

POTTSVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE

DECEMBER 18, A. D. 2016

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you; the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will beautify my beautiful house.
Isaiah 60:1-7

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE & PREPARATION

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 60:1-7

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

Revelation 11:15-17, 15:3-4

Pastor: The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever

People: We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.

Pastor: Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

People: Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

Pastor: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

People: For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

◇ HYMN

“What Child is This?”

Trinity 213

◇ CONFESSION OF SIN

Romans 5:12-17

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

Romans 6:1-4

◇ CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Trinity 846

◇ “GLORIA PATRI”

Trinity 735

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 72, Trinity 810

HYMN

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

Trinity 211

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18-2:12

SERMON

“Unwrapping the Gospel”

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

◇ HYMN

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Trinity 216

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Prayer

◇ **Doxology**

Trinity 731

◇ BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-25

◇ RESPONSE

“Joy to the World”

Trinity 195, v4

◇ Those who are able, please stand

† Music by Emma and Helena Wheeler

THIS WEEK AT POTTSVILLE ARP

The Lord's Day	9:45 am	Bible Study
	10:45 am	Lord's Day Worship
	1:00 pm	Meal and Caroling
Wednesday	8:00 pm	Men's Group

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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."