

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

Prayer Requests:

Nancy has gone home. Thanks to everyone for praying and remembering the family. There will be a memorial service on Saturday, August 25th at 2:00, here at the church. Please feel free to invite anyone who would like to remember Melvin and Nancy with us, and to get together after for a meal together. They both know now, what we only dream of...

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter. Please continue to 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.

Your Prayer Notes:

August 26, 2007: **Proper 16** (Year C)

psalm 71.1-6, jeremiah 1.4-10, luke 13.10-17, & hebrews 12.18-29

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

August 19 :: 2007

Faith & Fire
expecting justice, but seeing
Bloodshed



Worship

psalm 80.1-2, 8-19

isaiah 5.1-7

luke 12.49-56

hebrews 11.29-12.2

Benediction

proper 16 (Year C)

Tabernacle Worship

75 East Main Street, Pottstown, PA 19465

Every Sunday Evening at 5:30, St. John's parish

[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

Psalm 80.1-2, 8-19

Worship Film ::

“all things new”

Focus Films ::

Isaiah 1.1, 10-20

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

“Luke 12.49-56”

The Scripture ~

Faith & Fire

expecting justice, but seeing bloodshed

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, . . . Hebrews 12.1-2a

This week's Lectionary:

psalm 80.1-2, 8-19, isaiah 5.1-7,
luke 12.49-56, & hebrews 11.29 ~ 12.2

Reflection Film ::

“ignoring our calling?”

Benediction ::

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

[Journaling Worship]

your discussion notes...

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Meditation:
Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect..” (Hebrews 11.39, & 40)

Reflection: Cloud of Witnesses

" The vision only keeps moving forward as long as we pick up the ball and run. The efforts of all those who went before us end in failure if we don't do our part." *Joyce Hollyday*

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home church studies

psalm 80 .1-2, 8-19

[Worship]

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth 2 before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us! 8 You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. 9 You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. 10 The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; 11 it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River. 12 Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? 13 The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it. 14 Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, 80:15 the stock that your right hand planted. 16 They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance. 17 But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. 18 Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. 19 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Consider:

In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as children? "My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by God. For the Lord disciplines those whom God loves and chastens every child whom God receives."



It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whose father or mother does not discipline them? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not true children. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers and mothers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time at their pleasure, but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share God's holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant; later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with all, for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fail to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" spring up and cause trouble, and by it the many become defiled; that no one be immoral or irreligious like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.—Hebrews 12:4-17

[The Scripture]

luke 12 .49-56

49 "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52 From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53 they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." 54 He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"