

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.

We will resume Home Churches January 8th.

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, protect us in our weakness...

Next Week's Scriptures:

January 13, 2008 The Baptism of our Lord (Year A)

psalm 40.1-11, isaiah 49.1-7,

john 1.29-42, & 1 corinthians 1.1-9

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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

January 6, = 2008

Confronting the Powers
The mystery of the kingdom

Epiphany (Year A)



Worship

psalm 72.1-14

isaiah 60.1-6

matthew 2.1-12

ephesians 3.1-12

Benediction

Tabernacle Worship

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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

Isaiah 60.1-6

Worship Film ::

“Psalm 72. 1-14”

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Focus Films ::

“Becoming the Poor”

The Scripture ~

Confronting the Powers

The mystery of the kingdom

Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. **Ephesians 3.8-10**

This week's Lectionary:
psalm 72.1-14, isaiah 60.1-6,
matthew 2.1-12, & ephesians 3.1-12

Reflection Film ::

“Struggle and Power”

Benediction ::

1 Thessalonians 3.11-13

[Journaling Worship] your discussion notes...

¥ when worlds collide

¥ power & weakness

¥ who's power is it anyway?

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Meditation:
1 This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- 2 for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, 3 and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation,..." (Ephesians 3.1—3a)

Reflection:

Christmas proclaimed the presence of the light. Epiphany calls us to spread the light on the journey. Epiphany means "manifestation." We see the light of Christ as it is manifest from the crib of Jesus in Bethlehem to all the nations. "A light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32) is the Bible's shorthand way of saying that Christ's mission is to the whole world. Epiphany stories reach out to the world through the coming of the Magi, Jesus' baptism by John, the call of the first disciples, and the beginning of Jesus' ministry.

The welcome mat is set out. The front porch light is left on to welcome foreigners, local fishermen, city priests, Roman soldiers, and Greek tourists. There are no limits placed on this love born at Christmas.