

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

February @ St. Paul's UCC

Grace & N Franklin Streets, Pottstown

10:00 pm to 8:00 am

Norman's Game Night

3rd 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. Thank God for them!! And remember to pray for St. Paul's UCC as they continue their month of hosting throughout February, to God's glory. Pray also for Trinity UCC as they prepare to host for the first time in March.

Remember in prayer, those requests from last week:

Pray for Brenda, as she recovers in the hospital; Jerry for recovery in rehab; Ron's health; John and Glenn, for fulltime employment, an apartment, and strength during temptation; Please, also keep John's health in prayer; and for us all, as we seek rest, and to be graceful to those who misunderstand us, our mission, and judge us out of ignorance.

Please pray for Jeff & Sandy Reifsnnyder, their family and Cocalico Creek Fellowship, and Pastor Kenn Cosgrove, his family and the people from Grace church since their churches closings. There are very good and God honoring people who are valuable to Christ in His ministry!

Next Week's Scriptures:

March 1, 2009: First Sunday of Lent (Year B)

psalm 25.1-10, genesis 9.8-17,

mark 1.9-15, & 1 peter 3.18-22

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February 22 : 2009

Whirlwinds & Wings
Or, ignore that man behind the curtain

Transfiguration Sunday

Worship

psalm 50.1-6

2 kings 2.1-12

mark 9.2-9

2 corinthians 4.3-6

Benediction

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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 50.1-6

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

2 Kings 2.1-12

Focus Film ::

“Transfiguration”

The Scripture ~

Whirlwinds & Wings

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... Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

Mark 9.2—4, 7 & 8

This week's Lectionary:

Transfiguration (Year B)

psalm 50, 2 kings 2.1-12,

mark 9.2-9, & 2 corinthians 4.3-6

Reflection Film ::

“Transformed by Surrender”

Benediction ::

Romans 16.25-27

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

✧ changes

✧ toward dangerous convictions

✧ becoming the message

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Meditation:

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Mark 1.40—44

Reflection:

We don't know what Moses and Elijah, who had been to famous mountain tops, talked about with Jesus during the transfiguration. But we do know that the moment is not to be clung to as Peter wants, but gives the strength to come down the mountain toward confrontation and its cost.

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home church studies

Psalm 50.1-6

[Worship]

1 The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. 3 Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him. 4 He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: 5 "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. Selah

Consider:

People have often sought encouragement from God on mountains. The summit meeting of Moses, Elijah, and Jesus with God is no exception. Moses and Elijah both experienced discouragement in their ministry and went to the mountain (Exodus 33:18f and 1 Kings 19:11f). Jesus has been under pressure, gradually moving his ministry to the margins into Gentile territory. Facing growing hostility, he is now aware that the options are narrowing and the cross increasingly inevitable.

The core group of disciples witness the moment of re-clothing. The "whiteness" symbolizes not only the presence of God in judgment (Daniel 7:9), but also the sign of the martyrs, or "witnesses" to hope (Revelation 6:11). Frightened and confused, they seek to create a memorial to the event (Mark 9:5). The voice from the cloud echoes the baptism command: Listen to him.

What a contrast Elisha is to the disciples! He has discerned that Elijah's ministry is about to end (2 Kings 2:1-12), and when asked by Elijah, "What can I do for you before I am taken from you?" Elisha answered, "Let me inherit a double share of your spirit."

It is easy to be blinded, like the disciples, by the "god of this world." Such people cannot see the shining light of Jesus' glory, the image of God. We are not invited to participate in a cult of adulation, but to receive the Spirit from God who said "Let light shine out of darkness" (2 Corinthians 4:4-5).

Reflection and Action:

Where have you been blinded toward "listening to [Jesus']" admonition to become the kingdom, and not just talk about it?



It is dangerous to go deeper than just talk. It is where we are changed, and hopefully where we gather the courage to become God's answer to the fallenness around us; becoming light to those in darkness. It will make us vulnerable and place us at risk. Where might God be driving you to a mountain of resolve and metamorphosis.

[Scripture]

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. 6 For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.