

**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**

**Is discontinued until Spring 2010**

Washington & Chestnut Sts.

**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**

**Begins January 4th**

**Fund raising and shelter cleanup efforts are still needed, along with many volunteering opportunities.**

**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.**

2010 Season will not be beginning this week, but will be delayed until January 4<sup>th</sup>. We are still working at fund raising, laundry, and storage, in order to begin, and we are still dangerously low on overnight staff.

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 beginning December 15<sup>th</sup>.

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; unemployment of many of us; Ron's daughter during a difficult pregnancy; Norman's understanding of his health problems, the Moyer family during hard times, for those who have fallen away, due to addictions and cultural narcissism, and the future of Still Waters.

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

Please, also keep all of us in prayers; 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:**

**December 6, 2009: Advent 2 (Year C)**

**malachi 3.1-4, luke 1.68-79,**

**luke 3.1-6, & philippians 1.3-11**

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**Signs of Hope**

Or, a righteous branch  
Springs Up

Advent

**Worship**

psalm 25.1-10

jeremiah 33.14-16

luke 21.25-36

1 thessalonians 3.9-13

**Benediction**

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[Service]

## Tonight...

Advent 1 ::

### HOPE Candle Lighting

Focus Film ::

“All This For Our King”

Scripture Reading ::

Psalms 25.1-10

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his

Scripture Reading ::

deeds with songs of joy

Jeremiah 33.14-16

Focus Film ::

“Prophesy ~ Signs of HOPE”

The Scripture ~

## Signs of Hope Or, a righteous branch Springs Up

Then they will see  
'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and  
great glory. Now when these things begin to take  
place, stand up and raise your head”

Luke 21.27-28a

This week's Lectionary:

psalm 25.1-10, jeremiah 33.14-16,  
luke 21.25-36, & 1 thessalonians 3.9-13

Focus Film ::

“Recapturing Advent”

Benediction ::

1 Thessalonians 3.11-13

[Journaling Worship  
your talking points notes...  
for this Week's Church Discussion]  
✚ grief & anticipation

✚ waiting & longing

✚ HOPE from hopelessness

### Meditation:

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken." Luke 21.25-26

### Reflection:

In Luke 21 we are given the opportunity to see Jesus not as the newborn babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, but on a cloud, full of power and glory - the Second Coming, not the first. This is a radical invitation to reorient our thinking, our worship, our buying, and our preparing. Instead of pleasing others, how can we please God?



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home church studies

## Psalm 25.1-10

[Worship]

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. 2 O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. 3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. 4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. 5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. 6 Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! 8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. 9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. 10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 34 “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.”  
luke 21.33-35

[Words]

Consider:

A Righteous Hope —

By the time Luke 21 was written, the promise of the savior's return had shaped the expectations of God's people and they were peering intently into the signs of the times - just as we can see today, “signs” of a world “in exile,” yet yearning for resistance to evil.

Advent is such a significant season, that everything resounds with “signs.” It is a time that we remember Jesus' first coming, and do anticipate his second. Since we look to His coming, we prepare with HOPE and preoccupation towards righteousness here and now, instead of superstitiously concentrating on signs and wonders which are merely “signs,” not a connection to God.

We live today. We love Him today... We do look forward, struggling with time's constraints and possibilities. But what really matters is not knowing the future, or getting everything our selfishness demands, or living life free of trouble, or even for the way Advent and Christmas makes us feel - but the way we bear ourselves over the long haul of things—Thankful to God for giving us a living HOPE.

Are you content to be personally safe in Christ with God to the exclusion of finding Jesus' character, and walking like Him in His “Way?” Are there “Signs” of personal apocalypse around you—either your own, or other's around you? Can you honestly offer “Hope?” Are you able to honestly receive Hope? Imagine, what are roadblocks to Hope?

[Scripture]

## 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? 10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. 11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. 12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. 13 And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.



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Daily Lectionary Readings  
for Advent Year C [Worship]

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

Sun Nov 29	am: 146, 147 pm: 111, 112, 113	Amos 1:1-5, 13- 2:8	1 Thess 5:1-11	Luke 21:5-19
Mon Nov 30	am: 1, 2, 3 pm: 4, 7	Amos 2:6-16	2 Peter 1:1-11	Matt 21:1-11
Tues Dec 1	am: 5, 6 pm: 10, 11	Amos 3:1-11	2 Peter 1:12-21	Matt 21:12-22
Wed Dec 2	am: 119:1-24 pm: 12, 13, 14	Amos 3:12-4:5	2 Peter 3:1-10	Matt 21:23-32
Thur Dec 3	am: 18:1-20 pm: 18:21-50	Amos 4:6-13	2 Peter 3:11-18	Matt 21:33-46
Fri Dec 4	am: 16, 17 pm: 22	Amos 5:1-17	Jude 1-16	Matt 22:1-14
Sat Dec 5	am: 20, 21 pm: 110, 116, 117	Amos 5:18-27	Jude 17-25	Matt 22:15-22
Sun Dec 6	am: 148-150 pm: 114, 115	Amos 6:1-14	2 Thess 1:5-12	Luke 1:57-68
Mon Dec 7	am: 25 pm: 9, 15	Amos 7:1-9	Rev 1:1-8	Matt 22:23-33
Tues Dec 8	am: 26, 28 pm: 36, 39	Amos 7:10-17	Rev 1:9-16	Matt 22:34-46
Wed Dec 9	am: 38 pm: 119:25-48	Amos 8:1-14	Rev 1:17-2:7	Matt 23:1-12
Thur Dec 10	am: 37:1-18 pm: 37:19-42	Amos 9:1-10	Rev 2:8-17	Matt 23:13-26
Fri Dec 11	am: 31 pm: 35	Haggai 1:1-15	Rev 2:18-29	Matt 23:27-39
Sat Dec 12	am: 30, 32 pm: 42, 43	Haggai 2:1-19	Rev 3:1-6	Matt 24:1-14
Sun Dec 13	am: 63, 98 pm: 103	Amos 9:11-15	2 Thess 2:1-3, 13-17	John 5:30-47
Mon Dec 14	am: 41, 52 pm: 44	Zech 1:7-17	Rev 3:7-13	Matt 24:15-31
Tue Dec 15	am: 45 pm: 47, 48	Zech 2:1-13	Rev 3:14-22	Matt 24:32-44
Wed Dec 16	am: 119:49-72 pm: 49, 53	Zech 3:1-10	Rev 4:1-8	Matt 24:45-51

Thur Dec 17	am: 50, 59 pm: 60, 33	Zech 4:1-14	Rev 4:9-5:5	Matt 25:1-13
Fri Dec 18	am: 40, 54 pm: 51	Zech 7:8-8:8	Rev 5:6-14	Matt 25:14-30
Sat Dec 19	am: 55 pm: 138, 139	Zech 8:9-17	Rev 6:1-17	Matt 25:31-46
Sun Dec 20	am: 24, 29 pm: 8, 84	Gen 3:8-15	Rev 12:1-10	John 3:16-21
Mon Dec 21	am: 61, 62 pm: 112, 115	Zeph 3:14-20	Titus 1:1-16	Luke 1:1-25
Tue Dec 22	am: 66, 67 pm: 116, 117	1 Sam 2:1b-10	Titus 2:1-10	Luke 1:26-38
Wed Dec 23	am: 72 pm: 111, 113	2 Sam 7:1-17	Titus 2:11-3:8a	Luke 1:39-56
Thur Dec 24	am: 45, 46 pm: 89:1-29	Isa 59:15b-21	am: Gal 3:23-4:7 pm: Phil 2:5-11	Matt 1:18-25
Fri Dec 25	am: 2, 85 pm: 132, 110	Micah 4:1-5, 5:2-4	1 John 4:7-16	John 3:26-31
Sat Dec 26	<sup>1</sup> am: 93, 96 pm: 34	Isa 62:1-5	Heb 2:10-18	Matt 2:1-12
Sun Dec 27	am: 96 pm: 34	1 Samuel 1:1-2, 7b-28	Col. 1:9-20	Luke 2:22-40
Mon Dec 28	<sup>2</sup> am: 18:1-20 pm: 18:21-50	Isa 12:1-6	Rev 1:1-8	John 7:37-52
Tue Dec 29	am: 18:1-20 pm: 18:21-50	2 Sam 23:13-17b	2 John 1-13	Luke 1:57-66
Wed Dec 30	am: 20, 21 pm: 23, 27	1 Kg 17:17-24	3 John 1-15	John 5:1-15
Thurs Dec 31	am: 46, 48 pm: 90	am: 1 Kg 3:5-14 pm: Isa 65:15b- 25	am: Jam 4:13- 17; 5:7-11 pm: Rev 21:1-6	John 4:46-54

**your talking points notes...**