

**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

Beginning again this week.

### Ministry:

#### The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

### MAIN Street Shelter

April @ Christ Episcopal Church

316 High Street, Pottstown

10:00 pm to 8:00 am

### Norman's Game Night

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

King St Commons, 7:00 pm

### Announcements:

Shenkel UCC in North Coventry, in their attempt to host our shelter for 2 years now, is scheduled to finally be heard by the Township Hearing Board. They have, at the Township's request, granted the Board an extension to conduct the hearing, originally scheduled for February 26 until April 29, 2009, this Wednesday evening. Please think about coming out in support of them hosting this fall, to the Township Building at 7:00 pm.

### Your Prayer Notes:

#### The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

2008/2009 Season has come to an end and the work of fund raising, laundry, and storage are beginning. Please pray to see where God would have you to help!! See Ron Caulk for details, and remember the host churches that have extending the love of Christ to all of us in operating the MAIN St Shelter. Thank God for them!!

#### Remember in prayer, those requests from last week:

Pray for our shelter friends, for fulltime employment, apartments, and strength during temptation; pray for Norman's health; remember Bob & Lois during a very trying time.

Please remember to pray for Glenn too, and if you would write him, affirming Christ's love for him. Here is his address:

Glenn Dransfield  
MCCF # 09-2289  
60 Eagleville Rd  
Norristown, PA 19403

Please, 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.

### Next Week's Scriptures:

April 26, 2009: EASTER 3 (Year B)

psalm 4, luke 24.36b-48,

acts 3.12-19, & 1 john 3.1-7

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April 26 = 2009

# Seeing is Believing Or, Life Imitating Art

Easter 3

Worship

psalm 4

luke 24.36b-48

acts 3.12-19

1 john 3.1-7

Benediction



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[Service]

Tonight...

Focus Film ::

“Children of God”

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 4

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

Acts 3.12-19

Focus Film ::

“Schooled in Denial”

The Scripture ~

## Seeing is Believing Or, Life Imitating Art

...why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Luke 24.38b—39, 44

This week's Lectionary:

EASTER 3 (Year B)

psalm 4, luke 24.36b-48,  
acts 3.12-19, & 1 john 3.1-7

Focus Film ::

“Children”

Benediction ::

Romans 16.25-27

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

✚ denial and communal blindness

✚ an open mindedness

✚ the artistry of our resurrection

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**Meditation:**

*Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure." 1 John 3.2—3*

**Reflection:**

Jesus comes eating and drinking: So many feasts and table teachings, they're not quite sure he's resurrected until he has bread or fish in his hand. Later, 1 John offers the ominous comfort that the world doesn't recognize us because it never recognized Christ. What will be the form of resurrection recognizable in our own lives: What wounds? What bread? What freedom? - Bill Wylie-Kellermann



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## Psalm 4

[Worship]

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. 2 How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? Selah

3 But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him. 4 When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Selah

5 Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD. 6 There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!" 7 You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound. 8 I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

### Consider:

[Words]

The recognition of the resurrected Jesus is once again at issue in Luke 24. The whole of the Emmaus road story is invoked in the opening line (verse 35), how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread. Then, as if the wounds on his hands and feet were not enough, he eats a piece of fish.

A friend says if you can read the gospels without getting hungry you're not paying attention. Jesus comes eating and drinking: So many feasts and feedings, table teachings and banquet parables, last suppers and Easter barbecues—one gets the feeling the kingdom was convened as a gigantic floating potluck, the poor being seated first. In the resurrection he can walk and talk with

them, speak in their midst, but they're not quite sure 'til, Look! He has bread or fish in his hand—it's the Lord!

1 John offers the ominous comfort that the world doesn't recognize us because it never recognized Christ (verse 1). It gives pause to imagine the form of resurrection recognizable in our own lives. What wounds? What bread? What freedom?

Peter says, Why do you stare at us? This healing is not by our piety or power (verse 12). Yes. True. But even so I might stare. Resurrection is here. Well, of course, Peter preaches it, a no-holds-barred accusation that this crowd didn't know what they were looking at in Christ Jesus. But more than that, it's in the freedom to preach in a place the authorities will quickly forbid. Temple cops are on the way. This is not the same Peter slinking away in fear at cockcrow. These are not the same disciples huddling in the dark behind closed doors. Well, they are the same and more. The Risen One is here. Has claimed them. Has brought them out from death.

It does not yet appear what we shall be, but you can bet your life it'll look like Christ. — Bill Wylie-Kellermann

[Scripture]

## 1 John 3.1-7

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.

*What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.*

3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. 4 Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

6 No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.