

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

Worship:

Tabernacle Worship Service

Every Sunday Evening

St. John's Parish House
75 East Main St. South Pottstown 5:30 pm

Home Churches:

Hanover St. Home Church

Monday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown, PA 19465
7:00 to 9:00

Consumer Center Church

Thursday Evenings

249 High Street Pottstown, PA 19464
7:00 to 8:00

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for Nancy and her family. Since Melvin's passing on Friday, June 1st, Nancy has had a stroke and was rushed to the Pottstown Hospital Thursday morning. Since she was admitted, she took a turn for the worse and is now on a ventilator, doing her breathing for her. We are unsure how all of this will work out, but we do know what God expects from us—to provide His presence and voice as we, her family, help her through all of this.

Our friend Buzz had his exploratory procedure and the cancer appears to be localized. He is scheduled for one more test on Monday, June 11 before starting treatment, which will consist of Chemotherapy and Radiation.

Pray for Kurt Miller who is in Buenos Aires this week with Dave Guiles. Ask our Lord to give him "Jesus' eyes" as he visit our brothers and sisters in Argentina.

Please continue to pray for The Ministries at MAIN Street. We have a youth group coming two days next week (the 19th and 21st) to help prepare for a really big day of work on July 14th when HOME Depot comes to minister to us and our community. This summer work is to position us 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

June 17, 2007: **Proper 6 (Year C)**

psalm 5.1-8, 1 kings 21.1-21a, luke 7.36-8:3 & galatians 2.15-21

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

prophesy & purpose
The Voice and Character of God

June 10 :: 2007

Worship
psalm 146
1 kings 17:8-24
luke 7:11-17
galatians 1:11-24

Benediction

proper 6 (Year C)

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[Journaling Worship]
your discussion notes...



Meditation:

The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.
(Luke 7.15–17)

Reflection:

"God's mercy and justice for the oppressed, as described in Psalm 146, are not typical of the "lords" of this world, but they are characteristic of the God who spontaneously reaches out to bereft widows in 1 Kings 17 and Luke 7. "

– Jim Rice

[Service]

Today...

Worship Film ::

“one disaster away”

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

psalm 146

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

A Latter-Day Psalm ::

~ by John Kearney

Scripture Reading ::

galatians 1.11-24

Focus Films ::

“why are we here?”

The Scripture

prophesy & purpose

The Voice and Character of God Among Us

psalm 146, 1 kings 17.8-24,
luke 7.11-17, & galatians 1.11-24

Reflection Film ::

“The Gospel
according to Luke”

Benediction ::

revelation 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-21

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home church studies

psalm 146

[Worship]

1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! 2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. 3 Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. 4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. 5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, 6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; 7 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; 8 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. 9 The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. 10 The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

[Think & Pray...]

Consider:

Often, we believe that God is bound in duty to perform for us. We silently think that when all goes wrong in our lives, that he is less than God if his deliverance is not here when we order it-like at the drive-thru window.

Our Lectionary readings for this week focus on widows, worship and the change of heart that moves us from being religiously right, to religiously sacrificial for others. The readings from St. Paul's story is that of his change of heart when God changes his perspective. Prior to this "revealing," he was comfortable in his piety, and in his striving within religious circles—excelling and having it all, working hard and enjoying the lavishness of his rewards. I imagine he felt justified and sinless to a degree because of his ability to strive and attain a particular religious stature.

Serious consideration and walking with Jesus will change that...

In our Lectionary story of Paul, we can view his words to mean that his "conversion" came from God, and so he needn't submit to anyone else—he is independent in his "personal relationship with Christ." Truth be told, as we examine Paul's life, reconsider these words to be filled with exactly the opposite—a man not presuming to charge into the position of authority—a man who was learning slowly, to honor those around him, and above him—a man who was learning respect through an un-doing of his religiosity—a man finding humility, and a man finding himself in Christ.



Is today's Christianity a matter of good business, the latest Christian fads, like the latest books, self-help, methods, and movements; sophisticated Christian consumerism and entertainment; private groups, clicks, and affinity groups; filling our heads with information and theory? Is this where we find God? Is this where we walk with Jesus? Is this our prophetic voice?

luke 7.11-17

[The Scripture]

11 Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. 12 As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. 13 When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." 14 Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" 15 The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. 16 Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" 17 This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.