

Opportunities for Prayer, December 9, 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

- 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, 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 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 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 **this afternoon, immediately after the service.** 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.**

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.

POTTSVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE
DECEMBER 9, A. D. 2012

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.
Isaiah 9:6-7

CHRISTIAN GREETING

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 9:6-7

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Pastor: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

People: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

◇ HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Trinity 208

◇ CONFESSION OF SIN Philippians 2:14-16

Holy and Merciful God, if You kept a record of sins who could stand, but with you there is mercy and forgiveness through faith in Your Son, made like us to be our Savior. We confess, O God, that we are sinful. Our sin makes us suspicious of Your love and keeps us from loving one another. Forgive our transgressions and straighten our crookedness – drive out our fear through Your perfect love.

Forgive our failure to act as you have commanded and our unwillingness to restrain what You have forbidden. Forgive us for claiming to love You when we have not loved our brother. Forgive us for not receiving Your gifts of grace and for failing to share them with others. Change us, O God. Conform us to the image of Your glorious Son. Cleanse our hearts and renew our minds. Enable us to walk according to Your Spirit with joy and thanksgiving in fellowship with Christ our Savior, now and forevermore.

◇ ASSURANCE OF PARDON Ephesians 2:8-10

◇ CONFESSION OF FAITH Nicene Creed Trinity 846

◇ "GLORIA PATRI" Trinity 735

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 98, Trinity 820

HYMN "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Trinity 203

SCRIPTURE HAGGAI 2:1-9
SERMON "The Most Desired Gift"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

◇ HYMN "Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendour" Trinity 230

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Prayer

◇ *Doxology* Trinity 731

◇ BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-25

◇ RESPONSE "Joy to the World" Trinity 195, v2

◇ *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	Lunch and Caroling

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

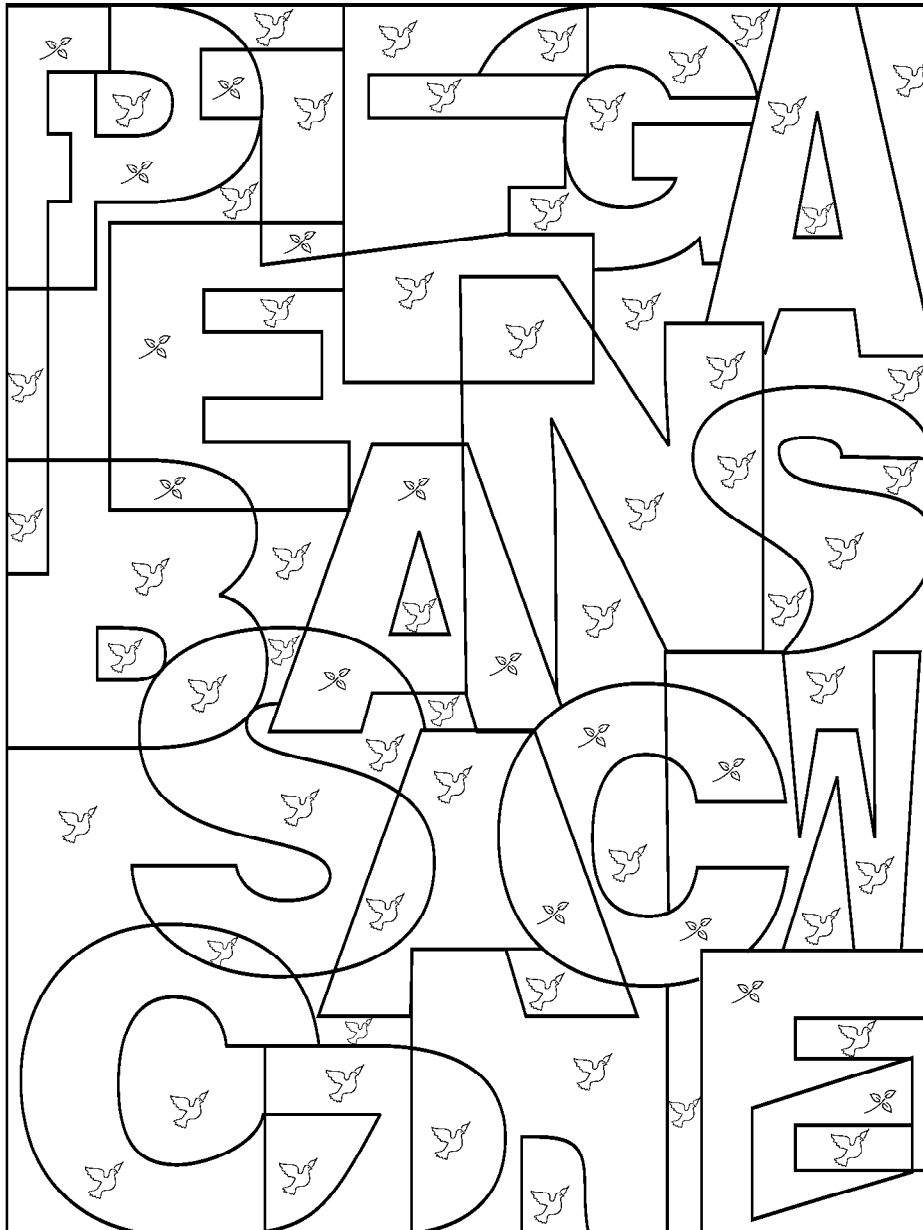
Hebrews 11:16

God said, "In this place I will grant peace!"

Ages 3-6

December 9, 2012 • Haggai 2:1-9

Shade in the spaces with the olive branch  .



The Future Glory of the Temple

The temple was in ruins. Haggai spoke.

Connect the dots.
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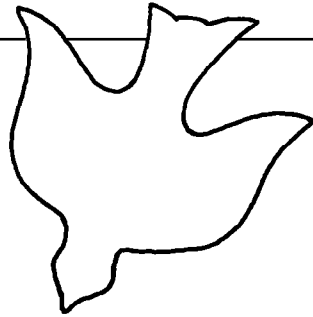
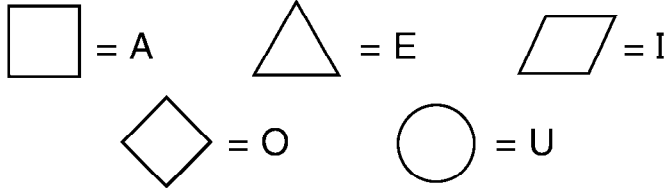


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"growing up and grafting in"

The Lord said, "Be strong and do not fear."

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.



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The glory of the future temple will be greater than the first one.

Find the hidden objects in the picture.

