

On your feet now -
applaud God!
Bring a gift of laughter,
sing yourselves
into his presence.
Know
this: God is God.
He made us; we didn't make him.
We're his people, his well-tended sheep.

Enter with "Thank you!"
the password:
Make yourselves at home, talking praise.

Thank him.
Worship him.

For God is sheer beauty,
all-generous in love,
loyal always and ever.

Let us worship God with joy!

- Psalm 100 (The Message)

FAITH DES PERES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

November 24, 2013

Reign of Christ Sunday

WE GATHER

Opening Voluntary

Now Thank We All Our God

J.S. Bach

Thanksgiving Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

People: Make known God's deeds among the peoples!

Leader: God blesses us with gifts of love:

People: with food and clothing, home and family.

Leader: God blesses us with daily work:

People: and all we need from day to day.

Leader: God protects us in times of danger:

People: and guards us from every evil.

Leader: God calls us into relationship with him:

**People: and forms us into one holy people,
the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.**

Leader: Therefore we shall offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

People: O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

Opening Prayer

God of all times and all places, be with us in this time and this place. Just as you have spoken to your people through prophets and poets, we pray that we might hear the Word you speak to us today. Just as you have spoken to your people through deeds and miracles, we pray that we might have eyes to see the Word you speak to us today. Just as you have called your people to act in the midst of your creation, we pray that we might have feet to walk and hands to reach out; for the sake of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Prayer of Confession**

Leader: In the midst of our thanksgiving, let us pause in silence to recall how we so often lose sight of the gifts of each day and of their Giver.

(a moment of silence)

Leader: Let us pray. O God, we know that we forget about you, we forget to love you, we forget to help our neighbors, we forget to thank you.

People: Forgive us.

(a moment of silence for private confession)

People: Grant us clear minds to know you, new hearts to love you and strong hands to serve you. Help us live this day, this week, and always so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Leader: God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the world, but to be its Savior. We can trust God's word. We are a forgiven people.

People: Thanks be to God!

***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 Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

John 6:25-35

Sermon

“Thanksgiving”

Rev. Dr. Anne Epling

WE RESPOND

***Hymn 612**

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

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

Soon and Very Soon

André Crouch
arr. Jack Schrader

***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)

Holy God, you have looked upon your people with mercy, generosity, and love. You have granted your favor to your people, offering them redemption, salvation, and wisdom. And so we offer these gifts for your hurting and broken world. May they be multiplied to do your service. May we be strengthened to do your work. In the name of Jesus Christ, who multiplied small gifts and fed multitudes. Amen.

WE ARE SENT

***News of the Church**

***Closing Hymn 367**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

***Benediction**

***Closing Voluntary**

Lift High the Cross

Donald Busarow

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
Barbara Moorman
Mackenzie Prophete
Mallorie Prophete
Jasmine Reece
Larry Schumacher
Sam Taylor

With Appreciation to:

Terry & Jim Baker, Will Ridley,
worship team
Erica Abbett, *liturgist*
Leslie Barnes, *refreshments*
Daniel Mortimer, *cantor*

*Flowers today are given by Barb Abbett,
"In memory of my dear husband, Ed (9/6/1940~11/29/2009)."*

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.*

Christmas Giving Tree Kickoff Today!

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

Annual Gingerbread House Party—Register by December 1st

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.

Feeding the Flock

Please remember your food donations for next Sunday's collection for Feeding the Flock. **Current critical needs include: canned fruit, canned meats (chili, canned stew, canned chicken, canned ham, etc.), canned fish, tomato products (diced tomatoes, sauce, paste), 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!

Movie Night!

December 15th is Movie Night at the church. All ages are invited to watch "A Christmas Story" from 5:30-8:00 in the Gathering Space. Bring a munchie to share. Join us for a commercial-free viewing of this quintessential Christmas movie.

Cookie Exchange

December 16 at 10:30am is the annual Presbyterian Women brunch and cookie exchange. Leila Davis will be hosting. Bring 2-3 dozen cookies to exchange. Please RSVP to Leila at 314-994-0039 or Marie in the church office at adminasst@faithdesperes.org or 314-432-8029.

Looking Ahead to Next Week's Adult Discussion Group

Pastor Annie will lead the discussion at 9:15am (note change in time). The topic will be "Christmas Is Not Your Birthday." Please plan to join us!

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, December 1, following worship, for the purpose of refinancing our loan with Presbyterian Loan and Investment Program.

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!*

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR:

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
Mon, 11/25	5:30 pm Tai Chi
Thur, 11/28	<i>Thanksgiving Day—office closed Thursday and Friday</i>
Sun, 12/1	9:00 am Adult Discussion Group
	10:00 am-noon Childcare
	10:30 am Worship with Communion
	<i>Sunday School does not meet today.</i>
	11:30 am Congregational Meeting
	11:30 am Coffee and Fellowship

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