

POTTSVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE

MARCH 16TH A. D. 2014

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.
Isaiah 55:1-6

CHRISTIAN GREETING

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 55:1-6

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: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts

People: Be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer

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

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

◇ HYMN

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

Trinity 571

◇ CONFESSION OF SIN

Proverbs 28:13

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

Romans 8:1, 2 Corinthians 5:17

◇ CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

Bible Songs

◇ “GLORIA PATRI”

Trinity 735

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 85

HYMN

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!”

Trinity 600

SCRIPTURE & SERMON

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

◇ HYMN

“Like A River Glorious”

Trinity 699

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Prayer

◇ Doxology

Trinity 731

◇ CLOSING PRAYER

◇ RESPONSE

“To God be the Glory”

Trinity 55

◇ Those who are able, please stand

THIS WEEK AT POTTSVILLE ARP

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

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

Call to Confession

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. Blessed is the one who fears the LORD always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity. (Proverbs 28:13-14 ESV)

Let each of you truly acknowledge that you are a sinner, humbling yourself before God and believing that our heavenly Father wills to be gracious to us in Jesus Christ. So let us humbly seek forgiveness, looking to Christ for mercy and pardon.

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. [And now we confess our sins, O God, silently and individually to you.] We make this prayer in the name of Christ, our rock, our redeemer, and our King. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Lift up your heads and your hearts and hear the Good News. Hear what words of comfort the Scripture says to all who truly turn to Christ.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1 ESV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; (2 Corinthians 5:17-18 ESV)

To all those that repent and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, know that you are forgiven and made clean. So come now and worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth.

Opportunities for Prayer, March 16th , 2014

“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 love for Christ's flock.
- For a recommitment to discipleship and personal evangelism.

For those at home

Matthew 25:34-40

- Mary Davis
- Betty Brown
- Nale Falls
- Ben Rice
- Jewel Rodden
- Kenneth Hoffsteter at DRNC
- Dot Wright at DRNC
- Margaret Wylie

For those who are Grieving

Romans 12:15

- Family of Christina Ferguson
- Family of Phyllis Vanemery, Nale Falls' daughter

For those who need Christ

John 17:20-21

- ...in your family.
- ...in your office or on the job.
- ...among your friends

For those who are traveling

Psalms 121:7-8

For those who need healing

Exodus 15:26

- Lee Bailey, undergoing radiation therapy for brain cancer.
- Gloria Baker recovering from a broken hip.
- Jill Noble, recovering from surgery
- Junior Reasoner at home.
- Billy Greenwood, a co-worker of Melissa Oates', with liver cancer
- Becky Dimmit, acute Leukemia
- Daranda Golden
- Cole Martin, coworker of Matt Wylie, in rehabilitation for a recent stroke.
- Marium Oates at home recovering from infection.
- Cecia Price, young daughter of a friend of Megan Wylie, suffering with debilitating migraines.
- Hayden Ritter, grandson of Mary Lynne Hawkin's coworker, at ACH.
- George Peters recovering from surgery to repair a broken hip.

For those in need

Philippians 4:19; James 1:27

For Thanksgiving

Hebrews 13:15.

- Robert Daily is doing well following treatment for mouth cancer.
- Ladonna Walters has completed chemo for breast cancer and is feeling much better.
- Lonnie Whitaker is doing rehab at home through home health after knee surgery.
- For Dylan and Sara Hawkins as they expect their first child in September.
- For the birth of Duncan Eugene Miller, born January 23rd.

For those with Spiritual needs

Isaiah 61:1-3.

- John David Oates
- Jessica McGlumphy; Julie Evans' sister.
- Our Nation!
- Our leaders (1 Tim. 2:1)
- Our World Witness missionaries.
- The pastors in our community: Howard Wheeler, Jim Huffman, Sam Austin, Millie Bryant, Paul Geurian, and Mike McNeely

Write! Visit! Pray! Watch!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

* Hunter Hawkins 03/29

Welcome to Our Newest
Communicant Member

Forrest Bale met with the Session on February 23, 2014 to make his profession of faith in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Based on his profession, the Session has received him as a communicant member. Please say a word of encouragement and welcome to Forrest.

Pecans

Need some pecans? The trees from the church have provided plenteously! There are buckets of church pecans gathered in the fellowship hall, so before you leave, feel free to grab a bag and take as many as you'd like



The annual Choices PRC Banquet is coming up this Tuesday, **March 18, 2014**. Please take this opportunity to learn more about Choices PRC and why you should support this ministry. For more info about CPRC or to register online go to: www.choicesprc.org/events.html

Sermon Notes