

POTTSVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE

JANUARY 24TH, A. D. 2016

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Isaiah 55:6-13

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE & PREPARATION

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 55:6-13

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

Psalm 78:1-7

Pastor: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.

People: We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

Pastor: He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children,

People: that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

◇ HYMN “Almighty God, Your Word is Cast” Trinity 383

◇ CONFESSION OF SIN Hebrews 4:11-13

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 1 John 5:11-13

◇ CONFESSION OF FAITH **Apostle's Creed** **Bible Songs, p. iv.**

◇ “GLORIA PATRI” **Trinity 735**

RESPONSIVE READING **Psalm 19, Trinity 790**

HYMN “How Precious is the Book Divine” **Trinity 143**

SCRIPTURE Acts 10:21-33
SERMON “Conscionable Hearing”

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

◇ HYMN “Wonderful Words of Life” **Trinity 697**

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 “Now Blessed Be the Living God” **Bible Songs 155**

◇ Those who are able, please stand

† Music by Emma & Helena Wheeler, Maya Wylie and Julie Evans

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.

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ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT PISGAH C. 1853
-ELLEN PARKER GETHYLDGE 1988

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

Hebrews 11:16