



*Baptism of Christ*, by Pietro Perugino  
(c. 1482, located in the Sistine Chapel)

FAITH DES PERES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

January 12, 2014

Baptism of the Lord

# WE GATHER

Prelude

*Consolation No. 4 in D-Flat Major*

FRANZ LISZT

## Call to Worship

Leader: The voice of God resounds upon the water.  
**People: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.**  
Leader: The Son of God is named, “Beloved.”  
**People: And all who worship shout out, “Glory!”**  
Leader: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.  
**People: Let us worship God in holy splendor.**

## Opening Prayer

Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus for the healing of the human race and all creation. By water and word you lovingly invite us into this same life-giving mission. May your Spirit, moving like a stream of water flowing from its source, work in us this day to realize your vision of a world made new in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn 375**

*Shall We Gather at the River*

HANSON PLACE

## \*Thanksgiving for Baptism

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
Leader: You, O God, are the voice above the waters, thundering wisdom, flashing glory, and showering grace.  
**People: We praise you.**  
Leader: You sent Jesus to give us living water—the cup of blessing, the cup of promise, and the cup of salvation.  
**People: We give you thanks.**

Leader: You sent your Spirit to make this water a pool of healing, a river of new life, and a flood of grace.

**People: We glorify you.**

Leader: Keep us one with you—one in the way and the truth and the life of Christ Jesus our Lord.

**People: We praise you, we give you thanks, we glorify you, now and forever. Amen.**

\*Joyful Response Hymn 48

*Rain Down*

RAIN DOWN

\*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 48

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## WE PROCLAIM

### Prayer for Illumination

### Old Testament Lesson

ISAIAH 42:1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Soloist

*A Time for Everything*  
Daniel Mortimer, soloist

MARK HAYES

### Gospel Reading

MATTHEW 3:3-17

### Sermon

“Baptism”

Rev. Dr. Anne Epling

# WE RESPOND

\*Hymn

*Sure Foundation*

MARK HAYES

*At a sign from the section leader, the congregation is invited to sing the hymn as printed below.*

*for the sanctuary dedication of First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky,  
Richard W. Bridges, Pastor; Philip L. Mitchell, Minister of Music*

## Sure Foundation

Words:  
Joseph Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832

Music by  
MARK HAYES  
*Incorporating tune*  
FOUNDATION  
John Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787

CONGREGATION (in unison)

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 2/2. It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, with some words spanning across lines. The lyrics are: 1. "Fear not, I be with thee; O  
2. When through fi - ery tri - als thy  
3. The soul that on Je - sus hath  
be not dis - mayed, for I am thy  
path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -  
leaned for re - pose I will not, I  
God, and will still give thee aid. I'll  
fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply. The  
will not de - sert to his foes. That  
strength en thee, help thee, and cause thee to  
flame shall not hurt thee. I on - ly de -  
soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to  
stand, up - held by My righ - teous, om -  
sign thy - dross to con - sume, and thy -  
shake, I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no,  
nip - o - tent hand.  
gold to re - fine.  
nev - er for - sake!"

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

**Offertory Music**

*Blessed Assurance*

ARR. PHILLIP KEVEREN

**\*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**

**O God, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son, and through him you opened to us a way to become your children by grace. May these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**Sacrament of Communion**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**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**

**Prayer After Communion**

**WE ARE SENT**

**\*Closing Hymn 297**

*In Christ Called to Baptize*

ST. DENIO

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Rain Down*

ARR. MARK HAYES

# 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.*

**PRAYER REQUESTS** Helen Barks | Joanna Gerst | Dolly Hoyer | Toy & Jerry Kircher  
Barbara Moorman | Mackenzie Prophete | Mallorie Prophete | Jasmine Reece

**THANK YOU!**  
*Worship Team 1:* Terry & Jim Baker, Kathy Sherrick, Will Ridley  
*Liturgist:* Stephanie Newcomb  
*Soloist:* Daniel Mortimer  
*Refreshments:* Leslie Barnes

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

|                  |                   |  |
|------------------|-------------------|--|
| <b>Sun, 1/12</b> | 9:15 am           | Confirmation Class   |
|                  | 10:00 am          | Childcare  |
|                  | 10:30 am          | Worship with Communion, Feeding the Flock<br><i>There will be no Sunday School or Tweens Class today</i> |
|                  | 11:30 am          | Coffee and Fellowship  |
|                  | 12:00 pm          | ADG Book Study (lunch at 12; study at 12:30)   |
|                  | <b>Mon, 1/13</b>  | 5:30 pm  |
| <b>Wed, 1/15</b> | 7:00 pm           | Worship Arts Committee meeting<br><i>There is no choir rehearsal this evening.</i>                       |
|                  | <b>Thur, 1/16</b> | 7:00 pm  |
| <b>Sun, 1/19</b> | 9:15 am           | Confirmation Class   |
|                  | 10:00 am          | Childcare  |
|                  | 10:30 am          | Worship  |
|                  | 10:45 am          | Sunday School (Tweens Class does not meet today)   |
|                  | 11:30 am          | Coffee and Fellowship  |
|                  | 12:00 pm          | ADG Book Study (lunch at 12; study at 12:30)   |

## TOGETHER AT FAITH DES PERES

### ADG BOOK STUDY BEGINS TODAY!

It's not too late to join the **ADG Book Study**. The first class will meet today from 12:30-1:30.

### TNT DINNER

The next **TNT (20s and 30s something)** dinner will be on Friday, January 31st at 7:00 pm at Lester's. Childcare will be available at the church beginning at 6:30pm.

### SHARED MINISTRY NEWS

Watch your mail (electronic or USPS) one day next week for information about FDP's upcoming Shared Ministry Volunteer Fair on Sunday, Feb. 9, in the Gathering Space after worship. This will be a time for all of us to learn about what opportunities exist to become more involved in the

church. Each of us is uniquely gifted by God to share our gifts, energy and passions with others to build the kingdom of God. Shared ministry helps us live out the affirmation that God calls all people to ministry. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, Feb. 9 and come prepared to volunteer for one of Faith Des Peres' ministries. More information will be provided in the coming weeks. If you have questions, contact a Shared Ministry Committee member: Barb Abbett, Terry Baker, Annie Epling and Randi Weber.

## **FOOD PACK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Jan. 25, from 8-10am. Volunteers are needed to support Food Outreach ([www.foodoutreach.org](http://www.foodoutreach.org)) to pack freshly-cooked meals. Middle-school ages and up are welcome to sign up. (A sheet is in the Gathering Space.) Food Outreach is located at 3117 Olive Street, 63103. We will meet at City Diner at the Fox (541 N. Grand Avenue, 63103) afterwards.

## **WHAT IS WAC?**

WAC is the Worship Arts Committee. The committee attempts to plan meaningful worship experiences using techniques we learned from attending workshops on worship design. Our goal is to create "an intentional journey of praise, prayer and growth" in every service we create. During Advent, for example, did you notice...

- The theme, let us walk in the light of the Lord, expressed in the call to worship and in the sung response.
- Each week the light increased. More Advent wreath candles were lit. This culminated with numerous votive candles and lights in the garland on Christmas Eve.
- Carrying the light out at the end of each service, symbolizing Christ's mandate for us to be light to the world.
- A new bulletin format featuring classic art work of the nativity on the front of each bulletin.
- A communion table display that became more and more elaborate over time. Each week more flowers were added, relating to the scripture "the desert shall rejoice and blossom."
- Numerous wrapped gifts, some of which were taken away, as the sermon made us think about what is really important during the season of Advent.
- The chime peal, gradually increasing in complexity and in number of players each week, as "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" rang out.

Members of the WAC are Leslie Barnes, Danny Mortimer, Sam Stout, Beth Willock, Annie Epling, and Gay Spears. If you have questions or comments, please contact any of these committee members.

## **ABOUT THE MUSIC**

The text of today's solo comes from the book of Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3. This book, along with the books of Psalms, Proverbs, Job, and Song of Songs form a section of the Bible referred to as "Wisdom" literature. Other books of the Old Testament are historical or prophetic in nature, but in the Wisdom books, the authors ask questions about God, humanity, and the nature of evil and suffering. In reading these books we can see that "... the Israelites grappled with the same faith issues that we do today: they asked tough questions about sin and suffering; they experienced joy and confidence in God's love; they looked for God in life's pleasures and trials alike; they sometimes entertained doubts and they looked to God for help both physically and spiritually....the wisdom books show us that God values and responds to these myriad questions and prayers. We can take comfort that no experience in our lives, whether wonderful or terrible, can place us outside the love and understanding of a gracious God." (*source: [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)*)

### **About the Music** *(continued)*

In the hymn *How Firm a Foundation* (included in *Sure Foundation*), we encounter the word *dross*. This word refers to unwanted material that is removed from mineral (such as gold) to make it better or purer. The hymn was originally published under the title *Exceedingly Great and Precious Promises*. Its author based each of its original seven stanzas on various Biblical promises including those found in Isaiah 41:10, Isaiah 43:2, 2 Corinthians 12:9, and Hebrews 13:5. (from *Then Sings My Soul* by Robert J. Morgan).

### **IN THE COMMUNITY:**

#### **January 12, 2014**

***High Times and Thin Places: Singing Glory to God through the Liturgical Year.*** Join the choirs of Faith Des Peres, Second, and Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Churches on Sunday, January 12th at 4:00pm at Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church (9450 Clayton Road, 63124) as they present, "A Hymn Festival celebrating Glory to God, the new Presbyterian Hymnal." This event will be led by Mary Louise Bringle, Chair of the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song. Contact Gay Spears with any questions.

#### **January 18-19, 2014**

The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy will host a **Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Weekend** at First Presbyterian Church of Saint Louis (7200 Delmar Blvd.), taking place on Saturday, January 18th and Sunday, January 19th, at various times. The theme will be, "Voting Rights Revisited: What are the new hurdles?" Please look on the Gathering Space bulletin board for specific speakers, times, etc.

#### **March 26, 2014**

**Tour Churches of Soulard** with the History Team and find out why St. Louis was once called the "Rome of the West." Visit Trinity Lutheran, St. John Nepomuk, St. Vincent De Paul, St. Mary of Victories and St. Raymond's. Have a Lebanese feast for lunch (at your expense) and see the "Who's Who" of St. Louis. Cost is \$49. Make reservations with Betsy Stoll at 821-0533 or email [stolldickandbetsy@att.net](mailto:stolldickandbetsy@att.net).

#### **February 4, March 11, April 1**

All are invited to the immensely popular **Kirkwood Franciscan Sisters' Free Eco-Film Series!** Come enjoy complimentary organic hot apple cider and freshly popped organic popcorn! The films are on Tuesday evenings and begin promptly at 7:00 PM. To attend you must RSVP to [ffesignup@fsolph.org](mailto:ffesignup@fsolph.org) or by calling the Sisters' offices at 314-965-3700.  
Showings: 2/4: "*Biophilic Design*", 3/11: "*Heart of Sky, Heart of Earth*", 4/1: "*The New Green Giants*"

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