

# POTTSVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE

DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, A. D. 2014

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross... the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory..

Colossians 1:11-20, 26-27

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Colossians 1:11-20, 26-27

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

Psalm 104:31-35

*Pastor:* May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

**People:** *May the LORD rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!*

*Pastor:* I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

**People:** *I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.*

*Pastor:* Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more!

**People:** *Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

◇ HYMN

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Trinity 200

◇ CONFESSION OF SIN

Colossians 1:21-23

*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

Colossians 2:6-7, 13-15

◇ CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Trinity 846

◇ “GLORIA PATRI”

Trinity 735

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 8, Trinity 786

HYMN

“Thou who Wast Rich Beyond all Splendour”

Trinity 230

SERMON

“Keeping Christmas Fresh”

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:21-35

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

◇ HYMN

“Thou Dost Reign on High”

Trinity 241

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Prayer

◇ Doxology

Trinity 731

◇ BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-25

◇ RESPONSE

“Joy to the World”

Trinity 195, v1

◇ 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

No 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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ARTIST'S CONCEPT  
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT POTTSVILLE, ARKANSAS  
PEN AND INK  
C. 1853

-ELIAS PARKER GOTHVOLD  
1988

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