



FAITH DES PERES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

ORDER FOR WORSHIP
November 17, 2013
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

WE GATHER

Opening Voluntary

A City Called Heaven
(African-American spiritual)

arr. Joseph M. Martin

Call to Worship

Leader: As the day dawns anew,

People: so do our lives.

Leader: As our community gathers,

People: so do our spirits.

Leader: As we are awakened by newness,

People: we are a holy people of a new heaven and earth.

All: Thanks be to God!

Opening Prayer

God of comfort, we give thanks for the dawning of a new day. Even though we have turned from you, you have reached for us. Even though we have been afraid, you have been our strength and our might. May we draw life-giving water with joy this day, giving thanks for the multitude of gifts and challenges we face, singing praises to the Lord throughout all the earth. Amen.

*Opening Hymn 410

God Is Calling through the Whisper

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*Call to Confession

Just as the prophet Isaiah assured God's people so many years ago, he assures us now that God is our salvation. It is because of that confidence, because of that promise, that we dare approach God with our confession.

***Prayer of Confession** *(Isaiah 65, Luke 21)* (Unison)

O God, we are more like the vision in Luke than the vision of Isaiah.
We see wars, hatred, and violence everywhere, yet despair of ever stopping them.
We see oppression and injustice and persecution, but fail to raise our voices in prophetic protest.
We have become a pessimistic people.
Help us believe—really believe—in Isaiah’s vision of the peaceable kingdom, in your promise of a new heaven and new earth.
Let your cry be our cry:
“They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.” Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

The prophet Isaiah assures us:
God is building a new heaven and a new earth;
the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.
Forgiven and freed, rejoice in what the Lord is creating in you, in me, in all creation.

***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 Reading Isaiah 65: 17-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Soloist

Blessings
Rachel Neuner

Laura Story

Children are always welcome in worship at Faith Des Peres. Nursery Care (ages 4 & under) and Sunday School (Kindergarten and older) are available at this time.

Gospel Reading Luke 21: 5-19

Sermon “Read the Signs” Rev. Dr. Anne Epling

WE RESPOND

***Hymn 773** *Heaven Shall Not Wait* HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Petition (congregation responds “Lord, hear our prayers.”)

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Minute for Mission

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

Offertory Anthem *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. Gordon Young

***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**

(Unison)

Loving God, before we give to you, you have given to us. All we offer we have received from you. We thank you for your goodness, and we praise you for your bountiful works, through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WE ARE SENT

***News of the Church**

***Closing Hymn 620**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

***Benediction**

***Closing Voluntary**

Toccata

Douglas E. Wagner

WE WELCOME YOU TO FAITH DES PERES FOR WORSHIP!

Following the Closing Voluntary please join us for refreshments.

Remember in Prayers:

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

With Appreciation to:

Judy & Rufus Sisson, Mary & Steve
Dingus, *worship team*
Rufus Sisson, *liturgist*
The Onken family, *last week's worship team*
Leslie Barnes, *refreshments*

*Flowers today are given by Rufus and Judy Sisson, in memory of their fathers,
"Big Dale" Sisson and "Doc" Graham.*

TOGETHER AT FAITH DES PERES

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Illuminate: Shedding Light on the Holy in the Holiday

You know the routine: the Friday after Thanksgiving, the secular Christmas season officially begins. It's *buy, buy, buy* and *go, go, go*. The things we do to prepare for Christmas can be endless and exhausting!

But it doesn't have to be this way. It is possible to find the Holy in the holiday.

Be sure to join us this Advent season as we prepare for the birth of the **Light of the World**. Join us as we find the balance between the sacred and the secular, between the culture and Christ, and between Advent and Christmas.

✦ 1st Sunday of Advent (12/1):

Isaiah 2:1-5: “Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!”

What does it mean to walk in the light of the Lord?

Where are we going?

How can we bring the Light to others?

Musical Offering: *Faith Des Peres Choir will sing.*

✦ 2nd Sunday of Advent (12/8):

Isaiah 11:1-10: “The wolf shall live with the lamb . . .”

In what places do the wolf and lamb lie together in peace?

Where do we see that peace in our relationships, neighborhoods, or world?

How do we live this peace in our lives and our world?

Musical Offering: *Bel Canto, a women's choral ensemble, will present special selections.*

✦ 3rd Sunday of Advent (12/15):

Isaiah 35:1-10: “The desert shall rejoice and blossom”

How do we sing the Good News in our day and age?

Musical Offering: *Christmas Cantata, “A Celebration of Carols,” by Joseph M. Martin, will be presented by the Faith Des Peres Choir.*

✦ 4th Sunday of Advent (12/22):

Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25: “The Lord himself will give you a sign...”

What are the signs and promises of the Incarnation today?

How do we resist God's presence breaking into our world as Joseph tried to do?

How do we know that Jesus is with us?

Musical Offering: *A Fifth Above, a woodwind quintet, will play familiar Christmas carols.*

We're Inviting the Neighbors...

We're inviting the neighbors to join us for Advent Worship Services. Postcards will go out in a couple of weeks to some of our neighbors in the area, inviting them to our Advent Worship Services. After the mailing, we should have a few extra postcards in the Gathering Space—take a couple and invite your friends, family and neighbors as well. Leave them on their doorsteps; sneak them into their mailboxes. What an easy way to ***Share the Light!***

Poinsettia Sales—Last chance to sign up!

Please sign up in the Gathering Space by TODAY, November 17th, if you would like to purchase a Christmas poinsettia. Plants may be given in honor or in 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.

Annual Gingerbread House Party

Come decorate a gingerbread house on **Saturday, December 7th** from 10am-noon! This event is geared toward kids but all ages are welcome to decorate a house (or to help). Invite friends to join us in Fellowship Hall for a fun morning together. Please sign up in the Gathering Space by December 1st so we know how many houses to prepare. The cost is \$13 per house.

Christmas Giving Tree Kickoff Next Sunday, November 24th

Help us make Christmas a reality for those who otherwise may think it impossible. By taking an ornament from the Christmas Tree beginning **Sunday, November 24th**, you will be supporting a family at Lydia's House or South Side Day Nursery. Email Elizabeth Pribor at efpribor@gmail.com with questions.

Feeding the Flock

The next collection for Feeding the Flock will take place on Sunday, December 1st, so please start planning ahead. **Current critical needs include: canned fruit, canned meats (chili, canned stew, canned chicken, canned ham, etc.), canned fish, spaghetti sauce, toilet paper, bar soap.** You may also donate at any time by leaving food items in the Gathering Space. Thank you for helping others in need!

Looking Ahead to the December 1st Adult Discussion Group

Pastor Annie will lead the discussion that day, with a focus on Advent and Christmas. Please plan to join us—all are welcome!

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Sun, 11/17	9:00 am	Adult Discussion Group: "Confessions..."
	10:00 am-noon	Childcare
	10:30 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	<i>Tweens Class does not meet today.</i>	
	11:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship
Mon, 11/18	5:30 pm	Tai Chi
Tue, 11/19	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch: Miss Sheri's Cafeteria
Wed, 11/20	9:30 am	Presbyterian Women Bible Study
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thur, 11/21	7:00 pm	Session
Sun, 11/24	<i>Adult Discussion Group does not meet today.</i>	
	10:00 am-noon	Childcare
	10:30 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Tweens Class
	11:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship
	12:00 noon	Decoration of the Church for Advent & Christmas
	12:00 noon-2:00pm	Older & Wiser Lunch: Brio's at Plaza Frontenac

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