

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

Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

Worship:

Tabernacle Worship Service

Every Sunday Evening

St. John's Parish House

75 East Main St. South Pottstown 7:00 pm

Announcements:

New Choices/New Options Free Career Development Program

This is a FREE intensive Career Counseling, Personal Growth, Job Readiness, and Computer Training program for those preparing to return to work due to life circumstances or looking to improve their opportunities in the job market. The program is open to single parents, displaced homemakers, and people in transition. Childcare reimbursement available. Program Services include: Computer Training - Skill and Interest Assessments - Job Placement Assistance - Self-Esteem Development - Peer Support - Career Testing - Job Search Skills - Resume Writing - Interviewing Skills - Career Counseling. If interested please contact Pastor Kork.



We have a new published Author among us. We have just published **John Kearney's** first book, "A Walk In Faith." Please see the church office to order your own copy of this excellent book. And please congratulate John on a job well done—for God's glory!



You are invited to dinner at the "Community Table. Tuesday, February 6 at 6:00 pm at the Birdsboro Community Library. This is in association with Hopewell Love INC. Contact the church office for more info.

Thank you for your prayers while we address the growing problem of homelessness here in Pottstown. We are hosting the shelter in the Parish House this month and **still looking for volunteers** for this ministry. This collaborative is called **The Ministries at MAIN Street.** To volunteer please see Pastor Kork.

Our Mayor has asked us to pray and fast...

In another ministry appeal—who would enter into a fast of corporate agreement for Pottstown from January 1 until February 9. Much victory was commanded by the nation of Israel as they proclaimed corporate fasting. Our fast times will be from noon until 4 pm daily for maximum participation. Consider this in prayer. The lent season will be the next 'corporate opportunity'. This is a Lighthouse of prayer initiative. Sharon Valentine-Thomas

Please continue to remember Melvin in your prayers. He is recovering but has suffered another setback. Please pray that he will be coming home for good, very soon.

Please remember to pray for Mother Edythe who is struggling with pain in her knees.

**Next week... psalm 71 .1-6, jeremiah 1 .4-10,
luke 4 .21-30, & 1 corinthians 13 .1-13**

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



laws that kill... laws that give life

Worship

psalm 19

nehemiah 8

luke 4

1 corinthians 12

Benediction

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.

[Worship]

psalm 19

1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. 2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. 3 There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; 4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, 5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. 6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; 8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; 9 the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. 12 But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. 13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Please also read
nehemiah 8 .1-3, 5-6, 8-10
& 1 corinthians 12 .12-31a

Meditation:

"So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God: do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."
(Neh. 8 .8-10)

[The Scripture]

luke 4 .14-21

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. 16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Your Notes:



[Think & Pray...]

Reflection: Unlike Matthew and Mark, our Lucan reading zeros in on what exactly Jesus taught in his hometown synagogue; by putting Isaiah's text directly into the narrative. Luke equates Jesus' Messiah-work with the liberation of the outcast, the forgotten, the least valuable of the society. Those in Nehemiah's day were longing for a re-understanding of God's law that was lost, which would "save" their society, bringing order and justice.

Luke's telling of Jesus' journey from baptism to public service acts as a primer for anyone who wishes to profess Christianity. It assumes the requirement of confronting our own devils of temptation, and actively cooperating with the Holy Spirit, through a radical embrace of, and public proclamation of God's love for the poor. A faith journey to be sure. Today's disciples, take note.

Do we as a people listen to the lesson of what He has done, and are we moved to journey His narrow path?

Consider: Where are your deserts? You know, the things that hold you back from freely offering yourself to our weaker members. What gifts (or body parts) are you sitting on. Why? Lets pray for wisdom in confronting and embracing our weaknesses in order to call a true Jubilee.