

POTTSVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE
AUGUST 19, A. D. 2012

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me
Psalm 63:1-8

CHRISTIAN GREETING

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Psalm 63:1-8

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: The Maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Open our eyes, O Lord.

People: That we may see wonderful things in your Law.

Pastor: O Lord, open our lips,

People: And our mouths will declare your praise.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

◇ HYMN "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Trinity 457

◇ CONFESSION OF SIN Romans 2:4-5

Our gracious God and merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against you this day and every day, in thought, word, and deed. We were born in sin and our sin is ever before us. If you kept a record of our sins, who could stand, but with you there is mercy and forgiveness through Christ. Forgive our many sins as a church, as families, and as individuals.

Forgive our public sins and those that are known only to you. Forgive us for our failure to do what you have commanded and our failure to restrain what you have forbidden. Forgive us for desiring Christ as Savior but not as Lord over every sphere of our lives.

Grant us true repentance that moves our lips, our hearts, and our hands to godly sorrow and holy action. By your Spirit, change our hearts from stone to flesh and make us into a holy people, pleasing in your sight and useful in your hand.

◇ ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Peter 2:21-25

◇ CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostle's Creed Bible Songs, iv

◇ "GLORIA PATRI" Trinity 735

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 98, Trinity 820

HYMN "How Firm A Foundation" Trinity 94

PREPARATION OF OUR CHILDREN TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Nahum 1:1-15

SERMON "God's Strange Comfort"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

◇ HYMN "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" Trinity 128

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Prayer

◇ *Doxology* Trinity 731

◇ BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-25

◇ RESPONSE "To God Be The Glory" Trinity 55

◇ *Those who are able, please stand*

THIS WEEK AT POTTSVILLE ARP

The Lord's Day 9:45 am Bible Study
 10:45 am Lord's Day Worship

Wednesday 8:00 pm Men's Bible Study

A FEW THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- If you are our guest today, we are glad you are here. Please take a minute to fill out the **Guest Information Card** in the pew and drop it in the offering plate so we can get to know you better.
- We believe that Christian Worship is a renewal of **covenant vows** between Christians and the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Consequently, our worship contains lots of congregational participation. Your part is in **bold**, but don't worry if you get a little lost. Just keep your bulletin handy throughout the service.
- We are a family of families worshipping together. We are teaching our children to worship as they worship with us. If they cry or squirm, it's OK; God has ordained "praise" from our children and infants. If things get **desperate**, a cry room is available in the rear of the Sanctuary.
- Restrooms are located both in this building and in the Fellowship Hall.

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ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT PISGAH 1988
POTTSVILLE, ARKANSAS C. 1853

*"Sharing this with our forefathers that we too are
desiring a better country, that is, the heavenly one."
Hebrews 11:16*

Opportunities for Prayer, August 19, 2012

*"As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you."
1 Samuel 12:23*

For God's Glory

John 12:28

- For God's through-bearing grace.
- That Christ would seek and save the lost in our community.

For those at home

Matthew 25:34-40

- Mary Davis
- Ruth Edwards
- Nale Falls
- Jewel Rodden
- Lila Viner

For those who are Grieving

Romans 12:15

- The Family of Ted Hoffsteter
- The Family of Thomas Morris, Jr
- The Family of Louise Gunnin, Mrs. Morris' sister-in-law.

For those traveling

Psalms 121:7-8

- Julie Evans and her parents to Mountain View, AR.

For those who need to know Christ

John 17:20-21

For those in need

Philippians 4:19; James 1:27

For those who are sick

Exodus 15:26

- Betty Brown recovering from surgery for a broken hip.
- Hank Burton, cancer.
- Moises Chan.
- Jane Kitt, dialysis.
- Marium Oates, recovering from back surgery.
- Barbara Peters.
- Junior Reasoner
- Ben Rice at home in Dallas.
- Randall Standrige, Betty Brown's son, suffering with arthritis.
- Bill Wheeler.
- Margaret Wylie at rehab in Clarksville.

For Thanksgiving

Hebrews 13:15.

- For the arrival of Charlie Dewayne Miller, 5 weeks early, to Sam and Elaine.
- Daranda Findley Golden's cancer was located on a lymph node and not on the lung. None of the lung had to be removed and all the cancer was removed with the lymph node.
- For improvement in Margaret Wylie's condition.

For those with Spiritual needs

Isaiah 61:1-3.

- Sheila Hart
- Our Nation!
- Our leaders (1 Tim. 2:1)
- Our World Witness missionaries.
- The other pastors in our community: Jim Huffman, Sam Austin, Millie Bryant, Paul Geurian and Steve Schlinker.

Write!

Visit!

Pray!

Watch!

Men's Bible Study

Our men will meet this **Wednesday night** at Starbucks at 8:00pm to discuss how God's Word addresses all the issues that we face as men. Bring your questions and bring a friend.



Happy Birthday!

- Naomi Wheeler 08/24
- Abigail Miller 08/30
- Sue Roberts 09/11
- Garrett Oates 09/16
- Joshua Wheeler 09/20

Don't Forget to Wish Them a Happy Birthday!!!

The Lord's Supper

We will observe the Lord's Supper next Lord's Day, August 26. Following the service, join us for lunch in the fellowship hall.



Memorial Gifts

The following memorials have been given to honour *Ted Hoffsteter*, by:

Bob and Kathy Doyle
Jim and Mary Beth (Daniels) Weidman
Matt and Megan Wylie
Dean and Christina Ferguson
Ben and Nina Mae Rice

Sermon Notes

Isaiah said, "The grass withers and flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever."

Ages 3-6

August 19, 2012 • Isaiah 40:1-11

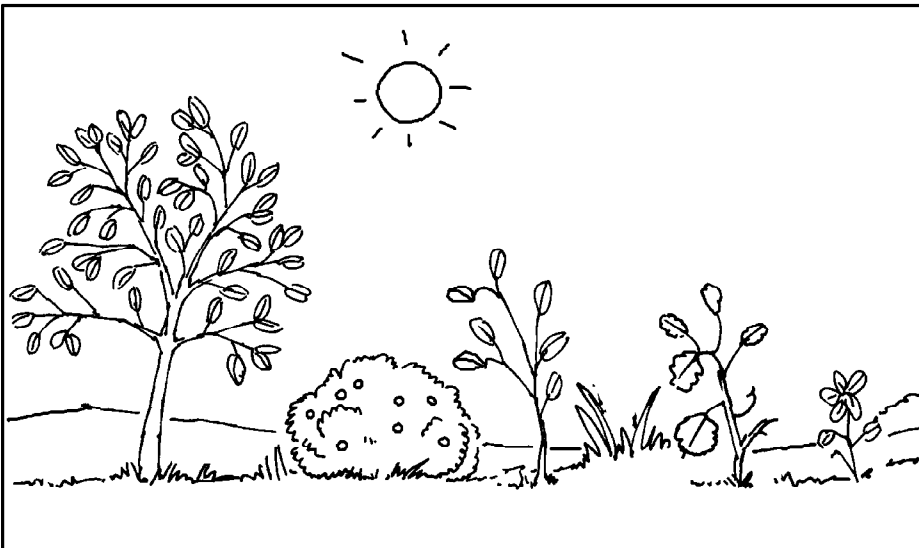
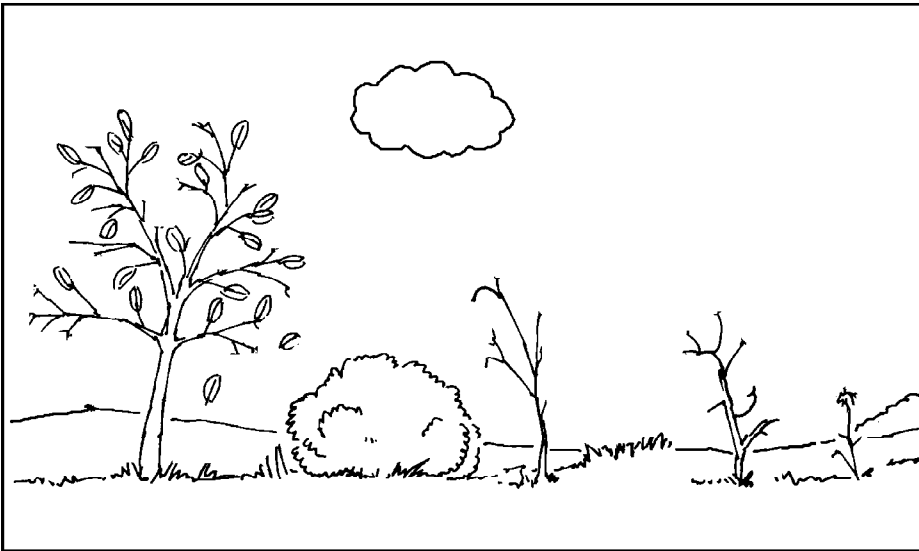
Comfort for God's People

Isaiah said that comfort would come for the people of God.

Find the hidden letters in the picture.

C O M F O R T

Circle 7 differences in the second picture.



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"growing up and grafting in"

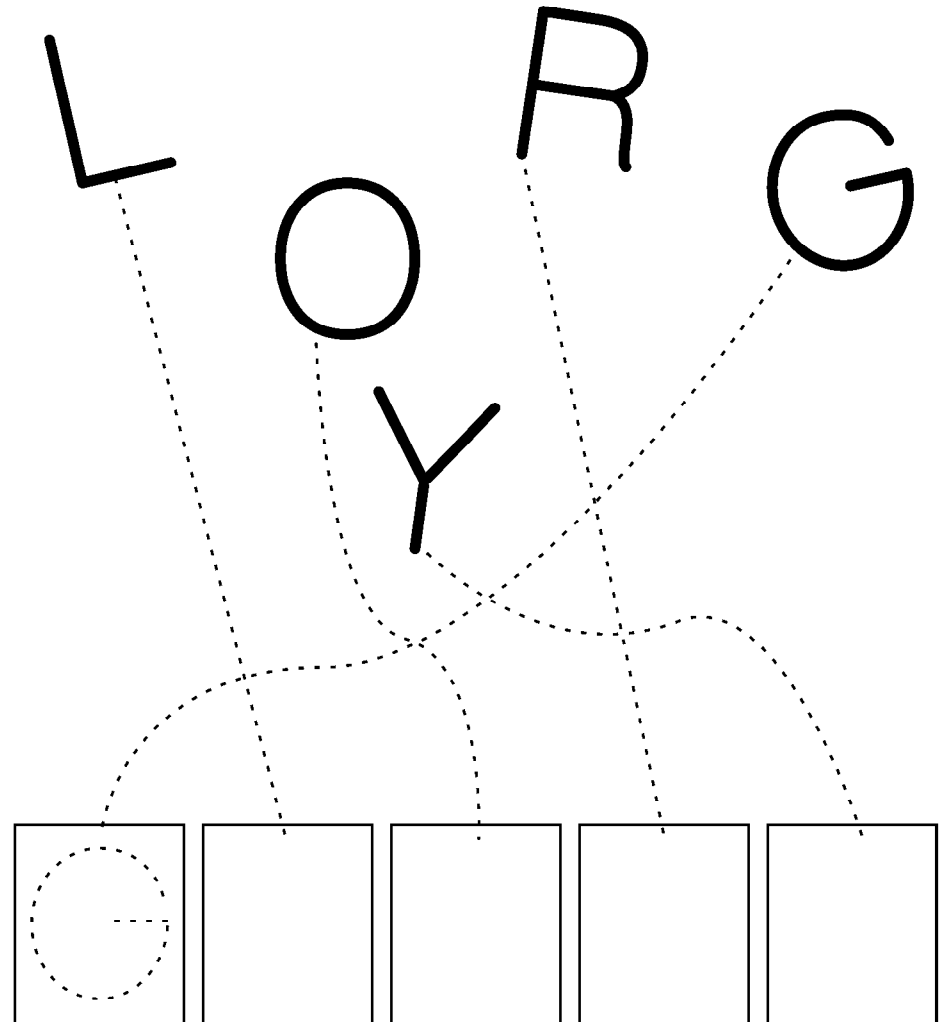
Isaiah told of a voice calling in the desert,
"Prepare the way for the Lord."

Connect the dots.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12



Isaiah said something would be revealed.
What was it?

Transfer the letters.



of the Lord