

Worship:

Tabernacle Worship Service

Every Sunday Evening

St. John's Lutheran 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

Announcements:

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

Recycle Your Faith

Questioning God.



We all see through a glass darkly... Our misunderstandings and questions can make us feel as though we have little, or NO, faith. God is BIG enough to answer our doubts through simplicity and honest questioning. Join us in questioning our faith.

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 Roxy's illness to be used by God for other's faith, or those in the shelter, that they would find love and grace during their struggle, for fulltime employment, apartments, and strength during temptation, for those who have fallen away, due to addictions and cultural narcissism; and keep all of us in prayer, as we seek rest, and to be graceful to those who misunderstand us.

Please keep our church—the future of Still Waters, in prayer while trying to remain faithful to God's calling to the least around us.

This Week's Scriptures: Thursday, January 6, 2011: Epiphany (Year A)

Psalm 72.1-14, Isaiah 60.1-6,
Matthew 2.1-12, & Ephesians 3.1-12

Next Week's Scriptures:

January 9, 2011: Epiphany 1 (Year A)

Psalm 29, Isaiah 42.1-9,
Matthew 3.13-17, & Acts 10.34-43

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Ministry:

The Table

Suspended until the end of

Shelter Season in April

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

MAIN Street Shelter

Every evening at 10:00 pm

St John's UCC High & Price Sts.

There are many volunteering opportunities.

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Paying ATTENTION...

Or, the Imperfection of a
Natural Family

Worship

Psalm 147.12-20

Jeremiah 31.7-14

John 1.1-18

Ephesians 1.3-14

Benediction

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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

Psalm 147.12-20

Worship Film ::

"The Word became Flesh"

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

Jeremiah 31.7-14

Focus Films ::

"Disappointments"

This week's Lectionary Text:

*Psalm 147.12-20, Jeremiah 31.7-14,
John 1.1-18, & Ephesians 1.3-14*

The Scripture ~

Paying ATTENTION...
Or, the Imperfection of a Natural Family

He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,... John 1.11-14

Reflection Film ::

"Made New"

Benediction ::

1 Thessalonians 3.11-13

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

¥ *Disappointing Journeys*

¥ *Emmanuel & Epiphany*

¥ *A New Set of Glasses*

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Meditation:

*...He has made known to us the mystery of his will,
according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a
plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Him,
things in heaven and things on earth.."* Ephesians 1.9-10

Reflection:

God has made known to us the mystery of God's will—according to God's favor, which is set forth for the administration of the fullness of time—to reunify all things in Christ (1:9-10).

The fact that this "vision whose time has come" is repeatedly stressed as a "mystery" throughout the epistle (see 3:3-6,9; 6:19) testifies to realism: Genuine social peace is alien to life as we know it. The fact that it is a mystery revealed testifies to hope—and our responsibility to be part of this new "administration," the heritage of those who believe (1:12,18). -Ched Myers



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Psalm 147.12-20 [Worship]

12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! 13 For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you. 14 He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat. 15 He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. 16 He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes. 17 He hurls down hail like crumbs— who can stand before his cold? 18 He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow. 19 He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel. 20 He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the LORD!

Consider:

[Words]

In the Epiphany season the world gets its first good look at Jesus. The world seeks to locate Jesus in the categories it already has at hand. But of course Jesus shatters all of those categories and exhibits a newness that the world cannot domesticate. These texts are an effort to situate Jesus in the midst of the world.

In the poem of Jeremiah, God is gathering all the Jews home to well-being. The Jews are treated as God's beloved firstborn. And now, in the epistle reading, there is a "gathering" of all the "adopted children" of God, all now valued like the first born (Ephesians 1:5, 10).

The awesome truth of Jesus requires special articulation. John affirms that Jesus is the very word of the Creator "full of grace and truth." Paul lets wondrous words and phrases tumble out, one after another, to articulate Jesus as the one who "gathers up all things," according to the purpose of the Creator. Both of these testimonies

locate Jesus on the screen of creation to show that his birth and his life are events of cosmic proportion. Both John and Paul speak of Jesus as "the truth of God," the truth being grace, forgiveness, and reconciliation (John 1:14; Ephesians 1:13). In Christian imagination, all the creatures are wrought through Jesus. He is the one who "grants peace" (Psalm 147:14). Those who praise him and trust him live in and toward a shalom that contradicts the destructiveness of a tired world. No wonder his creation erupts in joy. — Walter Bruggemann

[Scripture]

John 1.1-18

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. 15 (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") 16 From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Reread Ephesians 1:3-14