

**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

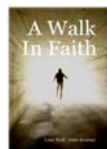
Announcements:

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

Melvin Is Home!

Next week...

psalm 138, isaiah 6:1-13,

luke 5:1-11, & 1 corinthians 15:1-11

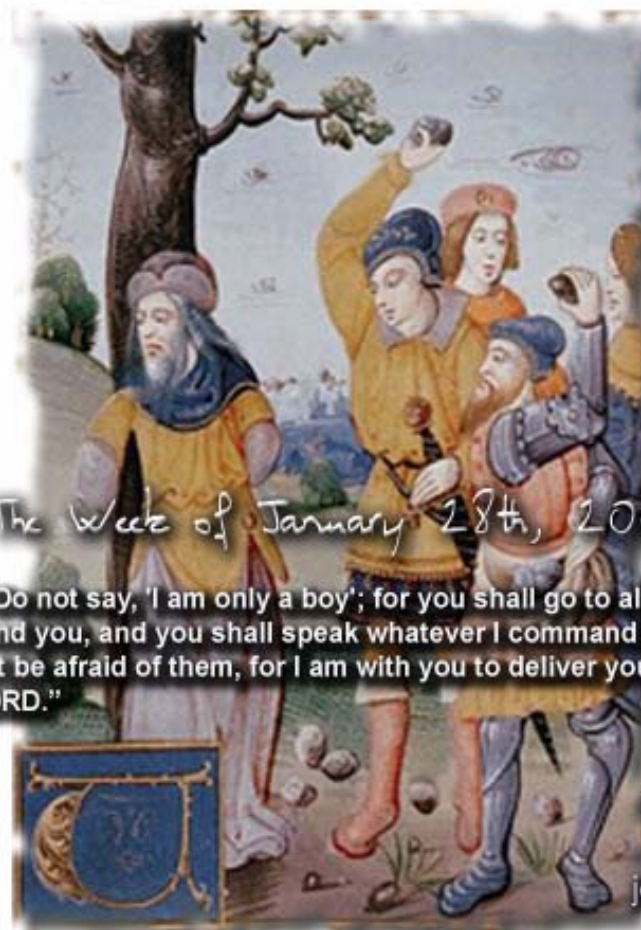
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**"He restores my soul . . .
surely goodness and mercy will follow me"** Psalm 23



**"Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I
send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, & Do
not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the
LORD."** (Jer. 1:7-8)

Worship

psalm 71

jeremiah 1

luke 4

1 corinthians 13

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 71 .1-6

1 In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. 2 In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. 3 Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. 4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. 5 For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. 6 Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

Your Notes:

Meditation:

"But the truth is,... When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way." (Lk 4 .25a, and 28-30)

Please also read
jeremiah 1 .4-10, &
1 corinthians 13 .1-13

[The Scripture]

luke 4 .21-30

21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." 22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" 23 He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" 24 And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. 25 But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; 26 yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. 27 There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." 28 When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. 30 But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

[Think & Pray...]

Reflection: Jeremiah 1 and Luke 4, which both highlight prophetic vocation, remind us that prophets today have the same urgency, and face the same rejection, that Jeremiah and Jesus experienced. "The Earth is gasping for breath; the poor are dying; and the middle class is urged to keep shopping."

Jeremiah is called at a time when his nation has fallen into idolatry and faces the terrible prospect of exile. Jeremiah had the enormously unpopular vocation of warning the Jewish people of impending doom.

Similarly, in Luke's gospel, Jesus heralds the same unpopular prophetic warning to his own people.

Prophets in our society today experience similar rejection. Yet their message rings with the same clarity and urgency as in the days of Jeremiah and Jesus.

Unless the church listens and repents, can we escape the fate of ancient Israel? Are we living our religion in pre-exilic comfort?

* Exerpts from Joe Nangle, OFM

