

POTTSVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE
DECEMBER 2, A. D. 2012

*Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!
Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!
Psalm 24:7-10*

CHRISTIAN GREETING
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP Psalm 24:7-10

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 **"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"** Trinity 198

◇ CONFESSION OF SIN Romans 13:8-14
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 Titus 2:11-14

◇ CONFESSION OF FAITH **The Nicene Creed** Trinity 846

◇ "GLORIA PATRI" Trinity 735

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 110, Trinity 825

HYMN **"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"** Trinity 196

SCRIPTURE Micah 5:1-5a
SERMON "The Wrong Question"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

◇ HYMN **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"** Trinity 201

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Prayer
◇ *Doxology* Trinity 731

◇ BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-25

◇ RESPONSE **"Joy to the World"** Trinity 195, v1

◇ *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
	12:15 pm	Congregational Meeting

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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ARTIST'S CONCEPT PEN AND INK
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT POTTSVILLE, ARKANSAS C. 1853
-Ellen PARKER GETHRIDGE 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 2, 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 thanks-living as well as thanksgiving.
- For repentance in our nation.

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

- Many whose past griefs are made fresh and tender by the holidays.

For those traveling

Psalms 121:7-8

- The many who will be traveling 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 those who are sick

Exodus 15:26

- Jane Kitt, dialysis.
- Sheila Hart, upcoming surgery 12/4.
- Barbara Peters, who fell this week and broke her hip.
- Mariam Oates
- Junior Reasoner at Baptist LR
- Randall Standridge, 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.
- 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!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our men's Bible study will be taking a break until the new year. Save up your questions for the **first Wednesday 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 is up and running and available to assist the needy in our area. If you would like to donate food (canned goods, dry foods, cereal, etc...) there is a box at the back of the sanctuary for the purpose of collection. **Mrs. Linda Reasoner** is our church's contact person for the pantry. Please let her know how you can help.

Christmas Caroling

Our annual Christmas Caroling to our home bound families is scheduled for **next Lord's Day, December 9, 2012.**

We will have a light lunch together in the Fellowship Hall and will spend the afternoon caroling to our families.

After all the singing we will gather around the bon-fire behind the Manse to roast marshmallows and soothe our voices with some hot-chocolate. This is a very special time for our singers and our home-bound families. You won't want to miss this opportunity for service and fun.

Poinsettias

If you would like to donate money to purchase a poinsettia as a gift for one our home-bound families this Christmas, please see **Mrs. Christina Ferguson.**

Congregational Meeting

Our annual stated Congregational Meeting will follow the morning worship service **this morning.** The purpose of this meeting is to approve the budget for 2013. Copies of the proposed budget will be available in the back of the sanctuary at the close of worship today.

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.

This Ruler will be great.


Ages 3-6

December 2, 2012 • Micah 5:2-5

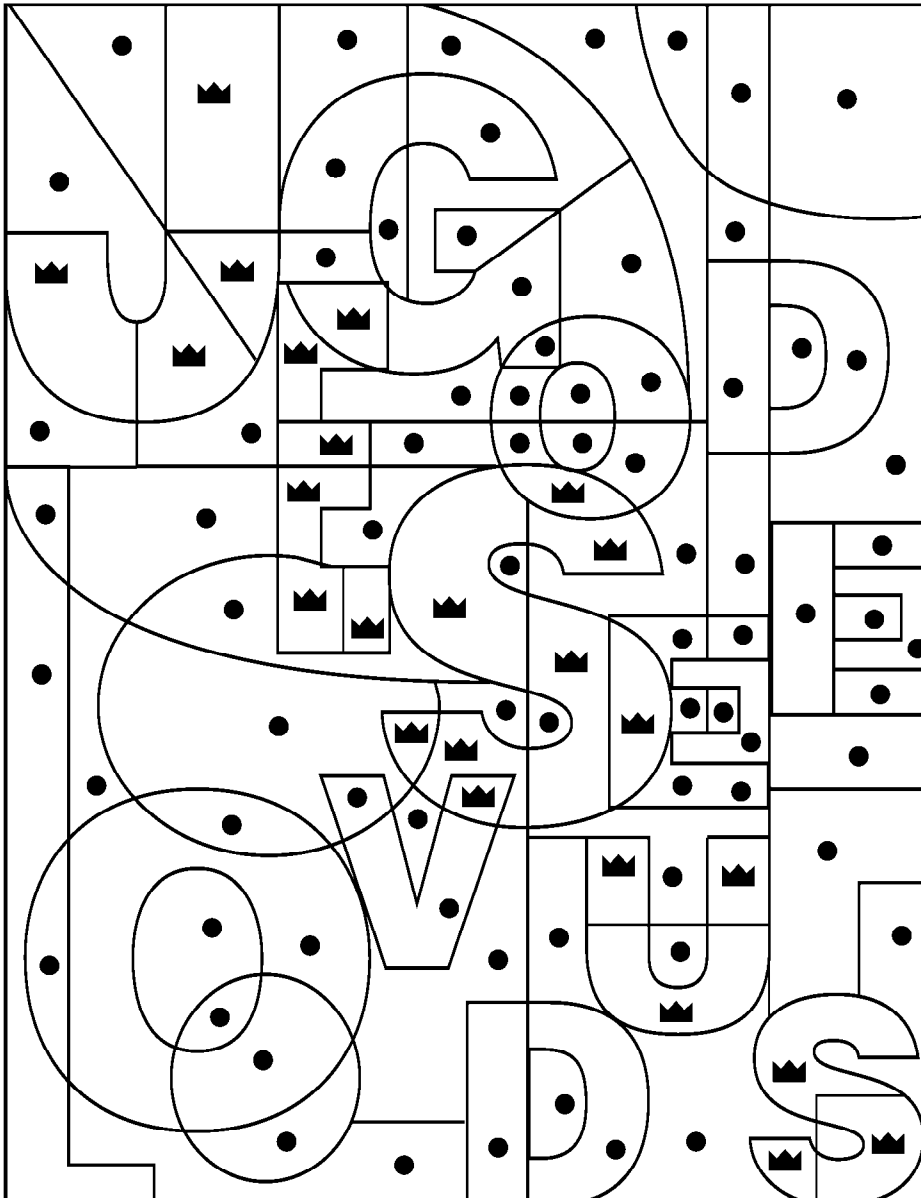
A Ruler Will Come from Bethlehem

God spoke to Micah.

A Ruler would come from Bethlehem.

What ruler came from Bethlehem?
Shade in the 's.

Find the hidden objects in the picture.

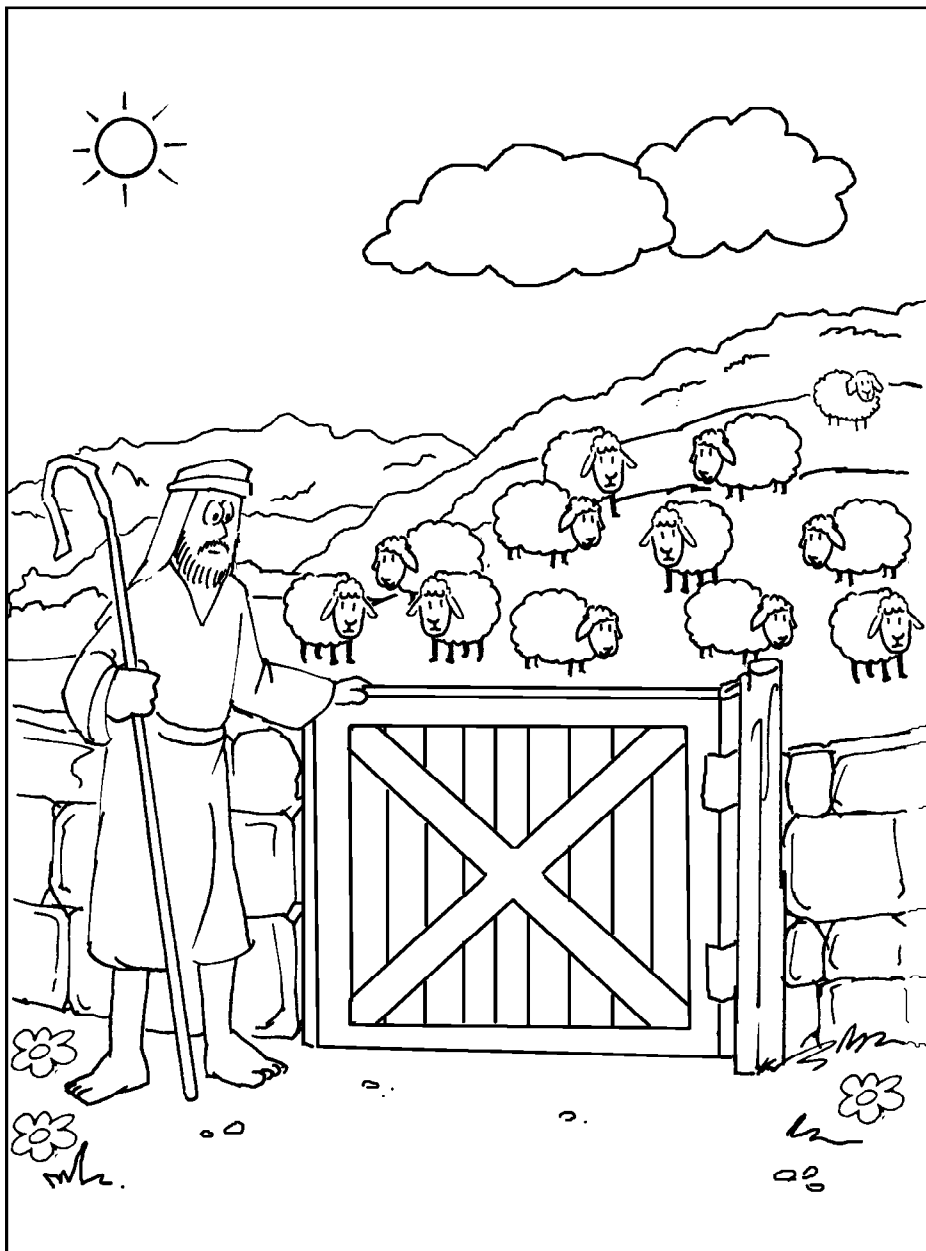


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"growing up and grafting in"

This Ruler to come would be like a shepherd to His flock.

Count the sheep. Circle the number. 11 or 12 ?



The Ruler will bring peace.

Connect the dots.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

