

POTTSVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE

DECEMBER 30, A. D. 2012

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Psalm 118:19-25

CHRISTIAN GREETING

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:1, 19-25

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 "What Wondrous Love Is This" Trinity 261

◇ CONFESSION OF SIN Ephesians 5:6-16

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 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

◇ CONFESSION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism, Q1-2

Q1. *What is thy only comfort in life and death?*

A: ***That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him.***

Q2. *How many things are necessary for you to know, that you, enjoying this comfort, may live and die happily?*

A: ***Three; (a) the first, how great my sins and miseries are; (b) the second, how I may be delivered from all my sins and miseries; (c) the third, how I shall express my gratitude to God for such deliverance.***

◇ "GLORIA PATRI" Trinity 735

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 90, Trinity 816

HYMN "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" Trinity 128

SCRIPTURE HABAKKUK 3:17-19

SERMON "New Year's Confession"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

◇ HYMN "Sometimes a Light Surprises" Trinity 621, Aurelia

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	Bible Study
	10:45 am	Lord's Day Worship
	1:30 pm	Pottsville Session 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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ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT POTTSVILLE, ARKANSAS C. 1853
-Ellen PARKER GETHRIDGE 1988

On the web at www.pottsvillearp.org

*"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 30, 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 new Year.
- For lives which confess the faith which we profess.
- For resolve to read the whole counsel of God's Word.

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

Psalm 121:7-8

- Julie Evans as she returns to Arkansas.
- 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!

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!**

Sermon Notes

Happy Birthday!

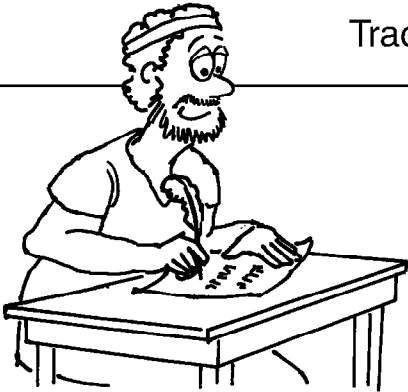
- Lila Viner 01/08
- Howard Wheeler 01/17
- Christina Ferguson 01/23
- David Oates 01/25
- Melissa Oates 01/26
- Ben Rice 01/29

Thanks from the Wheelers

We would like to say thanks to the church family for the generous Christmas gifts you have given us. What a joy it is to serve you all in the Lord and to encourage you to serve Him. May the Lord bless you as you have blessed us.

Habakkuk wrote down God's words.

Trace the words.



The
righteous
live by
their faith.

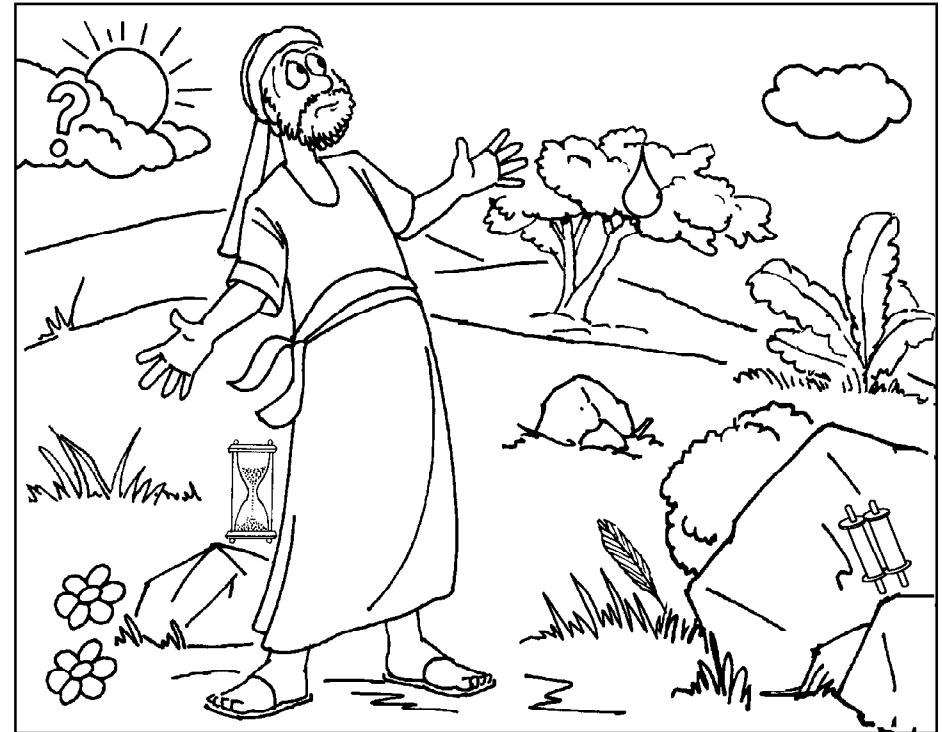
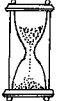
Ages 3-6

December 30, 2012 • Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The Prophet's Question and God's Answer

Habakkuk asked God some questions.

Find and circle the hidden objects in the picture.

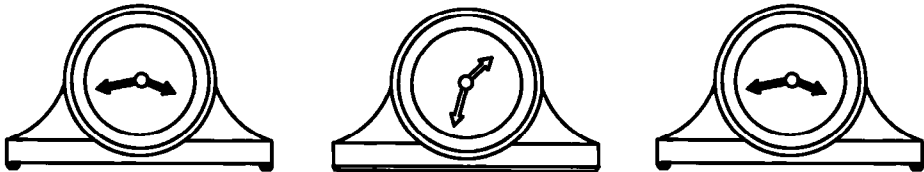
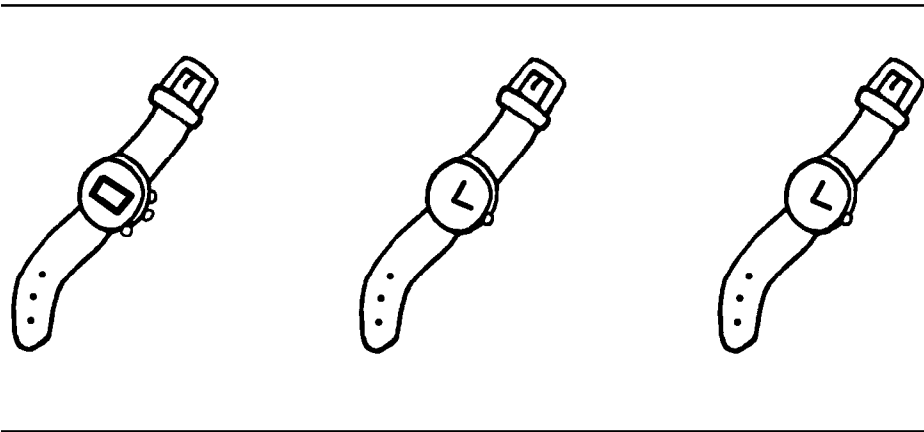
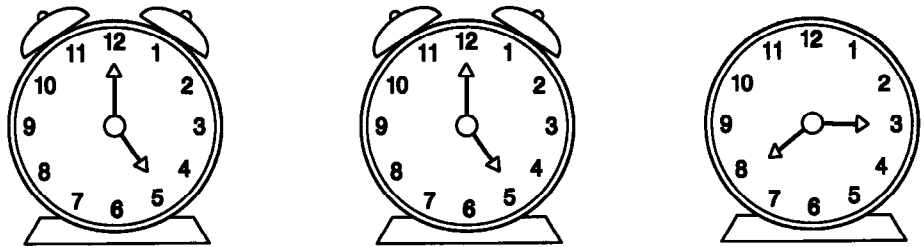


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"growing up and grafting in"

God answered Habakkuk.
God told him to wait for the right time.

Circle the matching time pieces in each row.



God said, "Wait for that time,
for it will certainly come."

Finish the picture. Trace the numbers.

