

Tsawwassen United Church

Second Sunday After Epiphany

Jan. 14, 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: The Holy City

~ S. Adams

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: I Am the Light of the World

VU 87

TIME OF GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS, SILENCE

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 36)*:

God's faithfulness is as high as the clouds.

God's love stretches everywhere.

God's justice is as deep as the ocean.

God's love stretches everywhere.

God's heart is big enough for everyone.

God's love stretches everywhere.

Come, let us worship God whose gifts flow abundantly.

PRAYER:

O God of many gifts, you offer us so many things:

food and drink, shelter from danger, people to love and be loved by.

You also offer us opportunities to grow and learn,
as we discover the best way to be your church.

In Jesus, you offer us your overflowing love.

As we worship you, open us up to your Spirit
that we may know and celebrate the many gifts you give us.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

EXPLORING OUR FAITH WITH THE CHILDREN

(After this the teachers and children leave for Sunday School and Morning Youth Group.)

**Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.**

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF UNBURDENING:

God provides us with more than we ever need.
But have you noticed? Some people are never satisfied.
Sadly, they come to believe
that only if they have more of something, will they be happy.
I wonder if any of us are ever like that?

**O God we confess, there are times when we want more:
more money, more food, more clothes to wear,
a fancier home, and sometimes, more love.**

We worry that somehow we will not have enough.

**Then we hoard what is ours and share reluctantly with others.
Or we keep the best for ourselves, only giving second best to
you and to others.**

We pray in silence

Forgive us, O God.

**Free us from anxiety and fear.
Increase our trust in you.
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GRACE:

The Bible tells us that everyone is free
to take refuge in the shelter of God's wings.

**Whatever we have thought, whatever we have felt,
whatever we have done or left undone,
all of this we can take to God.**

We do not need to be afraid.

When we turn to God with honest hearts and open minds
God welcomes us, forgives us, and grants us new life.

**This is the good news of the gospel of Christ.
Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE: Fairest Lord Jesus

VU 341, vs. 1&4

**Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down:
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**All fairest beauty heavenly and earthly,
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
none can be nearer, fairer or dearer
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.**

READINGS: (*Reader: Floyd Wartnow*)

Isaiah 62: 1–5

pew Bible O.T. page 656

Psalm 36

VU 762

John 2: 1–11

pew Bible N.T. page 88

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Walk In The Light

~ J. Paul Williams & Larry Shackley

REFLECTIONS

A TIME FOR SILENCE

*HYMN: Many are the Lightbeams

VU 588

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: Walk in the Light Beams

~ André Thomas

*SUNG RESPONSE: O Love, How Deep

VU 348, vs. 2&7

**God sent no angel to our race
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame,
and freely to this lost world came.**

**To God whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through the Son,
to God all praise and glory be
both now and through eternity.**

*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: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

VU 101

*GOING FORTH:

God has blessed us with an abundant life.

**Let us go forth to live that life,
confident that God will grant us
all that we need and more.**

Thanks be to God!

*CHORAL SENDING OUT: Walk With Me

VU 649, vs. 4

**Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

**And when you share your faith with me
and work for life made new,
the witness of your faithfulness
calls me to walk with you.**

**Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

POSTLUDE: You Are the Light of the World

~ Lani Smith

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 14, 2007

The flowers in the sanctuary today have been placed by Joan Hay and Lynne Meinert; they are dedicated in loving memory of brother Gus, parents Gustav and Jenny and sister Dodie. "In life, in death, in life beyond death. We are not alone. God is with us. Thanks be to God."

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

- TODAY** **Worship Service (with Sunday School and Morning Youth Group)** – at **10:00 a.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.
- SAT.** **Junior and Senior Youth Groups Skiing at Mt. Seymour**
- SUN.** **Worship Service (with Sunday School and Morning Youth Group)** – at **10:00 a.m.**

DIVISIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR JANUARY 2007

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

► **JOINT NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

The JNAC is scheduled to meet every Monday evening at the Church. The Committee consists of Bob Tarlton (Chair), Nancy Morison (Secretary), Kirby Delaney, John Glover, Sheri Obera, and Marianne Robertson. Also providing leadership and support on behalf of Vancouver South Presbytery are Betty Coles and the Rev. Wendy Bily. Currently, the JNAC is looking at previous JNAC reports to see what needs to be brought up to date. For more information on the process of this work feel free to speak to any members of the JNAC.

► **NOTE OF THANKS**

A sincere “thank-you” to our church family for the kind expressions of sympathy following the recent sudden death of our sister, Dodie. Your cards, words, wonderful warm hugs and love have been a source of great comfort to us. Our sadness is overwhelming but your caring support will continue to strengthen us.

With love, Joan Hay and Lynne Meinert

► **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>

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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