

POTTSVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE

DECEMBER 25, A. D. 2016

CHRISTMAS DAY

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Psalm 24:7-10

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE & PREPARATION

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24:7-1

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

Psalm 8

Pastor: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: You have set your glory above the heavens.

Pastor: Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

People: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Pastor: Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

People: You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

Pastor: You have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

People: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

◇ HYMN

"Thou Who Was Rich"

Trinity 230

◇ CONFESSION OF SIN

1 Timothy 1:13-16

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

Titus 2:11-14

◇ CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Trinity 846

◇ "GLORIA PATRI"

Trinity 735

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 98, Trinity 820

HYMN

"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"

Trinity 200

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 1:3-12, Hebrews 2:1-17

SERMON

"So Great A Salvation"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

◇ HYMN

"On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing"

Trinity 227

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Prayer

◇ *Doxology*

Trinity 731

THE LORD'S SUPPER

◇ PSALM 133

"Christian Unity"

Bible Songs 280

◇ BENEDICTION

Luke 2:29-32

◇ RESPONSE

"Now Blessed Be the Living God"

Bible Songs 155

◇ *Those who are able, please stand*

† *Music by Emma and Helena Wheeler*

