Pottsville Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day Service

January 1, A. D. 2017

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert…. for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.
Isaiah 43:19-21 ESV

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prelude & Preparation

God Calls Us To Worship — Isaiah 43:19-21

We Respond to God's Call — **Psalm 138:1-5**

Pastor: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;
People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
Pastor: For you have exalted above all things your name and your word.
People: On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.
Pastor: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
People: For they have heard the words of your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
Pastor: For great is the glory of the LORD.

Prayer of Adoration

◊ Hymn — **"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"** — **Trinity 30**

◊ 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 — 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

◊ Confession of Faith — **Nicene Creed** — **Trinity 846**

◊ "Gloria Patri" — **Trinity 735**

Responsive Reading — **Psalm 90, Trinity 816**

Hymn — **"Be Thou My Vision"** — **Trinity 642**

Scripture — Colossians 2:6-15
Sermon — "Learning to Walk"

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 — **"Now Blessed Be the Living God"** — **Bible Songs 155**

◊ *Those who are able, please stand*
† *Music by Helena Wheeler, Maya Wylie and Emma Wheeler*

THIS WEEK AT POTTSVILLE ARP

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