

POTTSVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 25TH, A. D. 2016

Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind! In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men; you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues. Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city. I had said in my alarm, "I am cut off from your sight." But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to you for help. Love the LORD, all you his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

Psalm 31:19-24

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Psalm 31:19-24

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

Psalm 34:1-8

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Pastor: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

People: I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Pastor: Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

People: This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

Pastor: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

People: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

◇ HYMN "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" Trinity 77

◇ CONFESSION OF SIN 1 John 1:7-10

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 Colossians 2:13-15

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

◇ "GLORIA PATRI" **Trinity 735**

RESPONSIVE READING **Psalm 126, Trinity 832**

HYMN "Be Still, My Soul" **Trinity 689**

SCRIPTURE Acts 20:1-16
SERMON "Ups and Downs"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

◇ HYMN "O God, to Us Show Mercy" **Trinity 437**

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 and Helena Wheeler, and Maya Wylie*

THIS WEEK AT POTTSVILLE ARP

The Lord's Day	9:45 am 10:45 am 12:15 pm	Bible Study Lord's Day Worship Fellowship Meal
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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"Sharing this with our forefathers... that we too, are desiring a better country; that is, the heavenly one."

Hebrews 11:16