

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

Tuesday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown, PA 19465

7:00 to 9:00

King St Commons Home Church

Thursday Afternoons

King St. Pottstown, PA 19464

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

Consumer Center Church

Thursday Evenings on hold for the summer

249 High Street Pottstown, PA 19464

7:00 to 8:00

Announcements:

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

Thank you to all who came out in support of the shelter this past Thursday, when we met with our neighbors to discuss shelter plans. There were those who, we feel, have a better understanding of what we are doing, and, of course, those who do not want reconciliation. We are now at a place where we can reach out to our neighbors and try to bless them. Please pray about how we might include them in our community.

Prayer Requests:

Buzz has begun his radiation and chemotherapy, looking toward another 7 weeks of treatment. The doctors feel 90 percent sure that afterward, he will be cancer free. Continue to pray for him, and that he finds his way toward Christ's community and worship.

Please pray for Melody Garges, who is also struggling with cancer. Her husband, Wayne, is a dear brother whom we are just recently back in contact with after very many years. Mel has beaten all the odds up to this point, and we are hopeful that she can beat all of them.

Please pray for Robert's sisters, Beth and Amy who are struggling with addictions. Robert ran into Beth a short time ago, and was shocked at her appearance. Her lifestyle has really begun to take a toll on her physically. Please remember them both, and prepare your heart for how you might be used as a light in their lives.

Your Prayer Notes:

September 9, 2007: **Proper 18 (Year C)**

**psalm 139.1-6, 13-18, jeremiah 18.1-11,
luke 14.25-33, & philemon 1.1-21**

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

September 2 :: 2007

Messengers of God

How to party with Jesus



Worship

psalm 81.1, 10-16

jeremiah 2.4-13

luke 14.1, 7-14

nebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Benediction

proper 17 (Year C)

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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

Psalm 81 .1, 10-16

Worship Film ::

“ More to Life? ”

Scripture Reading ::

Hebrews 13 .1-8, 15-16

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Focus Films ::

“ Beauty? ”

The Scripture

Messengers of God
How to party with Jesus

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13 .1-2

This week's Lectionary:

psalm 81.1, 10-16, jeremiah 2.4-13,
luke 14.1, 7-14 & hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Reflection Film ::

“ a Beautiful Party ”

Benediction ::

revelation 22 .12-14, 16-17, 20-21

[Journaling Worship]

your discussion notes...



Meditation:

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves."
(Jeremiah 2 .4-5)

Reflection:

"The people of God have a tendency to forget, to run off in other directions. As the prophet Jeremiah recounts it, they "went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves" (Jeremiah 2:4). We become what we follow; we turn into what we love." *Joyce Hollyday*

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home church studies

psalm 81 .1, 10-16

[Worship]

1 Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide and I will fill it. 11 "But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. 12 So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels. 13 O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways! 14 Then I would quickly subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their foes. 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, and their doom would last forever. 16 I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

Consider:

[Think & Pray...]

"You are what you worship," Jeremiah tells us. While we may confess one faith, the object of our true devotion reveals itself in our everyday actions and in the things that we devote most of our time and energy to. And when our hearts are devoted to anything but God, we betray not only God but expose our true selves: "Your fathers went after idols, and became empty themselves... My people have changed their glory, for useless things" (Jer. 2.5). Though more than 2,000 years have passed, little has changed. If anything, we now have more access to a greater variety of useless things than ever. The idols are different in name and shape, but their effect is the same: Lifeless objects bring death, not life. In the end, however, we are always freely allowed to make the choice between

God and idols: "My people heard me not, so I gave them up to the hardness of their hearts" (Psm 81.12-13).

The choice to "fear" (also translated as "revere") the Lord has never been easy to make or to maintain. But God promises the only true and lasting fortune, for "I will never forsake you or abandon you" (Heb 13.5).

Jesus reaffirms the rewards of choosing the goodness that God asks of us. When our generosity and mercy have no bounds toward "the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind... blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you" (Lk 14.13-14). We are most blessed when our generosity (like God's) is not repayable.

[The Scripture]

hebrews 13 .1-8, 15-16



1 Let mutual love continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. 3 Remember those who are in prison, as

though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. 4 Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." 6 So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" 7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. 15 Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God