

*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*

*7:00 to 9:00*

**Bright Hope Community Home Church**

*Thursday Afternoons*

*Myrtle Street, Pottstown*

*1:00 pm to 2:30 pm*

**Ministry:**

**The Table**

*Every Wednesday Evening*

*Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm*

**MAIN Street Shelter**

**January @ Zion's UCC**

**Hanover & Chestnut Streets, Pottstown**

*10:00 pm to 8:00 am*

*There will be no Pick Ups in January due to the close proximity of Zion's*

**Norman's Game Night**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Evening** Each Month

*King St Commons, 7:00 pm*

**Your Prayer Notes:**

*The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.*

Please pray that God would bless our endeavors as we operate the mobile shelter this season. Also remember the host churches that will be extending the love of Christ to our friends. Remember Zion's UCC who are hosting throughout January, and are helping us, to God's glory.

**Next Week's Scriptures:**

**February 1, 2009: Epiphany 4 (Year B)**

**psalm 111, deuteronomy 18.15-20,**

**mark 1.21-28, & 1 corinthians 8.1-13**

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**Spirit of Prophecy**  
**Or, the following of**  
**the faithless**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

**Worship**

psalm 62.5-12,

jondh 3.1-5, 10,

mark 1.14-20, &

1 corinthians 7.29-31

**Benediction**

**Tabernacle Worship**

75 East Main Street, Pottstown, PA 19465

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

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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 62.5-12

Worship Film ::

“ Psalm 25 ”

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

Jonah 3.1-5, 10

Focus Film ::

“ The Calling ”

The Scripture ~

## Spirit of Prophecy Or, the following of the faithless

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.

And Jesus said to them, .."

Mark 1.14—17a

This week's Lectionary:

Epiphany 3 (Year b)

psalm 62.5-12, jonah 3.1-5, 10,  
mark 1.14-20, & 1 corinthians 7.29-31

Reflection Film ::

“ A Messy Following ”

Benediction ::

Romans 16.25-27

[Journaling Worship  
your talking points notes...  
for this Week's Church Discussion]

✚ just put on a  
happy face...?

✚ pouting prophets

✚ an appointed time

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**Meditation:**

*[Jonah] cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.*

*When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it."*

**Jonah 3.4b—5, 10**

**Reflection:**

" Movements for the greater good always include a series of escapes - and the Spirit can be a liberating wind for both oppressed and oppressor." —Robert Roth

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home church studies

## Psalm 62.5-12

[Worship]

5 For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. 6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. 7 On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. 8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah 9 Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. 10 Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them. 11 Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, 12 and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

### Consider:

by Peter Price

After John had been arrested, Jesus came proclaiming "the time has come" (Mark 1:14-15). John's arrest as a subversive is followed by Jesus' demonstration of solidarity by picking up the theme of John's message. The assault on the old order has begun: Repent and believe the gospel, declares Jesus. His strategy opens with the formation of a discipleship community who are to be fishers of people. The prophets Amos and Ezekiel refer to the "hooking of fish" as a judgment on the rich and powerful (Amos 4:2, Ezekiel 29:4). Those invited to

"fish" will join the struggle against the powerful and privileged who oppress the poor and weak.

But first they have to repent. Fishers who could afford hired help (Mark 1:20) were relatively successful businesspeople. Jesus' invitation for the fishers to leave their nets and follow him is a call to repentance. They are challenged to break with social and economic security for a few, for the sake of all.



Following Jesus is to break with "business as usual," and it creates an opportunity to become disciples learning to build a new social order.

### Reflection and Action

[Think & Pray...]

How do you react to the idea that Jesus invited people to join the struggle against the powerful and privileged by walking away from comfort and security, following him to a higher "Calling?" Which people of faith do you admire and seek to follow in some way? Why? What would it mean for you in your situation to become "fishers of people?"

[Scripture]

## 1 Corinthians 7.29-31

29 I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, 30 and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, 31 and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.