

# POTTSVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE

DECEMBER 23, A. D. 2012

*You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.*

*Psalm 22:23-31*

CHRISTIAN GREETING

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Psalm 22:23-31

**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 "All Praise to Thee Eternal Lord" Trinity 219

◇ CONFESSION OF SIN Isaiah 53:1-6

***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 1 Peter 2:24-25

◇ CONFESSION OF FAITH Nicene Creed Trinity 846

◇ "GLORIA PATRI" Trinity 735

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 2, Trinity 785

HYMN "Away in a Manger" Trinity 205

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:22-35, Zechariah 13:7

SERMON "Born To Die"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

◇ HYMN "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" Trinity 229

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*Offertory Prayer*

◇ *Doxology* Trinity 731

THE LORD'S SUPPER

◇ PSALM 133 "Christian Unity" Bible Songs 280

◇ BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-25

◇ RESPONSE "Joy to the World" Trinity 195

◇ *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
Christmas Eve	5:30 pm	Pot Providence Dinner
	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Worship

### 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  
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 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 a Christ-centered Christmas.
- For greater holiness and graciousness.

### For those at home

*Matthew 25:34-40*

- Mary Davis
- Ruth Edwards
- Nale Falls
- Ben Rice
- Jewel Rodden
- Lila Viner
- Dot Wright @ DRNC
- Margaret Wylie

### For those who are Grieving

*Romans 12:15*

- The families 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*

- Julie Evans as she travels in MS.
- 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
- ...complete strangers

### 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
- Marium 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!

- Brett Oates 12/22
- Lila Viner 01/08
- Howard Wheeler 01/17
- Christina Ferguson 01/23
- David Oates 01/25
- Melissa Oates 01/26
- Ben Rice 01/29

## The Lord's Supper.

We will observe the Lord's Supper this morning during the worship service. **We will not have a pot providence**, however, as we will be sharing a fellowship meal tomorrow night 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.

As Jesus grew, He was filled with wisdom and grace from God.

Connect the dots.  
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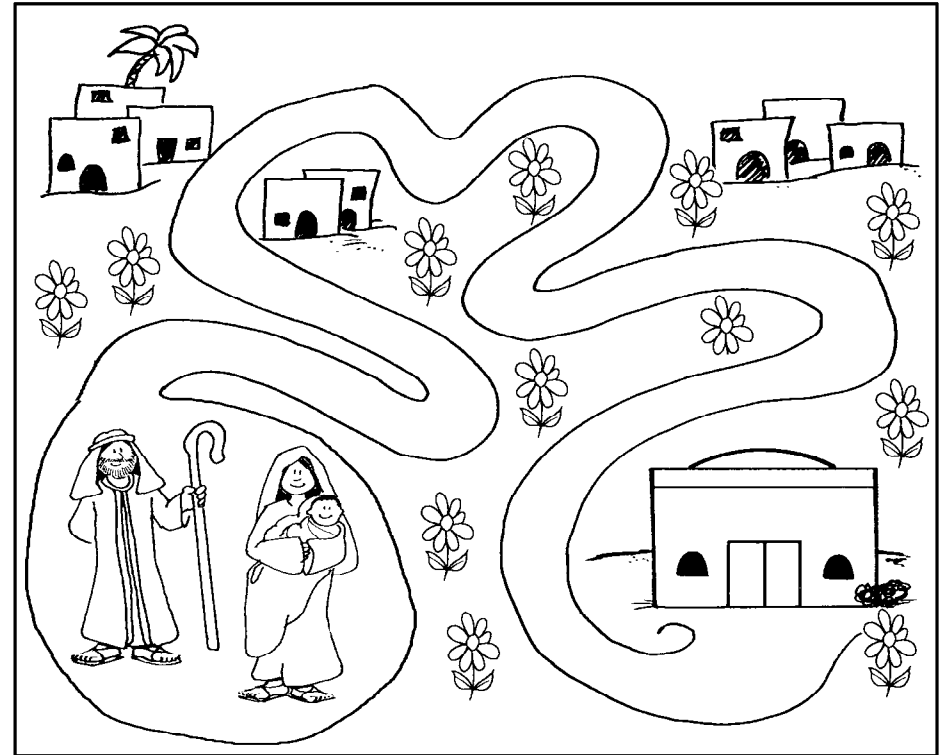
Ages 3-6

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## Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the temple.

Help Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the temple.  
Follow the path.



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"growing up and grafting in"

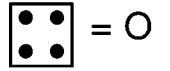
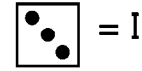
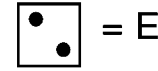
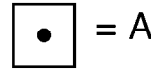
Simeon and Anna praised God when they saw Jesus.

Match the pictures.



They believed Jesus would save Israel.  
What did Simeon call Jesus?

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.



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