

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:

William's Home Church

Monday Afternoons

61 N. Evans St. Pottstown, PA 19464

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

King St Commons Home Church

Thursday Afternoons

King St. Pottstown, PA 19464

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Hanover St. Home Church

Tuesday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown, PA 19465

7:00 to 9:00

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

249 High Street Pottstown, PA 19464

7:00 to 8:00

Norman's Game Night

3rd Friday Evening Each Month

Locations to be announced

This Year's Theme:

hearing God in 2008

Announcements:

We are starting Dinner and a Movie Night at Still Waters in April. We will show relevant movies to our pilgrimage over a pot-luck dinner with discussion and prayer afterward. Look for further information.

Prayer Requests:

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

Please pray that God would bless our endeavors as we ready the shelter for the fall.

Pray for those who do not have homes yet.

Thank God that this week Tamara, Lois, Ron & Patrice have all found homes. Praise Him for His provision!

Please pray for Trish as she plans to relocate, and struggles with some mental health issues.

Please pray for our evil neighbors as they strive to hinder us in God's work.



Pictured: Our neighbor documenting our activities (i.e., spying) for the NorCo township Supervisors.

Next Week's Scriptures:

April 27, 2008

6th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

psalm 66.8-20, john 14.15-21,
acts 17.22-31, & 1 peter 3.13-22

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

April 20 :: 2008

Easter 5

Throwing Stones

Belief & safety in what...?



Worship

psalm 31.1-8, 15-16

john 14.1-14

acts 7.55-60

1 peter 2.2-10

Benediction

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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

John 10. 1-10

Worship Film ::

“Psalm 31.1-8, 15-16”

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture: 1 Peter 2.2-10

Focus Films ::

“Stoning Stephen”

The Scripture ~

Throwing Stones
Belief & safety in what...?

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation- if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; ...

1 Peter 2.2-7a

This week's Lectionary:
psalm 31.1-8, 15-16, john 14.1-14,
acts 7.55-60, & 1 peter 2.2-10

Reflection Film ::

“Walking with God”

Benediction ::

1 Thessalonians 3.11-13



[Journaling Worship] your discussion notes...

¥ my personal agendas

¥ missions & the Church

¥ walking and believing

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Meditation:
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.
(1 Peter 2.9-10)

Reflection:

Following Christ is to embrace the path that offers compassion, vulnerability, justice, covenant promise, selfless relationships - and a new and different notion of what it means to be true humanity.

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home church studies

Psalm 31.1-8, 15-16 [Worship]

1 In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. 2 Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. 3 You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, 4 take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. 5 Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. 6 You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD. 7 I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have taken heed of my adversities, 8 and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place. 15 My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. 16 Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Consider:

[Think & Pray...]

The journey that we take from betrayal and death to resurrection and new life is a search for community, spiritual vision, and the reconstruction of a new humanity, our own included. To follow Christ is to recognize that we are not captive to the old order; that we are not surrogates of systems that are not working; and that we are not authored by credentials, achievements, or possessions. Rather, to follow Christ is to embrace the path that offers compassion, vulnerability, justice, covenants, and relationships.

In 1 Peter 2:9-10, we are affirmed as the daughters and sons of God, created and shaped in God's image. God's mark and spirit are upon us. We are not God's elite or God's favorite or pampered people, but are claimed by God for God's purposes. This is about obedience and faithfulness.

In Acts 7:55-60, Stephen is stoned for proclaiming that Jesus is the Messiah. The temple leaders, who had condemned Jesus to death for blasphemy, are willing to accept him as the son of

Abraham but not as the Son of God. The temple leaders claimed to be believers, but they refused to become disciples.

Believers give lip service without obedience. Belief demands a radical break from life as we know it and live it. It is freedom from our limited perception of things and from the lifestyles and life agenda that those perceptions engender. If God's Spirit is to breathe through us, belief involves a radical break from the gods of militarism, nationalism, and materialism.

However, those who choose to follow in the way of the crucified and risen Sovereign will always be in trouble with the authorities.

Jesus creates a crisis with the authorities because he transcends the rules of the scribes who manage the tax system, the priests who manage the rituals, and the Pharisees who manage the morality. He lived in the world by different definitions. Jesus offers us a new and different notion of what it means to be a powerful person—it is the power to serve but not to master, to die but not to kill, to bring order but not to dominate.

Reflection Questions: In what ways are you living in the world by different definitions? How do these definitions empower—giving you breathing space and room to grow and move in new ways?

[The Scripture]

Acts 7.55-60

55 But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" 57 But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58 Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

