

# POTTSVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE

DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, A. D. 2013

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 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 accomplish this.

Isaiah 9:2-7

CHRISTIAN GREETING

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 9:2-7

### 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.**

*Pastor: This is the day that the LORD has made;*

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

◇ HYMN

**"O Come, All Ye Faithful!"**

Trinity 208

◇ CONFESSION OF SIN

Romans 7:18-25a

**Holy and Merciful God, if You kept a record of sins who could stand, but with you there is mercy and forgiveness through the Son that was given and the Child that was born. We confess, O God, that we stand in continual need of a Savior, for we are sinners and we are sinful. Our sin is a burden to us and we are heavy laden with sorrow and guilt, therefore we come to You, seeking rest for our souls.**

**Forgive our many sins, O God. Forgive our failure to act as you have commanded and our unwillingness to restrain what You have forbidden. Forgive us for decorating our homes but not our hearts with your Word. Forgive us for obsessing over gifts to give and failing to use the Gifts You have given. Forgive us for confining the joy of our coming Savior to a few weeks each year. Cleanse our hearts and renew our minds. Enable us to walk according to Your Spirit with joy and thanksgiving in fellowship with Christ our King, now and forevermore.**

◇ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Galatians 4:4-7

◇ CONFESSION OF FAITH

**Nicene Creed**

Trinity 846

◇ "GLORIA PATRI"

Trinity 735

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 111, Trinity 826

HYMN

**"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"**

Trinity 229

### PREPARATION OF OUR CHILDREN TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:22-38, Hebrews 2:1-18

SERMON

"Baby Pictures"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

◇ HYMN

**"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"**

Trinity 196

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Prayer

◇ Doxology

Trinity 731

◇ BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-25

◇ RESPONSE

**"Joy to the World"**

Trinity 195, Verse 1

◇ Those who are able, please stand

## THIS WEEK AT POTTSVILLE ARP

The Lord's Day	9:45 am 10:45 am	Bible Study Lord's Day Worship
Wednesday	8:00 pm	Men's Group

### 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 POTTSVILLE, ARKANSAS C. 1853  
PEN AND INK  
-ERNEST FRANK GETHVOLD  
1988

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

*Hebrews 11:16*