

Tsawwassen United Church

The Baptism of the Lord

Jan. 7, 2007, 10:00 AM

Jan. 6, which follows on the twelve days of Christmas, is known as Epiphany when we read of the visit of the magi to the infant Jesus and his family. During the season of Epiphany we celebrate the various ways in which Jesus is shown forth to the world.

The congregation is asked to participate when the words are in bold print and to stand when willing and able at those places marked “*”.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE: Savior, Like A Shepherd

~ David H. Hegarty

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized VU 100

TIME OF GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS, SILENCE

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE *(with Joanne Harris)*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come on this first Sunday of the New Year,
that we might worship God together.

God calls us by name and knows us.

God promises to walk with us and keep us safe.

God calls us by name and knows us.

We are precious in God's sight and loved by God.

God calls us by name and knows us.

PRAYER:

O God, at times we are amazed by your love.

How wondrous that you care for each and every one of us.

Thank you for sending your Son Jesus to live fully in your world.

Help us now to hear the Word that you have for us

that we might be enlightened to serve as Christ's disciples.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

EXPLORING OUR FAITH WITH THE CHILDREN

*HYMN: Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

VU 459, vs. 1-3

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION:

This table is hope in our deserts, a well where love springs,
a place where fountains of living water pour through all our needs.

**This place is where life is offered and heaven is opened,
where Jesus gathers us and makes us welcome.**

So may God fill our hands and our hearts with the food of heaven.

**And may our celebration be a thanksgiving,
for God's gifts of abundance. *Silence***

WE GIVE THANKS:

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Loving God, Source of all, we thank and praise you with our lips and our lives, that, having created us and all things through your Word, you welcome our prayer and praise. With all that is, seen and unseen, and with all the faithful of every time and place, we sing this hymn of praise:

SONG OF CREATION: Holy, Holy, Holy

VU 932

**Holy, holy, holy are you,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest!**

WE REMEMBER JESUS AT THE TABLE:

Loving God, Holy One, we offer you praise and thanksgiving over this bread and cup, because in Jesus Christ, your only Son, you have joined yourself forever to us, uniting heaven and earth.

Now therefore we gratefully remember:

**Jesus' birth into our humanity,
his baptism,
his compassion for our suffering,
his intimacy with our frailty,
his rebuke of our pride,
his bearing of the cross with its death,
and his rising from the tomb by the power of God.**

We also remember that on the night before he died,
it was Jesus who took a loaf of bread, gave you thanks, O Holy One, and
said,

“Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me.”

Likewise after supper he took the cup, saying,

“This is the new covenant. Remember me.”

So we proclaim Jesus,
**crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

WE OFFER TO GOD OUR VERY SELVES:

Loving God, Creative Power, blessing your name
we seek your Spirit.

Come to us and bless these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ;
the sign and seal of our forgiveness in him,
and our adoption as the children of God.

**As we eat and drink together,
make us one with Christ and one in Christ,
a sign of his eternal reign in all the world.**

WE BREAK THE BREAD AND FILL THE CUP:

The Bread of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

The Cup of Blessing. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR AFTER COMMUNION:

**We give thanks, O Holy God,
that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.**

**Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,
and send us forth into the world united in courage and peace.**

**Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit
we pray in the name of Jesus our Saviour.**

Amen.

*HYMN: Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face VU 459, vs. 4&5
(After this the teachers and children leave for Sunday School.)

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

READING: *(Reader: Tara Britnell)*

Isaiah 43: 1–7

pew Bible O.T. page 637

Psalms 29

VU 756

Luke 3: 15–7, 21–22

pew Bible N.T. page 57

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Arise, Shine

~ Sir George J. Elvey

REFLECTIONS

*HYMN: Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me

VU 631

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: The Spirit Sings

~ Colin Curtis

*SUNG RESPONSE: O Love, How Deep

VU 348, vs. 1&3

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**O God, our light, our beauty, our rest,
with the appearance of your Son
you have brought us into your new creation.**

**Receive now our gifts which we offer in thanksgiving.
May they be used to increase our witness
to your light which shines in our world.**

In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS / THE PRAYER OF JESUS

*RECESSIONAL HYMN: Jesus Shall Reign

VU 330

*GOING FORTH:

At the beginning of the new year,

let us resolve to go in praise of God in all that we do.

Let us go to celebrate the presence of God in all of creation.

**Let us clothe ourselves in love that the peace of Christ may rule
in our hearts.**

God is with us.

Thanks be to God.

*CHORAL SENDING FORTH: Glory to God

VU 37 (sung twice)

Glory to God, Glory to God.

Glory in the highest.

Glory to God, glory to God

Hallelujah, hallelujah.

POSTLUDE: A Song In The New Year

~ David Paxton

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 7, 2007

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT T.U.C.

- TODAY** Communion Service (with Sunday School and Morning Youth Group) – at 10:00 a.m.
Delta Hospital E.C.U. Service – at 2:30 p.m.
Senior Youth Group (*grades 8 and up*) – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- MON.** Council Meeting – meet in the Lounge at 7:00 p.m.
- TUE.** Junior Youth Group (*grades 5–7*) – 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- WED.** Junior Choir (*ages 7–16*) .. 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- THUR.** Library Committee Meeting – meet in the Lounge at 9:30 a.m.
Bell Choir 6:15 p.m.
Senior Choir 7:45 p.m.
- SUN.** Worship Service (with Sunday School and Morning Youth Group) – at 10:00 a.m.
Senior Youth Group (*grades 8 and up*) – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

DIVISIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR JANUARY 2007

- Coffee: Ministry & Personnel
Ushers: Property
Communion: Congregational Enrichment
Council Devotions: Trustees
Head Usher: Bill Williams

UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

► MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will be having a breakfast meeting at the Tsawwassen Golf Club on **Saturday, January 13th, at 8:30 a.m.** There will be no special talk arranged, but instead an informal program that will include:

1. Small group demonstrations on how the oxygen tank works.
2. A print-out on the early signs of an impending stroke.
3. A print-out on the location of fire fighting equipment at Tsawwassen United.
4. And time for fellowship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

► DONATION ENVELOPES

Donation envelopes for 2007 are available for pick-up in the narthex.



► 2007 CHILDREN AND THE CHURCH SERIES

10th Annual Ecumenical Event, *Being Spiritual Anchors in the Lives of Children*, Keynote Address: Martin Brokenleg. A special event for church school directors, teachers, parents, grandparents, clergy, and anyone who ministers with children ages 0–12. **Saturday, February 3, 8am–4:30pm** at Vancouver School of Theology, Iona Building, 6000 Iona Drive (on the UBC campus). Early Bird Registration: by January 10. Please visit VST's website for more information: <http://www.vst.edu/pdfs/ChildCh2007.pdf>

Stewardship seconds

Both Isaiah and Matthew celebrate gifts and abundance. Each of us is one of God's gifts to the world!

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please note that the deadline for submissions for the weekly announcements is **Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.** They can be e-mailed to malmond@tsawwassenunited.org.



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