*)

Offertory Music *Deep River* arr. Harry T. Burleigh
Cameron White, soloist

***Dedication of Gifts**

“Doxology”

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

***Prayer of Dedication**

We offer our whole selves to you, O God, creator of everything. It is a joy and a blessing to share our gifts with one another. As we offer these gifts for the work of your church, help us to be mindful of all that we can do together as the Body of Christ. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: We gather at this table, God's table.

People: The table has been set long before we were born.

Leader: There are places for all who have gone before us.

People: We take their hands as we approach to be received.

Leader: You are welcome at this table, Christ's table.

People: The faithful ones are gathered with us from all generations.

Leader: We lift up the memories of loved ones we no longer see.

People: We open our hearts to the presence of loved ones who are with God, for God is present with us.

Leader: This is the table of reconciliation, of forgiveness, of restoration.

People: This is the table for all the saints of God.

Leader: Come, for all things are ready.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Closing Prayer

We thank you, Most Holy God, for refreshment at your table where, along with your saints, we receive all of Christ's gifts. Provide for your church on earth a strong faith and increased love for one another. Give us the grace to praise you with our lives, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

WE ARE SENT

*Closing Hymn

Saints Go Marchin'

arr. Ken Berg

Faith Des Peres Adult and Children's Choirs

(The choir will begin the hymn. The congregation is invited to join the singing at a sign from the section leader.)

**"Oh, when the saints go marchin' in
Oh, when the saints go marchin' in,
O, Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marchin' in!"**

(sing twice)

*Benediction

*Closing Voluntary

Saints Go Marchin'

arr. Ken Berg

WE WELCOME YOU TO FAITH DES PERES FOR WORSHIP!

Following the Closing Voluntary please join us for refreshments
in the Gathering Space at the front of the church.

Remember in Prayers:

Joanna Gerst Jasmine Reece
Helen Barks Sam Taylor
Toy & Jerry Kircher Pat Cleeland
Mallorie and Mackenzie Prophete

With Appreciation to:

Dianne Modrell, Randi Weber, and Keith
Weber, *worship team*
Daniel Mortimer, *cantor*
Caryl Wilson, *pianist*
Leslie Barnes, *refreshments*

The flowers today are given by Ron & Marilyn Scott, in memory of their parents.

Together at Faith Des Peres

For more information, visit www.faithdesperes.org.

Last Chance to Register for Monday Night's Dinner!

Tomorrow, November 4th at LoRusso's Cucina, the Rev. Doug Orbaker will speak at the annual Nicaragua Community Partnership (NCP) Fund-Raising Dinner to keep 45 Nicaraguan high school students in school and hear how God is transforming lives in PG2 and in St. Louis. Tickets are \$50 per person. Anyone interested should call Barbara Willock at 636-227-6904 and/or email her asap at bwill2@mindspring.com to make arrangements.

Feeding the Flock

This morning you'll see children of the church pulling a wagon during the service, collecting food for our monthly food collection, "Feeding the Flock," for Circle of Concern. Food collection will occur on the first Sunday of every month, coinciding with communion Sunday. We'll post Circle of Concern's "critical needs" list weekly in the bulletins and blog. **Current critical needs include: canned meats, canned fish, canned fruit, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti sauce, cereal, toilet paper, and bar soap.** You may also donate at any time by leaving food items in the Gathering Space.

Poinsettia Sales

Please sign up in the Gathering Space by Sunday, November 17th if you would like to purchase a Christmas Poinsettia. Plants may be given in honor or memory of loved ones. We will order 6.5" pot poinsettias in red, pink and white. The cost per plant is \$10. Make checks payable to *Faith Des Peres* and designate "Christmas Poinsettias" in the subject line. Plants will decorate the Sanctuary from December 8th through the December 24th Christmas Eve Service, after which you should plan to take them with you to decorate your own home.

Coffee with the Pastor

People interested in learning more about Faith Des Peres are invited to come for coffee with Pastor Annie on **Sunday, November 10th** at 9:15 am to get to know more about the church, our history and values and answer any questions you may have. This is an informal conversation we like to extend from time to time to people who have been attending and might want to know more about the church or simply have questions about the church. If this is something you'd like to attend, let Pastor Annie know at pastor@faithdesperes.org or the church office at 314-432-8029.

Join Us at Adult Discussion Group November 17th

Joe Marting will be the speaker on Sunday, November 17th. You may be aware that Joe, who recently retired after some 30 years as Pastor of Southminster Presbyterian Church, has been worshiping with us. Joe, with his wife Lindsay and various members of their family, have been sitting near the rear of the sanctuary on the lectern side. If you have not met him yet, you will have an opportunity on November 17th, when he will lead the Adult Discussion Group. Joe has a long-time interest in Missouri history, and in particular Missouri Civil War history. His topic on the 17th will be "Confessions of an Old Confederate." You don't want to miss this opportunity!

Lost & Found

The church office has accumulated a wealth of lost & found items: keys, umbrellas, tools, etc. Please check with the office if you're missing anything.

About the Music

“In America, in May, 1789, Rev. Adam Rankin told the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, meeting in Philadelphia: "I have ridden horseback all the way from my home in Kentucky to ask this body to refuse the great and pernicious error of adopting the use of Isaac Watts' hymns in public worship in preference to the Psalms of David." (<http://songsandhymns.org/people/detail/isaac-watts>) At that time, Watts' hymns were often criticized for being “focused on human experience” and for being “uninspired” by sacred texts. But as time passed, Watts' hymns found a home in English language hymnals of many denominations. Thirteen of them appear in the new *Glory to God* hymnal, including *Joy to the World*, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, and *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*. Find out more in coming weeks in ***About the Music***.

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Sun, 11/3	9:00 am	Adult Discussion Group: Nicaragua Partnership
	10:00 am-noon	Childcare
	10:30 am	Worship with Communion
	<i>Sunday School does not meet today.</i>	
	11:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship
Mon, 11/4	11:45 am	Mission and Ministry Meeting
	5:30 pm	Tai Chi
Wed, 11/6	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun, 11/10	<i>Adult Discussion Group does not meet today.</i>	
	9:15 am	Coffee with Pastor Annie
	10:00 am-noon	Childcare
	10:30 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Sunday School and Tweens Class
	11:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship

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