

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

William's Home Church

Friday Afternoons Beginning Jan. 11th

61 N. Evans St. Pottstown, PA 19464

11:00 pm to 12:30 pm

Announcements:

The mobile MAIN Street Shelter will begin Monday, January 7th, hosted by our friends at St. John's United Church of Christ. Remember to pray for them.

This week we will not be hosting any events or Home Churches.

We will resume Churches January 8th, however we will be having The Table Ministry this week, January 2nd.

Prayer Requests:

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.

Please pray for Shenkel UCC. The Norco Board of Supervisors has placed limits such that were unable to host the shelter for a month. This *overreaching* by these people has placed church ministry in jeopardy of being proscribed by government. There are legal arguments about to begin.

Lord, please help your true Church to emerge among us...

Next Week's Scriptures:

January 6, 2008 Epiphany (Year A)

psalm 72.1-14, isaiah 60.1-6, matthew 2.1-12, & ephesians 3.1-12

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Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm



6:00 to 8:00

1st Tuesday Evening

Each Month – Check with Church for Transportation Arrangements

Consumer Center Church

Thursday Evenings Beginning Jan. 10th

249 High Street Pottstown, PA 19464

7:00 to 8:00

Norman's Game Night

3rd Friday Evening Each Month

Locations to be announced

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

December 30 :: 2007



**Free to Suffer
How to Reject Christianity**

Worship

psalm 148

isaiah 63.7-9

matthew 2.13-23

hebrews 2.10-18

Benediction



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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

Isaiah 63.7-9

Worship Film ::

“Psalm 148”

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Focus Films ::

“Misunderstanding Christmas”

The Scripture ~

Free to Suffer

How to Reject Christianity

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Hebrews 2:10

This week's Lectionary:

psalm 148, isaiah 63.7-9,
matthew 2.13-23, & hebrews 2.10-18

Reflection Film ::

“A Radical Freedom”

Benediction ::

1 Thessalonians 3.11-13

[Journaling Worship] your discussion notes...

✧ salvation & distress

✧ examples in scripture/
reminders in the Son

✧ freedom from what?



Meditation:
For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old." (Isaiah 63.8—9)

Reflection:

Benedictine monk Brother John Main devoted his life to exploring prayer techniques that would assist us in living the truth, centering our prayer in faithfulness to "a state of undistracted... a state of attention, a state of awareness," so that the truth of the incarnation can be lived "from the center of our being," convinced that "Our challenge as Christians is not to convert people around us...but to love them... to be ourselves living incarnations of what we believe."

It is often said that, during Advent, Christians should seek ways to newly "birth" Christ in the world. But, what is first required is for Christians to simply incarnate *themselves*, to be utterly present in the world. Only when we are able to remain awake to the real sufferings and joys of the world can we hear God's call and act upon it.