

# POTTSVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 23, A. D. 2012

*Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide for strong nations far away; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.*

Micah 4:2-5

CHRISTIAN GREETING

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Micah 4:2-5

### 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 Almighty King" Trinity 101

◇ CONFESSION OF SIN Micah 6:6-8

***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 Micah 7:18-19

◇ CONFESSION OF FAITH Shorter Catechism Q.1-3 Trinity 869

◇ "GLORIA PATRI" Trinity 735

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 25, Trinity 792

HYMN "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" Trinity 520

### PREPARATION OF OUR CHILDREN TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Micah 1:1-16

SERMON "Planting in Hope"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

◇ HYMN "Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying" Trinity 443

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 10:45 am	Bible Study 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.

### CONTACT US

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# Pottsville Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church



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

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

## Opportunities for Prayer, September 23, 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 greater faithfulness in reading God's Word.
- For repentance in our nation.

### For those at home

*Matthew 25:34-40*

- Mary Davis
- Junior Reasoner
- Ruth Edwards
- Nale Falls
- Ben Rice
- Jewel Rodden
- Lila Viner
- Margaret Wylie

### For those who are Grieving

*Romans 12:15*

### For those traveling

*Psalms 121:7-8*

- The Wylies traveling in Colorado.

### For those who need to know Christ

*John 17:20-21*

- ...in your family.
- ...in your office.
- ...among your friends
- ...where you shop

### For those in need

*Philippians 4:19; James 1:27*

### For those who are sick

*Exodus 15:26*

- Betty Brown at home.
- Hank Burton, cancer.
- David Donahue, son of Rev. Joe Donahue, undergoing tests.
- Jane Kitt, dialysis.
- Marium Oates at home
- Barbara Peters.
- Randall Standrige, Betty Brown's son, suffering with arthritis.
- Bill Wheeler.

### For Thanksgiving

*Hebrews 13:15.*

### For those with Spiritual needs

*Isaiah 61:1-3.*

- Our Nation!
- Our leaders ( 1 Tim. 2:1 )
- Dr. Steve Suits, Moderator of General Synod and Mr. Larry Littlejohn, Moderator of the Mississippi Valley Presbytery.
- Our World Witness missionaries. Particularly the Witte Family in language school in Costa Rica and our work at the Saiwahl Hospital in Pakistan.
- 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!

- Joshua Wheeler 09/20
- Elijah Wheeler 10/12
- Megan Wylie 10/28

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

## Memorial Gifts

A memorial gift has been given in honour of **Clifford and Hazel Hamaker**, by Dr. George and Barbara Peters.

## The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Day, **October 7, 2012** we will observe the Lord's Supper. After worship we will share in a "pot-providence" fellowship meal.



No doubt we will take time to prepare carefully for the fellowship meal, selecting our favorite dishes, purchasing and assembling the ingredients and cooking it to perfection. But will we be prepared to come to the Lord's Table? Let me encourage you to consider what the Larger Catechism tells us about our preparations to feast at our Lord's Table?

**Q. 171. How are they that receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to prepare themselves before they come unto it?**

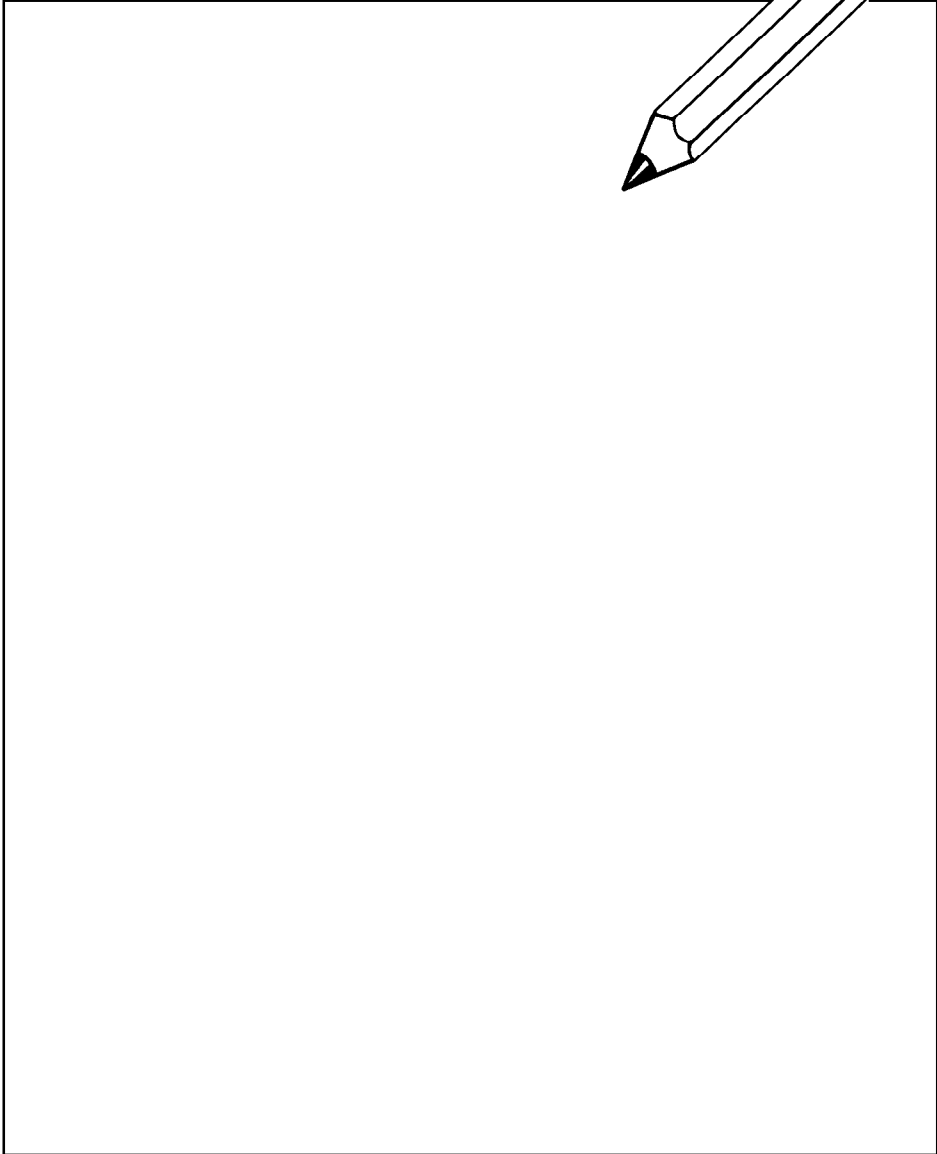
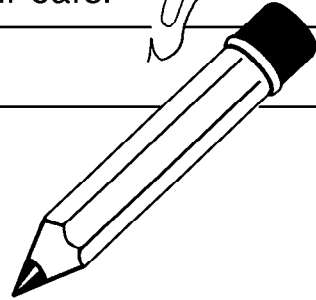
**A.** They that receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper are, before they come, to prepare themselves thereunto, by examining themselves of their being in Christ, of their sins and wants; of the truth and measure of their knowledge, faith, repentance; love of God and the brethren, charity to all men, forgiving those that have done them wrong; of their desires after Christ, and of their new obedience; and by renewing the exercise of these graces, by serious meditation, and fervent prayer.

## Sermon Notes

He who has ears let him hear.



Draw a picture of yourself.  
Don't forget to draw your ears.



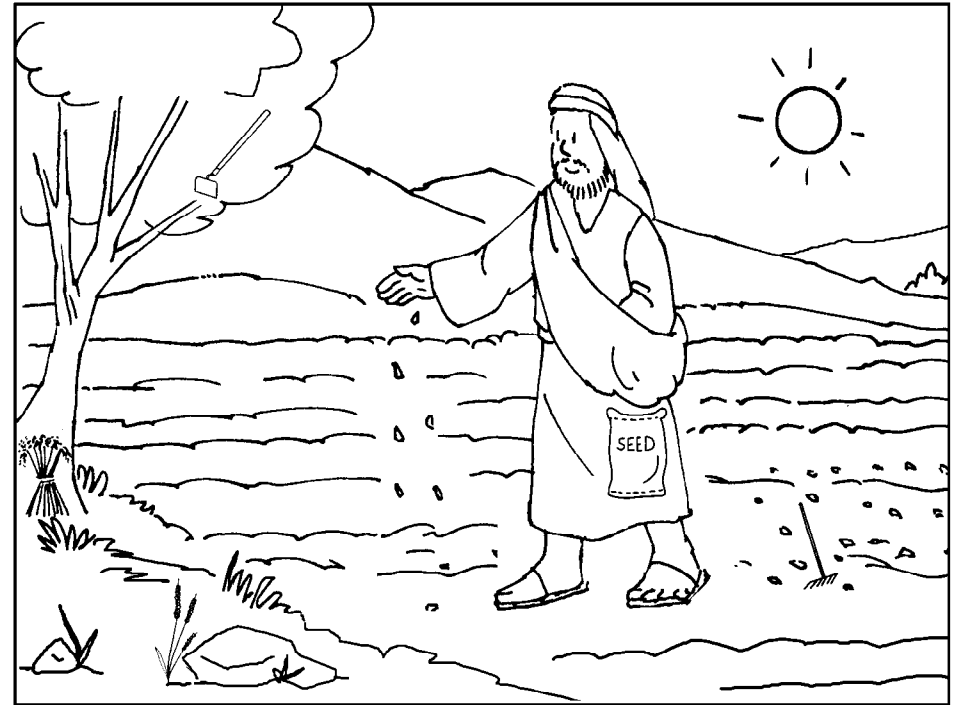
Ages 3-6

September 23, 2012 • Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

# The Parable of the Sower

A farmer spread seeds.

Find and **circle** these hidden objects in the picture.

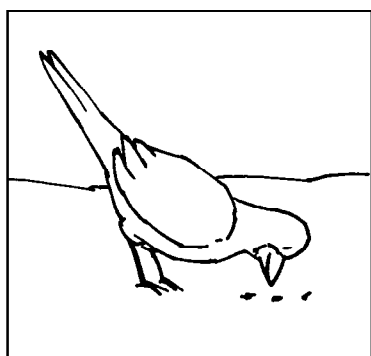
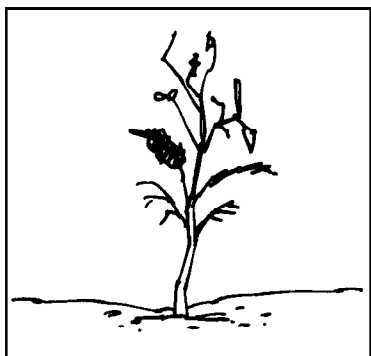
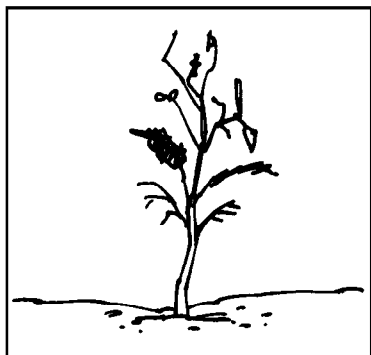
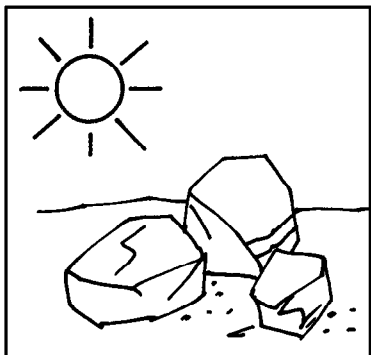
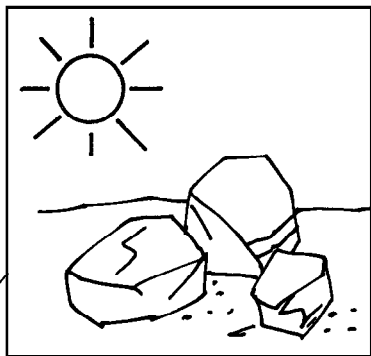
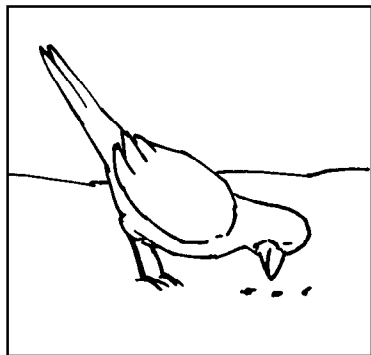


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"growing up and grafting in"

Some seeds won't grow.

Match the pictures.



The seeds that land in fertile ground will produce a good crop.

Circle the 7 differences in the 2nd picture.

