

Tsawwassen United Church

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2007, 4:00 P.M.

*The flowers on the Communion table are dedicated in loving memory of
Hilary Noelle Glover by John, Judy and Alison.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*The Advent wreath — representing the gifts of Hope, Peace,
Joy and Love — is lit as we gather to worship God.*

PRELUDE: Come, All Ye Shepherds

~ Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Come, people of God, come to Bethlehem!

All: **We come, to celebrate with Mary and Joseph, the birth of the baby Jesus.**

One: Let us rejoice!

Women and girls: **For God's gift of love is a tiny, helpless baby.**

One: Let us sing with joy!

Men and boys: **praising God with the shepherds for what God has done.**

One: Let us kneel in awe and wonder,

All: **as we worship God.**

PROCESSIONAL CAROL: O Come, All Ye Faithful

VU 60 (v. 1,3& 5)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE IN THE ADVENT WREATH

(with Brianna Almond)

PRAYER:

O God, we have arrived at our destination.

**We have come to where the Christ Child lies,
to where your love is revealed and new life begins.**

**Fill this evening with your presence
that we may wonder and adore
and, leaving this place,
never be the same again.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

READING: Isaiah 9:2-7 (Reader: Glen Stanger)

Isaiah paints a picture of what it will be like, when the Promised One comes.

JUNIOR CHOIR: Worship the Lord

~ Tina English & John Purifoy

EXPLORING OUR FAITH WITH THE CHILDREN — Nativity Tableau

CAROL: O Little Town of Bethlehem VU 64 (v. 1)

READING: Luke 2: 1–7 (Reader: Tara Britnell)
The birth of Jesus.

CAROL: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing VU 48 (v. 1)

READING: Luke 2: 8-20 (Reader: Danny Stanger)
The angels share the good news with the shepherds.

CAROL: Away in a Manger VU 69

JUNIOR CHOIR: It Was a Miracle ~ Tina English & John Purifoy

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: Gifts for the Child ~ Eugene Butler

SUNG RESPONSE: While Shepherds Watched VU 75 (v. 1,2&6)
(The congregation will remain seated.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**God of light and truth
we thank you for Jesus, your Promised One
whose birth we celebrate this night.**

**As you have blessed us with this most perfect gift,
bless now the gifts we now offer in his name.**

Amen.

CAROL: Silent Night VU 67 (v. 1&3)

GOING FORTH:

Let us go forth into God's world

ready to carry the light of Christ wherever we go.

What is the good news we celebrate this night?

Christ is born! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: The Coventry Carol ~ James Southbridge

*Our candlelight Holy Communion service will be this evening at 10:00 p.m.
All are welcome. Your church staff, Rose-Hannah, Leona & Mary wish all of
you the warmth of a Christmas filled with happiness, love, joy and peace.*

Christmas Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed from Tuesday, December 25th, to Tuesday, January 1st. It will reopen on Wednesday, January 2nd. If there is a pastoral emergency during that time please contact the minister, Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin, at 604-812-2501.