

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:

THANK YOU!

To everyone who helped out yesterday at our Church Work Day

We were able to put a big dent in our cleaning up after running the winter shelter. We were able to prepare laundry, stocking the pantry, build shelving, and preparing for the work of establishing the permanent shelter to begin in fall. *Thanks so much!!*

Prayer Requests:

Please continue to pray while we address the growing problem of homelessness here in Pottstown. Our collaborative effort with St. John's is called **The Ministries at MAIN Street**. As we move into this new phase of permanency, becoming a resource to the area, we will be involved in a ton of summer work in order to reopen this fall. To volunteer please see Pastor Kork.

Prayers Collections from the Worship Table

- ✓ Lord, help us in our weakness to continue your work in our community. ~SW
- ✓ In the last 6 months our friend Jeff Reifsnnyder has been dealing with more and more complications from ESLD (end-stage liver disease). Recently his doctors have told him that he is "starting on a downward spiral and moving closer to transplant." He has been dealing with bouts and jaundice and other things lately, and his doctors have taken driving privileges from him due to encephalopathy which causes a delayed response. Please keep them in prayer!
- ✓ Frances is having stomach problems that are becoming more serious. Please pray for her health.

Your Prayer Reminders:

Next week... May 13, 2007: Easter 6 (Year C)

psalm 67, acts 16.9-15, john 14.23-29, & revelation 21.10,22-22.5

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

The Week of May 6th, 2007
the gospel?
Who Am I to Hinder God?



Worship

psalm 148

john 13.31-35

acts 11.1-18

revelation 21.1-6

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 worshipping Him privately and publicly because He is worthy.

Benediction

[Worship]

psalm 148

1 Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from
the heavens; praise him
in the heights! 2 Praise
him, all his angels; praise
him, all his host! 3 Praise
him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you
shining stars! 4 Praise
him, you highest
heavens, and you waters
above the heavens! 5
Let them praise the
name of the LORD,
for he commanded and
they were created. 6 He
established them
forever and ever; he
fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. 7 Praise
the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all
deeps, 8 fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind
fulfilling his command! 9 Mountains and all hills, fruit
trees and all cedars! 10 Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds! 11 Kings of the earth
and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! 12
Young men and women alike, old and young together!
13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his
name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and
heaven. 14 He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are
close to him. Praise the LORD!

“Meditation:
*“See, I am making
all things new.” Also
he said, “Write this, for
these words are
trustworthy and true.”
Then he said to me, “It
is done! I am the Alpha
and the Omega, the
beginning and the end.
To the thirsty I will
give water as a gift
from the spring of the
water of life.
(Revelation 20 .5b—6)*

[The Scripture]

john 13 .31-35

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

[Think & Pray...]

Reflection: *"It has been said that what churches need most is the ability to get out of the way and let God be God. This week's readings testify to the difficulty of doing just that. In Acts, we witness the disciples' somewhat shocking discovery that they are not the only ones invited to new life. Indeed, even the Gentiles, the "unclean," are welcomed to the table. As Peter so aptly and humbly observed, "Who was I to be able to hinder God?" (Acts 11 .17).*

Today's readings help prepare us for the gift of Pentecost, so that we can welcome it without imposing human limits on its expression. God alone is the source of the Spirit. When we can welcome and love others as generously as God, surely we will have a glimpse of new Earth, where "there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

Consider: How do we hinder God's Good News of recreated humanity, by our inconsiderate understanding of the churches role and our judgment of what is "clean," and "unclean?" How do we righteously (justly) define the distinctions of the church and those who are presently far off, in light of God's justice; his "glory?" How does this change your life, making it "Gospel?"