

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

Thursday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown

7:00 to 9:00

Ministry:

The Table

Suspended until the end of

Shelter Season in April

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

MAIN Street Shelter

We are beginning the 2010/2011

Shelter season TOMORROW!

Host Church is Christ Episcopal on High St

There are many volunteering opportunities.

Announcements:

Norman Vanderlick has moved to a group home in Harleysville. Please consider writing him a note of love and encouragement while he settles in.

His new address is: 140 Crescent Ln, Harleysville, PA 19438

We will be trying to coordinate bringing him to dinner, church, and singing once a month. Pray and see where you might fit in assuring him of our love for him.

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

Please pray to see where God would have you to help!! See Pastor Kork or Ron Caulk for details, and remember to thank God for our host churches!!

New Home Church Series every Tuesday evening

at The Moyer's **The Story of God**

The Story of Us.



Your Prayer Notes:

Remember those prayer requests from last week and:

Please pray for Ron's health, to keep him strong; for Patrice's thyroid treatments; for Diana's family to be reunited; for Howard's test results and a good outcome, for Roxy who was diagnosed with cancer, for health and to be another voice of God in the midst of physical struggle to those around her, for those who suffered the Walnut St fire, including pastor Tom and the "Old Rugged Church," for those who have fallen away, due to addictions and cultural narcissism; and also keep all of us in prayer, as we seek rest, and to be graceful to those who misunderstand us, our mission, and judge us out of ignorance.

Please keep our church—the future of Still Waters, in prayer during yet another time of upheaval and difficulty while trying to remain faithful to God's calling to the least around us. Please, also, pray for those who will be coming to the shelter, that they would find love and grace during their struggle, for fulltime employment, apartments, and strength during temptation.

Next Week's Scriptures:

November 7, 2010: Proper 27 (Year C)

Psalm 145.1-5, 17-21, Haggai 1.15b - 2.9,

Luke 20.27-38, & 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17

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October 31 - 2010

Salvation



Or, Freedom from Wealth

Worship

Psalm 119.137-144

Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4

Luke 19.1-10

2 Thessalonians 1.1-4, 11-12

Benediction

Tabernacle Worship

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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 119.137-144

Focus Film ::

"Perfectly Fitted"

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4

Focus Film ::

"Trickle Up"

This week's Lectionary Text:

*Psalm 119.137-144, Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4,
Luke 19.1-10, & 2 Thessalonians 1.1-4,
11-12*

The Scripture ~

Salvation... *Or, Freedom from* Wealth

All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. Luke 19.7—9

Focus Film ::

"Eternal Investments"

Benediction ::

Revelation 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-21

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

✘ *Passing through
Jericho*

✘ *Rewriting a story*

✘ *Conquered by Justice*

Meditation:

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him." Luke 19.1—6

Reflection:

Zacchaeus, a sinner by anyone's standards, is an unlikely model of discipleship - but he answers Jesus' call with his whole being.

"All Saints' is a feast day to remind us that we all carry that saintly spark. We may be sinners, but we are also moral beings who can bring light into the darkness of the world and seasoning to that which is tasteless."—Bob Hulteen

God of unity, we pray for your church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it.



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home church studies

Psalm 119.137-144 [Worship]

137 You are righteous, O LORD, and your judgments are right. 138 You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness. 139 My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words. 140 Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it. 141 I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts. 142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth. 143 Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my delight. 144 Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

Reread Luke 19.1-10

Consider:

[Words]

In a world of self-preoccupation, these readings focus on obedience to God's commands as a way of life and as a source of life. Obedience is the practice of loyal love that keeps us freshly connected to the presence and purposes of God. In the epistle, Paul commends his readers for "every good resolve and work of faith" (2 Thessalonians 1:11). He imagines a church, under great pressure, unyielding in its steadfast adherence to the gospel.

Paul is a child of the Hebrew scriptures. Psalm 119 celebrates that way of Torah and attests that it is "my delight" (verse 143). The psalmist trusts God in the face of adversity and will not yield on the commandments.

The accent on "good resolve and works of faith," the cruciality of the Torah for well-being, and the trust in God's commandments all converge in the gospel reading in which Zacchaeus, by a summons from Jesus, reverses his life and resolves to rectify his anti-neighborly conduct. His attraction to Jesus leads to a daring economic initiative on his part, the kind so urgently required in our world. Obedience becomes the ground for a joyous life. Jesus keeps inviting us—like he invited Zacchaeus—to "otherwise."

– Walter Bruggemann

[Scripture] 2 Thessalonians 1.1-4, 11-12

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. 4 Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

11 To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Question:

Being a "saint" does not mean perfection. It means holiness—a life transformed into a "little Christ;" Taking on the mind (and actions) of Jesus, with our whole being, instead of being slaves to the world's systems—including money.

Who are you; a poor sinner who sits Jesus at his table, or one in the crowd who obstructs his view of God's salvation?