

# POTTSVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE

DECEMBER 16, A. D. 2012

*Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!*

*Psalm 98:1-6*

CHRISTIAN GREETING

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98:1-6

### 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 "Angels We Have Heard On High" Trinity 214

◇ CONFESSION OF SIN Ephesians 4:17-24

***Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquities and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and grant us willing spirits, to sustain us.***

◇ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 2:6-7

◇ CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Trinity 846

◇ "GLORIA PATRI"

Trinity 735

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 45, Trinity 802

HYMN

"What Child Is This?"

Trinity 213

SCRIPTURE

MALACHI 2:17-3:5

SERMON

"Bah Humbug"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

◇ HYMN

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice!"

Trinity 207

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*Offertory Prayer*

◇ *Doxology*

Trinity 731

◇ BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-25

◇ RESPONSE

"Joy to the World"

Trinity 195, v3

◇ *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
	1:30 pm	Pottsville Session
	2:30 pm	Havana Session

### 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

#### Our Elders

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# Pottsville Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church



ARTIST'S CONCEPT  
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT PISGAH  
POTTSVILLE, ARKANSAS C. 1853

PEN AND INK

-Ethan PARKER Guthrie  
1988

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

*Hebrews 11:16*

## Opportunities for Prayer, December 16, 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 desire for fellowship with Christ through prayer and reading.
- For faith and repentance in our community.

### For those at home

*Matthew 25:34-40*

- Mary Davis
- Ruth Edwards
- Nale Falls
- Ben Rice
- Jewel Rodden
- Lila Viner, recovering from a fall
- Dot Wright @ DRNC
- Margaret Wylie

### For those who are Grieving

*Romans 12:15*

- The people of Newtown, CT and our nation.
- Many whose past griefs are made fresh and tender by the holidays.

### For those traveling

*Psalms 121:7-8*

- Linda Reasoner and Patsy Barrett as return from St. Louis.
- Many who will travel for the holidays.

### For those who need to know Christ

*John 17:20-21*

- ...in your family.
- ...in your office or on the job.
- ...among your friends
- ...at school

### For those in need

*Philippians 4:19; James 1:27*

- For our community food bank to be able to make a spiritual impact on our community.

### For those who are sick

*Exodus 15:26*

- Jane Kitt, dialysis.
- Sheila Hart, recovering from surgery.
- Barbara Peters, recovering from a broken hip.
- Mariam Oates
- Junior Reasoner at home.
- Randall Standridge, Betty Brown's son, suffering with arthritis.
- Bill Wheeler.

### For Thanksgiving

*Hebrews 13:15.*

- For answered prayers for family relationships.

### For those with Spiritual needs

*Isaiah 61:1-3.*

- Many unspoken requests....
- 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 as they have completed language school in Costa Rica and our work at the Saiwahl Hospital in Pakistan.
- Dr. David Norman, president of Erskine College
- The other pastors in our community: Jim Huffman, Sam Austin, Millie Bryant, Paul Geurian, Mike McNeely and Steve Schlinker.

**Write!**

**Visit!**

**Pray!**

**Watch!**

## In Memory

The beautiful poinsettia in the sanctuary is given in memory of the Rev. Thomas G. Morris, Sr. and Thomas Morris, Jr. by Mrs Thomas G. Morris, Sr.

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Our men's Bible study will be taking a break until the new year. Save up your questions for **Wednesdays in January!**

## Happy Birthday!

- Bob Brown 12/04
- Dylan Hawkins 12/07
- Allison Byrum 12/07
- Brett Oates 12/22

## Pottsville Food Pantry

The community food pantry will be distributing food to our community on Friday, December 21. If you are able to help with this effort, please let **Mrs. Linda Reasoner** know.

## The Lord's Supper.

We will observe the Lord's Supper on **December 23** during the Lord's Day worship service. We will not have a pot providence meal this month as we will be sharing a fellowship meal on Christmas Eve.

## CHRISTMAS EVE

Rather than staying home, spend Christmas Eve with your family and ours as the church family gathers for a fellowship meal and Christmas Eve worship service. For many this is an annual tradition, why not make it part of your family tradition to begin the celebration of Christmas with Christ and His Church. Supper begins at **5:30pm** followed by **Worship at 7:00pm**. Bring your family and bring a friend.

The offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord again!

Find the hidden prophet in the crowd.



Ages 3-6

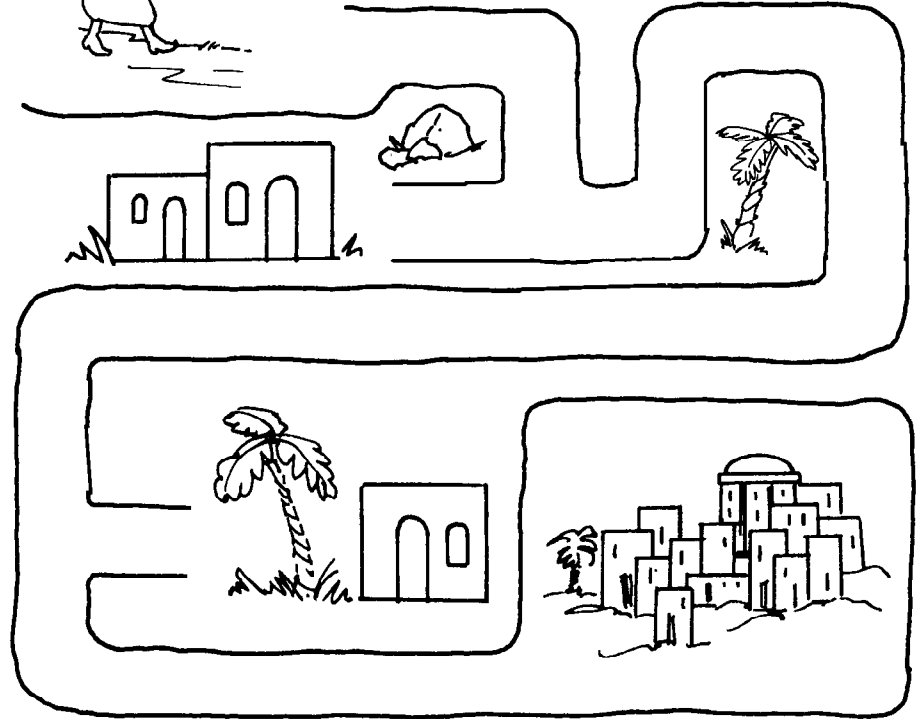
December 16, 2012 • Malachi 3:1-4

God's Messenger Prepares the Way

The Lord said,  
"I will send My messenger."



Help the messenger find the way.



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"growing up and grafting in"

The messenger will be like one who refines gold and silver.

Find the hidden objects in the picture.



People will bring offerings to the Lord.

Count the sheep. Trace the number.

10 or 11 or 12 ?

