

POTTSVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE

DECEMBER 21ST, A. D. 2014

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ... Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40:1-11

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40:1-11

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

Revelation 4 & 5

Pastor: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

People: *Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.*

Pastor: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

People: *To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

◇ HYMN

"Good Christian Men Rejoice"

Trinity 207

◇ CONFESSION OF SIN

Colossians 1:15-23

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions and our sin is ever before us.

Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and grant us willing spirits to sustain us.

◇ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 6:35-40

◇ CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Trinity 846

◇ "GLORIA PATRI"

Trinity 735

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 85, Trinity 814

HYMN

"What Child is This?"

Trinity 213

SERMON

"This Man Receives Sinners"

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:1-2, 2:8-20

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

◇ HYMN

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Trinity 218

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, v4

◇ Those who are able, please stand

