

**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

**Ministry:**

**The Table**

*Every Wednesday Evening*

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

**Home Churches:**

**Hanover St. Home Church**

*Tuesday Evenings*

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown

7:00 to 9:00

**Bright Hope Community Home Church**

*Thursday Afternoons*

Myrtle Street, Pottstown

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

**MAIN Street Shelter**

**On Summer Hiatus Until December**

**Fund raising and shelter cleanup**

**efforts are underway.**

**Norman's Game Night**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Evening Each Month**

King St Commons, 7:00 pm

**Announcements:**

**The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.**

2009/2010 Season is beginning to ramp up and we are still working at fund raising, laundry, and storage, in order to begin. We are dangerously low on overnight staff. We are scheduled to open December 1st.

Please pray to see where God would have you to help!! See Pastor Kork for details, and remember to thank God for the host churches!!

**Your Prayer Notes:**

**Remember in prayer, those requests from last week:**

Pray for our friends in Lower-Bucks County, who are beginning to shelter their suburban homeless friends this winter.

Remember Francis for health concerns; congestive heart failure, and the ability to quit smoking; Helen's knees and her ability to continue to come to Tabernacle; John's chest pain; and Norman's understanding of his health problems.

Also, pray for our shelter friends, for fulltime employment, apartments, and strength during temptation; remember.

Please, also keep all of us in prayer; as we seek rest, and to be graceful to those who misunderstand us, our mission, and judge us out of ignorance.

**Next Week's Scriptures:**

November 22, 2009: Proper 29 (Year B)

psalm 132.1-12, 2 samuel 23.1-7,

john 18.33-37, & revelation 1.4b-8

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November 15 : 2009

# Toppling Temples

Or, protection from  
False Understanding

**Worship**  
1 samuel 1.4-20  
1 samuel 2.1-10  
mark 13.1-8  
hebrews 10.11-25

**Benediction**

Tabernacle Worship  
75 East Main Street, Pottstown, PA 19465  
Every Sunday Evening at 5:30, St. John's Parish House

[Service]

# Tonight...

Focus Film ::

“Rumors of War”

Scripture Reading ::

1 Samuel 2.1-10

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

1 Samuel 1.4-20

Focus Film ::

“A Mannerly Thanksgiving”

The Scripture ~

## Toppling Temples Or, protection from False Understanding

For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin." Hebrews 10. 14—18

This week's Lectionary:  
1 samuel 1.4-20, 1 samuel 2.1-10,  
mark 13.1-8, & hebrews 10.11-25

Focus Film ::

“Cooperative Economics”

Benediction ::

Romans 16.25-27

[Journaling Worship  
your talking points notes...  
for this Week's Church Discussion]  
¥ too BIG to fail?

¥ I, and the culture are One

¥ correcting the narrative

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Meditation:  
When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray." Mark 13.3—5

Reflection:

"Barrenness is the way of human history without God. It is hopelessness, powerlessness, joylessness. It is to be without a future and without human power to invent a future. Wherever this theme appears, it is laden with depth and meaning far beyond the circumstances of the story, as with Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Hannah. And always the future of God's people - nay, more, the truthfulness of God's promises - is at stake.

"...And as Yahweh steps into this hopeless, barren void and speaks a word of life which gives life to God's promises and creates a future for God's people, a major victory is won over the forces of death and despair." — Allan A. Boesak

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## 1 Samuel 2.1-10

[Worship]

1 Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. 2 "There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. 3 Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by his actions are weighed. 4 The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. 5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. 6 The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. 7 The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. 8 He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. 9 "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. 10 The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed."

### Consider:

[Words]

The end-of-year readings for the gospel of Mark rely heavily on eschatological themes. Eschatological, or "final judgment," texts were always popular during times of severe persecution and oppression, in both Jewish and Christian circles. They provided hope for those experiencing persecution and reminded believers that suffering and evil, while mysteries, were not meaningless. Rather, the community was encouraged to remain faithful despite adversity, for God too shall remain faithful.... It is likely that at the time of the writing of Hebrews, the Christian community was truly expecting

Jesus' second coming, and thus the end of the world. Paul reminds them to observe the laws of God as revealed in Christ, now and "all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25).



Though these expectations have changed, the texts still serve a valuable purpose. With the close of the liturgical year, next week the church prepares to celebrate Christ as king. Christ's kingdom is the beatitude kingdom, the upside-down kingdom where the last are first, where those who suffer for justice and righteousness will be comforted. It is a place where the community considers "how to provoke one another to love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24); where we can "**all** enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus" (Hebrews 10:19). No longer are women or other "impure" persons excluded from God's presence: In Jesus we are made one and we are all worthy. And Jesus himself emphasizes that it is not just our oppressive social structures that must be destroyed and rebuilt, but any religious ones too. No matter how glorious our church buildings, structures that exclude others "will all be thrown down" (Mark 13:2). Jesus assures us that the coming of the kingdom will truly bring cataclysmic changes, especially to structures of death that oppress and exclude those who seek justice, mercy, and love.

[Scripture]

## Mark 13.1-8

1 As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" 2 Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." 3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4 "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" 5 Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. 6 Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. 7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.



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**Daily Lectionary Readings**  
 for Ordinary Calendar Year B [Worship]

These readings are adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*, Daily Readings for Year One.

<b>All Saints Nov 1</b>	am: 111, 112 pm: 148, 150	Neh 4:1-23	am: Heb 11:32-12:2 pm: Rev 21:1-4, 22-22:5	
<b>Sun Nov 1</b>	am: 24, 29 pm: 8, 84	Neh 5:1-19	Acts 20:7-12	Luke 12:22-31
<b>Mon P26 Nov 2</b>	am: 56, 57, 58 pm: 64, 65	Neh 6:1-19	Rev 10:1-11 pm: Rev 19:1-10	Matt 13:36-43
<b>Tue Nov 3</b>	am: 61, 62 pm: 68	Neh 12:27-31a, 42b-47	Rev 11:1-19	Matt 13:44-52
<b>Wed Nov 4</b>	am: 72 pm: 119:73-96	Neh 13:4-22	Rev 12:1-12	Matt 13:53-58
<b>Thur Nov 5</b>	am: 70, 71 pm: 74	Ezra 7:1-16	Rev 14:1-13	Matt 14:1-12
<b>Fri Nov 6</b>	am: 69 pm: 73	Ezra 7:27-28, 8:21-36	Rev 15:1-18	Matt 14:13-21
<b>Sat Nov 7</b>	am: 75, 76 pm: 23, 27	Ezra 9:1-15	Rev 17:1-14	Matt 14:22-36
<b>Sun Nov 8</b>	am: 93, 96 pm: 34	Ezra 10:1-17	Acts 24:10-21	Luke 14:12-24
<b>Mon P27 Nov 9</b>	am: 80 pm: 77, 19	Neh 9:1-15	Rev 18:1-8	Matt 15:1-20
<b>Tue Nov 10</b>	am: 78:1-39 pm: 78:40-72	Neh 9:26-38	Rev 18:9-20	Matt 15:21-28
<b>Wed Nov 11</b>	am: 119:97-120 pm: 81, 82	Neh 7:73b-8:3, 5-18	Rev 18:21-24	Matt 15:29-39
<b>Thur Nov 12</b>	am: 83 pm: 85, 86	1 Chron 10:1-14	Rev 19:1-10	Matt 16:1-12
<b>Fri Nov 13</b>	am: 88 pm: 91, 92	1 Chron 11:1-25	Rev 19:11-16	Matt 16:13-20
<b>Sat Nov 14</b>	am: 87, 90 pm: 136	1 Chron 13:1-14	Rev 20:1-6	Matt 16:21-28

<b>Sun Nov 15</b>	am: 66, 67 pm: 19, 46	1 Chron 14:1-17	Acts 28:14b-23	Luke 16:1-13
<b>Mon P28 Nov 16</b>	am: 89:1-18 pm: 89:19-52	1 Chron 15:1-29	Rev 20:7-15	Matt 17:1-13
<b>Tue Nov 17</b>	am: 97, 99, 100 pm: 94, 95	1 Chron 16:7-36	Rev 21:1-8	Matt 17:14-21
<b>Wed Nov 18</b>	am: 101, 109 pm: 119:121-144	1 Chron 20:1-8	Rev 21:9-21	Matt 17:22-27
<b>Thur Nov 19</b>	am: 105:1-22 pm: 105:23-45	1 Chron 21:1-27	Rev 21:22-22:5	Matt 18:1-9
<b>Fri Nov 20</b>	am: 102 pm: 107:1-32	1 Chron 22:1-19	Rev 22:6-13	Matt 18:10-20
<b>Sat Nov 21</b>	am: 107:33-43, 108 pm: 33	Isa 65:17-25	Rev 22:14-21	Matt 18:21-35
<b>Sun Nov 22</b>	am: 118 pm: 145	Isa 19:19-25	Rom 15:5-13	Luke 19:11-27
<b>Mon P29 Nov 23</b>	am: 106:1-18 pm: 106:19-48	Joel 3:1-2, 9-17	1 Pet 1:1-12	Matt 19:1-12
<b>Tue Nov 24</b>	am: 121, 122, 123 pm: 124, 125, 126	Nahum 1:1-13	1 Pet 1:13-25	Matt 19:13-22
<b>Wed Nov 25</b>	am: 119:145-176 pm: 128, 129, 130	Obad 15-21	1 Pet 2:1-10	Matt 19:23-30
<b>Thur Nov 26</b>	am: 131, 132, 133 pm: 134, 135	Zeph 3:1-13	1 Pet 2:11-25	Matt 20:1-16
<b>Fri Nov 27</b>	am: 140, 142 pm: 141, 143	Isa 24:14-23	1 Pet 3:13-4:6	Matt 20:17-28
<b>Sat Nov 28</b>	am: 137, 144 pm: 104	Mic 7:11-20	1 Pet 4:7-19	Matt 20:29-34

**your talking points notes...**