

**Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it... Psalm 127:1a**

**Home Churches:**

**Hanover St. Home Church**

**Monday Evenings**  
256 South Hanover Street  
Pottstown, PA 19465  
7:00 to 8:30

**Consumer Center Church**

**Thursday Evenings**  
249 High Street  
Pottstown, PA 19464  
8:00 to 9:30

**Eden St. Home Church**

**Tuesday Evenings**  
846 High & Eden Sts  
Pottstown, PA 19464  
7:00 to 9:30

**Ministry:**

**The Table**  
**Every Wednesday Evening**  
Washington & Chestnut Sts  
7:00 pm

**Announcements:**

Thank you for your prayers this week while we hosted an exploratory meeting on the growing problem of homelessness here in Pottstown. The problem is worsening, and there is terrible need growing. We hope this is a first step toward helping those who are affected by this, and as we progress into this ministry, we need continual prayer.

You are invited to the next emergency meeting this Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm for planning our Next Steps in meeting this test. Thanks again!

**Your Prayer Reminders:**

*We are always collecting items for the Women's Center, and on Monday (tomorrow) we will be assembling these care bags to give to the women's shelter and Salvation Army. If you can, please bring small soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, washrags, towels, lotions, disposable razors, large plastic zip lock bags, etc.*

*Franny wants to plan another church dinner.* Please see her if you want to help.

*Please continue to remember Melvin in your prayers.*

*We have a new friend named Zenona, who needs our help and prayers to keep from things that harm her.*

*Please continue to pray for Leona Zupko who has returned home from the hospital after colon surgery, but will need additional procedures; for Randy as he begins a new job; and for Lori's two son;*

**Your Prayer Notes:**

**Next week... Isaiah 12:2-6, Zephaniah 3:14-20,  
Luke 3:7-18, & Philippians 4:4-7**

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**"He restores my soul . . .  
surely goodness and mercy will follow me" Psalm 23**



**rulers, governors & straight paths  
confirming the gospel**

**Advent 2**  
Sunday December 10 :: 2006

**Tabernacle Worship**  
75 East Main Street, Pottstown, PA 19465  
Every Sunday Evening at 7:00, St. John's parish House

[Worship]

Today...

Worship Film ::

“ all creatures ”

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

baruch 5.1-9

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy

Advent 2 :: PEACE Candle Lighting

A Latter-Day Psalm ::

~ by John Kearney

Reflection Film ::

“ come Lord Jesus, come ”

The Scripture ~ this week's focus

“ confirming the gospel ”  
rulers, governors & straight paths

“...that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ ” Phil. 1.9b-11a

baruch 5.1-9, luke 1.68-79, malachi 3.1-4,  
luke 3.1-6, & philippians 1.3-11

Reflection Film ::

“ the refiner ~ the way to PEACE ”

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ reflection and open prayer

Benediction ::

1 thessalonians 3.11-13

[Journaling Worship]

your notes for home  
church discussion...

**Meditation:** “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Even as it is written in Isaiah the prophet, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make ye ready the way of the Lord, Make his paths straight; John came, who baptized in the wilderness and preached the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the country of Judaea, and all they of Jerusalem; And they were baptized of him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.” Mk. 1.1-5

**Reflection:** The second Sunday of Advent is about preparing the way for Jesus - with Malachi's strong criticism, Zechariah's promise that God will provide salvation, and John the Baptist's passion for redirection to God's Way.

John's location in the wilderness is a stark contrast to the Jewish ruling elite's (and Malachi's) focus on the temple. Considering parallel passages to Luke 3:4-6 in Mark's gospel, perhaps we can gain a realization that making straight paths, through repentance, is truly the only road that leads to PEACE—that “all flesh shall see the salvation of God”— a Gospel Confirmation.

**Our Mission**

To pursue God's heart and mission of building a worshipful faith community within the Pottstown area, through good works and home churches; recognizing Jesus as King of the universe, and worshiping Him privately and publicly because He is worthy.