

**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

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

### Prayer Requests:

**Pray for Zenona's health.** She needs additional surgery, but the prognosis is very good for a full recovery. Also pray that she knows that she is loved by God, and his children.

**Pray for Mary Toney's health,** as she is being tested for breast cancer.

#### The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

The Code Enforcement Officer is trying to make the road to opening difficult. Please pray that God would bless her, or remove her from offending the poor.

**The Moyer Home** is still under construction. Please pray that the construction completes quickly.

### Thanksgiving to God:

**Shenkel UCC has Approved their building for use in rotation as the MAIN Street Shelter.** Their board has agreed unanimously to host the shelter. We are currently looking for drivers and overnight staff to begin.

**Buzz** has finished chemotherapy. Should you wish to send him a card or write him, his address is; **Buzz Saylor, 811 Highland Ave, Boyertown, PA 19512.**

**Kork will be speaking this Friday at the Pottstown Hospital.** This is a great opportunity to elevate the plight of the poor and homeless in our area to our community, and to communicate God's love for them, imparting His desire to heal them through his Body—the Church.

### Next Week's Scriptures:

November 18, 2007 Proper 28 (Year C)

**psalm 118, isaiah 65.17-25,**

**luke 21.5-19, & 2 thessalonians 3.6-13**

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### Ministry:

#### The Table

**Every Wednesday Evening**

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm



6:00 to 8:00

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Evening**

Each Month – Check with Church  
for Transportation Arrangements

#### Consumer Center Church

**Thursday Evenings on hold**

249 High Street Pottstown, PA 19464

7:00 to 8:00

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

November 11 :: 2007

## Children of God

revealing rebellion,  
lawlessness & destruction



### Worship

psalm 145.1-5, 17-21

naggai 1.15b – 2.9

luke 20.27-38

2 thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17

### Benediction

proper 27 (Year C)

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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

Psalm 145.1-5, 17-21

Worship Film ::

“We’re Alright Down Here”

Scripture Reading ::

Haggai 1.15b – 2.9

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds

Focus Films ::

with songs of joy

“Psalm 17”

The Scripture ~

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For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. 2 thessalonians 2. 14-15

This week’s Lectionary:

psalm 145.1-5, 17-21, haggai 1.15b – 2.9

luke 20.27-38, & 2 thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17

Reflection Film ::

“Gospel According to Luke”

Benediction ::

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

[Journaling Worship] your discussion notes...

✧ the day of the LORD?

✧ stand firm

✧ hope & resurrection

**Meditation:**

*Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. 37 And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. 38 Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."*

*(Like 20.36—38)*

**Reflection:**

In response to a wildly speculative question, Jesus offers the Sadducees a vision of a transcendent human condition that could not have been imagined before. It's also the vision that inspires Paul's admonition to remain faithful.



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home church studies

## psalm 145.1-5, 17-21

[Worship]

1 I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. 2 Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever. 3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. 4 One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. 5 On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

17 The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. 18 The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. 19 He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them. 20 The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. 21 My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

### Consider:

[Think & Pray...]

Our holy scriptures abound in arguments concerning God's nature and purpose, arguments among themselves and over against us, their readers.

Today's psalm says, "The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy" (Psalm 145:20). Jesus, however, speaks of a less discriminating God who "makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust" (Matthew 5:45).

Calling on his Judean community in 520 B.C. to rebuild the temple, the prophet Haggai says on God's behalf, "I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts ['armies']" (Haggai 2:7). But the Jesus of next Sunday's gospel warns those awestruck by just such a rebuilt temple that "the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down" (Luke 21:6).

In our gospel from Luke, Jesus deals with the Sadducees' challenge concerning the resurrection. Or is that the only question?

The basis of the Sadducees' argument about the widow with seven husbands is Moses' commandment of "levirate marriage" (Deuteronomy 25:5-10), which in fact sustained the wealth and inheritance of the Sadducees' own patriarchal families.

In response to the question of which man the woman "belongs to," Jesus says that the patriarchal system of "this age" has no place whatever "in that age and in the resurrection from the dead." "That age" is a time when humanity will be transformed not by everyone's becoming asexual but by a realization of God's family—a family in which no one "belongs to" another.

Jesus invites the Sadducees and every one of us to believe not in a God of the dead—that dead God of destruction, grandeur, and power which has its own scriptural sources—but in the God of the living.

[The Scripture]

Luke 20 .27-38

27 Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him 28 and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. 29 Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; 30 then the second 31 and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. 32 Finally the woman also died. 33 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." 34 Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; 35 but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. 20:36 Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. 37 And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. 38 Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."