

**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, 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

**Consumer Center Church**

**Thursday Evenings on hold for the summer**

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

**Prayer Requests:**

**Keep Nancy and her family in your prayers.** Nancy is now at her son, Henry's new home in King Street Commons (he has moved from Walnut Street) in Pottstown. This is probably not the best situation for her, but it is what she wants. Please keep her and the rest of the family in your prayers!

**New Problems for The Ministries at MAIN Street.** A week ago we received bad news from the Township Supervisors. They wanted us to cease all work on the building to evaluate our zoning and what code standards we need to meet. After the public meeting with the Township Supervisors last Monday, we agreed to submit our intent to them this week for that purpose and to address questions from the community, including those people who have circulated the petition to stop the shelter.

Please pray as we move forward into what God is doing on behalf of the most vulnerable in our community.

Thanks to ALL who think this is what it means to worship Christ!! And please remember that we still have a few more projects scheduled this summer to make the Parish House ready to receive guests. This work is to position us to reopen this fall. For more info., please see Pastor Kork.

**Please note that the Moyers will be on vacation this week.**

**Your Prayer Notes:**

August 5, 2007: **Proper 13 (Year C)**

psalm 107.1-9, 43, hosea 11.1-11, luke 12.13-21, & colossians 3.1-11

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

July 29 :: 2007

Evening  
*Visitors*

*The arrival of the Kingdom*

**Worship**

psalm 85

hosea 1.2-10

luke 11.1-13

colossians 2.6-19

**Benediction**

proper 12 (Year C)

**Tabernacle Worship**

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

[Service]

Tonight...

Worship Film ::

“ Shine Your Light ”

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

psalm 85

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds

Scripture Reading ::

colossians 2.6-19

with songs of joy

Focus Films ::

“ Your Neighbor ”

The Scripture ~

Evening Visitors  
The arrival of the Kingdom

Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ... even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

Luke 11.5-8

This week's Lectionary:

psalm 85, hosea 1.2-10,  
luke 11.1-13, & colossians 2.6-19

Reflection Film ::

“ The Kingdom ”

Benediction ::

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

[Journaling Worship]

your discussion notes...

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**Meditation:**

*Then the LORD said to him, "Name her Loruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. 7 But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."*

(Hosea 1 .6-7)

**Reflection:**

Someone once described Hosea's resistance to a world in which the temple had gone political and prioritized the king over God. This puts Hosea's message in the larger context of other Hebrew prophets - and the reaction they would have to today's world. Think about that...

**Have We Heard the Message?**

W. H. Auden wrote once, "To choose what is difficult all one's days as if it were easy: That is faith." And Nazim Hikmet, in the environment spawned by World War II, wrote, "This life is not a joke; you must take it seriously. Seriously enough to find yourself up against a wall perhaps with your hands bound."

# still waters

home church studies

## psalm 85

[Worship]

1 LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. 2 You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. Selah 3 You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. 4 Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us. 5 Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? 6 Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you? 7 Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. 8 Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. 9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. 10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. 11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. 12 The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. 13 Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

### Consider:

[Think & Pray...]

The life of the prophet Hosea is a parable of the life of the people of Israel: God commands Hosea to marry Gomer, a prostitute, as a sign of Israel's unfaithfulness to God. The children of this marriage are named "God sows," "Not pitied," and "Not my people."

But gratefully, God's wrath does not last forever. God is forgiving. After the judgment comes mercy—and a beautiful vision of what life can be: "Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky" (Psalm 85: 10-11).

All is restored; and all shall be well. We need only ask, seek, knock. The rampaging God of the whirlwind is also a God who welcomes and feeds and restores—the calm after the storm, who gently invites us back to faith and wholeness.

[The Scripture]

## luke 11.1-13



1 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." 2 He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." 5 And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' 7 And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 9 "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? 12 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"