

# Tsawwassen United Church

2nd Sunday After Epiphany

Jan. 18, 2009, 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.*

*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

PRELUDE: In a Quiet Sanctuary

~ Mercy Bartlett

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18  
(*God has searched and known me.*)

VU 861

\*OPENING HYMN: You Call Us Out

VU 569

PRAYER OF APPROACH (*see back of bulletin*)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

VU 914 (right side)

JUNIOR CHOIR: “Witness”

~ arr. by Mark Patterson

*Solo: Paul Schultes*

STORYTIME WITH THE CHILDREN (*with Brenda Miller*)

HYMN: Teach Me, God, to Wonder

VU 299

PRAYER FOR RESTORING LIFE

PRAYER IN MUSIC (*sung twice*):

**Take, O take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.†**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*see back of bulletin*)

SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

SCRIPTURE: *(Reader: Melanie Williams)*

1 Samuel 3:1–10, 11–20 *(God calls Samuel.)* pew Bible O.T. page 241

John 1:43–51 *(Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael.)* pew Bible N. T. page 88

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN: I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

VU 509

SERMON: "Known By God"

### SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CHOIR'S ANTHEM: Midnight Clear

~ H. Frombach & V.T. Courtney

*Solo: Sandra Timuss*

### CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE:

- The Offering is Collected
- Announcements of the Congregation's Life & Ministry
- \*Doxology: Now Thank We All Our God VU 236, vs. 3
- Offering Prayer

### PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

\*CLOSING HYMN: Will You Come and Follow Me

VU 567

THE LAST WORD: 1 Corinthians 6:12–20

pew Bible N.T. page 159

*(Your body is a temple of God's Spirit.)*

### \*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE: Variations on "Germany"

~ Robt. W. Thygerson

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# Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### January 18, 2009

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

**TODAY**      **Worship Service** – at **10:00 a.m.** The Junior Choir will be singing.



**Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C.**

**Conference** – Today we pray for Oakridge United Church and the Rev. Maggie Watts-Hammond.

**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.

**WED.**      **Junior Choir**..... **3:30 p.m.**

**THURS.**    **Handbells**..... **6:15 p.m.**

**Choir**..... **7:45 p.m.**

**SAT.**      **Men's Club Breakfast Meeting** – At the Tsawwassen Golf Club. Coffee will be available at **8:00 a.m.** and breakfast will be at **8:30 a.m.** Our own Walter Melnyk will entertain us with some of his unique and humorous routines. Any men of the congregation who are not members of the Men's Club are also most welcome, but please let either Bill Williams (604-943-7262) or Albert Knudsen (604-943-6748) know by Tuesday night, January 20th, if you plan to attend. **The annual dues will be collected at this meeting.**

**NEXT SUN. Handbells** – will be playing pre-service starting at **9:40 a.m.**

**Worship Service** – at **10:00 a.m.** The Handbells will be playing. Scripture readings: Jonah 3:1–5, 10; Psalm 62:5–12 (VU pgs. 779–780); 1 Corinthians 7:29–31; Mark 1:14–20.



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

### • LUNCH BUNCH

Bring a bag lunch and come to the Lounge at **11:00 a.m.** on **Monday, January 26th**. Agnes Bolivar will tell us about her experiences in Cambodia with Hope International. It will be fascinating! All women are most welcome! BRING A FRIEND!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### • TREASURER NEEDED

TUC really needs someone to fill the new Treasurer's position. No accounting experience required! We've completely redesigned the position to make it supervisory only. Our accountant and Mary Almond do all the time-consuming work. The Treasurer reviews cheque requisitions, signs cheques, and reviews the monthly reports — all of which takes only 3 to 4 hours per month.

### • IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR TSAWWASSEN YOUTH!

If you, or someone you know, are 13 years or older and are interested in exploring your faith and who we are as the United Church of Canada, please see Brenda Miller! We are planning a Faith Exploration/Confirmation group beginning mid February, with a Celebration of Faith tentatively planned for Sunday, May 17th. Contact Brenda at 604 274-2864 or [brendammiller1@gmail.com](mailto:brendammiller1@gmail.com).

### • OBSERVER MAGAZINE

The January Observer, the magazine of the United Church of Canada, is available in the narthex in the box marked OBSERVER under the bulletin boards.

### • ITS TIME TO GET SERIOUS ABOUT BIRTHDAY BAGS.

For those few who might not know, for several years our church has provided bags filled with everything a parent needs to host a child's birthday party. The bags are distributed to needy families by the Ladner Food Bank and The Hub in Whalley focusing on the working poor. Thanks to everyone who contributed cake mixes already. A full list of what goes into each bag is available at the Outreach notice board. The least contributed items in past years are icings and fruit crystals. Each bag also contains candles, invitations, balloons, goody bags, [and candy and novelties to go in them], a table cloth, napkins, paper cups, and paper plates. Candies should be hard and individually wrapped or small packages. We try to provide a one year supply for our partners in this project and chocolate doesn't last a year. You do not have to donate a whole bag. Shop for what is fun for you to get. Some people prefer to donate cash and have Outreach shop. Just mark your envelopes or cheques "Birthday bags". Dollar stores are perfect for lots of these items at good prices. Take a look at some of the thank you notes we have received from last year. They are pinned on the Outreach bulletin

board just outside the lounge. Our goal is 50 bags to be completed by the end of February. If you have any questions see or call Jean Stuart or Archie Mullan.

- **EPIPHANY EXPLORATIONS 2009: A SYMPOSIUM OFFERING RICH RESOURCES FOR MINISTRY AND LAY LEADERSHIP**

**January 22nd to 26th, 2009**, First Metropolitan United Church, 932 Balmoral Rd., Victoria, BC. Cost: \$265.

Five days of spiritual nurture, continuing education and music with internationally recognized speakers. For more information or to register, visit the First Metropolitan United Church website: [www.firstmetvictoria.com/epiphany](http://www.firstmetvictoria.com/epiphany).

- **GLOBAL AWARENESS THROUGH EXPERIENCE TOUR TO GUATEMALA**  
St. Andrew's Wesley United Church is organizing a tour to Guatemala in July. For more information please see the notice on the bulletin board in the narthex.

- **NIGHT OF PRAISE**

St. Andrews Wesley United Church is happy to present "Night of Praise" the third Sunday evening each month in the sanctuary of St Andrew's-Wesley United Church in downtown Vancouver. The next service is **Sunday, January 18**, at 7:00pm. The Night of Praise service is all about worshipping God through song. The music primarily utilizes contemporary praise and worship songs. The entire service consists of congregational singing and worship accompanied by a live band along with an inspirational message by Curt Allison. Coffee, tea, and refreshments are served afterwards as we enjoy community together.

- **NARAMATA CENTRE**

The 2009 programs and retreats guides have arrived. Please pick one up in the narthex.

- **INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER**

Beginning on **Saturday, January 24th**, Contemplative Outreach of Greater Vancouver ([www.cogv.org](http://www.cogv.org)) is offering a program called Introduction to Centering Prayer.

Christian monastics and mystics through the ages described and practiced a contemplative relationship with God that takes place in a silence deeper than words. Today, Centering Prayer offers a method of prayer that opens us to the gift of contemplation. It does not take the place of other prayer and devotions. Rather it may deepen the experience of other forms of worship by offering a way of quieting our faculties and preparing us to be more receptive to God's presence.

The Introduction to Centering Prayer Program is instructional and experiential. It consists of a Saturday workshop, and the opportunity to participate in six weekly sessions of approximately 1 1/2 hours each. These sessions are an integrated part of the introduction and support participants with further instruction and encouragement as they establish a Centering Prayer practice. Contemplative Outreach of Greater Vancouver will provide instruction by commissioned presenters and the continuing sessions by experienced facilitators. Please see the notice on the bulletin board for further details.

• **DELTA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

Delta Christian School is having an open house on **February 4th and 5th**. Please see the poster on the bulletin board for more information.

**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](mailto: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](http://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.*