

Tsawwassen United Church

A Service of Carols and Readings
for the 1st Sunday After Christmas

Dec. 28, 2007, 10:00 AM

*The season of Christmas is a twelve day celebration
of the gift of Jesus to the world.*

*Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.
At the points marked “*”, those who are able are invited to stand.*

THE PEOPLE GATHER

MUSICAL PRELUDE: Celebration of Christmas

~ James Mansfield

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

We come to worship the Saviour born on Christmas day.

We come to greet the promised one — the child of Mary.

We come to adore the King — born a servant in Bethlehem.

We come to praise the Son of God — our Lord and our brother.

CANDLE LIGHTING

*CAROL: Joy to the World

VU 59

NARRATION

CAROL: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

VU 35

NARRATION

CAROL: Angels From the Realms of Glory

VU 36

NARRATION

*CAROL: O Little Town of Bethlehem

VU 64

NARRATION

CAROL: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

VU 75

NARRATION

CAROL: Away in a Manger

VU 69

NARRATION

*CAROL: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

VU 44, vs. 1&2

NARRATION

CAROL: As With Gladness, Men of Old

VU 81, vs. 1–3

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM: News in Bethlehem Town

~ David Davenport and Ruth Elaine Schram

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE:

- The Offering is Collected
- Announcements of the Congregation's Life & Ministry
- *Doxology: In the Bleak Midwinter VU 55, vs. 4 only
- Offering Prayer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*CAROL: Joy is Now in Every Place

VU 45

*COMMISSIONING

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Let All Rejoice — Christ Is Born

~ Ross Anderson



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Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 28, 2008

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

TODAY

Worship Service – at 10:00 a.m.

A service of carols and readings for the first Sunday after Christmas, led by the Senior Choir.



Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference – Today we pray for the members of Cariboo Presbytery.

MON.

Walking Group – meet at **9:15 a.m.** at the school track across from the church and walk for your health and have fun and fellowship while walking.

NEXT SUN. **Worship Service – at 10:00 a.m.**

YAYA, the Youth & Young Adult Ministries of the Vancouver South & Vancouver Burrard Presbyteries of the United Church, will be leading the worship service. We will share in worship through drama, music, storytelling, and scripture!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

• **BAPTISM**

We will be celebrating the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, January 11th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **JANUARY 4TH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There will be no printed announcements in the Sunday, January 4th, bulletin. If you have an urgent announcement please e-mail it to Rose-Hannah or speak to her before the service. It will be made verbally from the pulpit.

• **SNOW OFFERING**

Did you miss church due to the wonderful snow fall we're having? When the roads are passable you might consider coming by the church with a snow offering to help make up our collection shortfall for December 2008. December is usually our biggest month for offering intake and helps balance out the end of the year, but this year on the last two Sundays we have had this overwhelming white stuff falling and discouraging folks from attending.



• **READERS AND COFFEE SET-UP**

The sign-up sheets for scripture reading and coffee set-up are clean slates for the next few weeks. The clipboards are on the table in the narthex. Please sign up!

• **MINISTER AWAY**

Rose-Hannah will be away from December 25th to January 3rd visiting her parents and sister in Fredericton, N.B. Please contact Rev. Neill McRae for emergency pastoral care during that time at 604-940-0334.

• **DONATION ENVELOPES**

Donation envelopes for 2009 are available for pick-up in the narthex. Some envelope holders have been assigned new numbers, so **please do not use 2008 envelopes in 2009.**



• **TAX RECEIPTS**

If you want a donation included in your 2008 tax receipt please ensure the office receives it by Sunday, December 28th.

• **BIRTHDAY BAG PROJECT — EARLY WARNING**

For the past several years, the Outreach Division has coordinated preparation of bags of goodies that would allow a family to host a birthday party for a child. We have focused on ages 3 to 8 and the bags we produce are delivered to the Neighbourhood Hub in Whalley and the Ladner Food Bank for distribution. The Birthday Bag project starts up again in January. You can start bringing in your cake mixes, icings, candles, etc., any time now. Our contacts in both places have in-depth knowledge of the real need of the people who attend their organizations. Our aim is to assist the working poor in both locations.

• **FIRST UNITED OPENS ITS DOORS AT NIGHT**

In response to a request by Gregor Robertson, the new Mayor of Vancouver, the doors of First United Church will be open every night of the week til the end of winter!

Beginning Monday, December 15th, at 8 p.m., those who might otherwise be outside on the streets will be welcomed into a space that is safe, dry and warm. The building will be able to accommodate up to 150 people at any

one time. People will be free to use the pews and the floor to sleep or rest. 'Hanging-out' space for those who wish to chat quietly will also be available.

First United will provide staff and volunteers creating a safe environment for those who are without accommodation to spend the night. First United will not become a licensed Shelter but will instead provide emergency space for the next three months. No services beyond access to washroom facilities will be provided.

The building will be open for 21 out of 24 hours Monday to Friday, closing only to facilitate cleaning. The Wednesday night Celebration Service and the Friday night meals will continue. On the weekends, it will be open for sleeping between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. It will not be open during the weekend daytime hours except for the meals currently served by outside community groups.

First United welcomes all offers of assistance especially donations of blankets. Volunteer opportunities between the hours of 8 p.m. and 12 midnight are also available. Volunteers are needed to welcome people into the building, to hand out blankets and to provide companionship over a game of cards or while watching television.

In addition, financial assistance in funding the extensive additional costs that this entails are always warmly welcomed!

For any concerns, questions or offers of assistance please contact First United Church at 604-681-8365 or e-mail ssevers@frstunited.ca.

Christmas Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed from Wednesday, December 25th, to Friday, January 2nd. It will reopen on Monday, January 5th.

If there is a pastoral emergency during that time please contact Rev. Neill McRae at 604-940-0334.

PEW CLEAN-UP



Can you help with pew clean-up? At the end of worship services please ensure that the pew is left tidy. If you are not taking your bulletin home, leave it in the basket on the narthex table. If you notice bulletins or other items left behind by others please remove them from the pews on your way out and place them on the narthex table.

TSAWWASSEN UNITED CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

Reaching in, we strive to grow in Christ.

Reaching out, we nurture God's world.

- Newcomers:** If you are a newcomer, please sign our guest book in the narthex. Feel free to take home a "Welcome to this Place" brochure available on the table in the narthex. Our website contains more detailed information and a listing of upcoming events.
- Nursery Room:** Parents of infants and toddlers are invited to use the nursery room. The service can be heard there. Please ask an usher for directions.
- Fragrance Free Policy:** Tsawwassen United Church is a "fragrance free" building with regards to the scents that people wear.
- Sign-Up Sheets:** The sign-up sheets for counting and scripture reading are posted on the bulletin board to the left of the name tags board in the narthex for referral and further signing-up.
- Large Print Bulletins:** There are large print bulletins available on the table in the narthex for the vision impaired.
- Assisted Listening:** There are assisted listening devices available on the table in the narthex for the hearing impaired. Please ask an usher for directions on where to sit so it can be plugged in.
- Bulletin Deadline:** Please note that the deadline for the bulletin is Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Announcements can be e-mailed to malmond@tsawwassenunited.org.
- E-Letters:** The minister sends weekly letters via e-mail to members of the congregation. Please make sure the minister has your e-mail address. The e-letters are also posted on the church website at www.tsawwassenunited.org/ministersletter.htm. For those without internet access a printed copy of the e-mail can be found on the table in the narthex.
- Minister's Hours:** The minister's work days are Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Days off are Monday and Friday. If you have pastoral concerns or would like a visit from the minister, Rose-Hannah, please notify the church office.



We recycle our bulletins. If you are not taking your bulletin home, please leave it in the basket on the narthex table.