

Tsawwassen United Church

5th Sunday After Epiphany

Feb. 8, 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: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

~ William B. Bradbury

PROCESSING THE BIBLE AND CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN: Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing

VU 223

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 147 (*read responsively*)

VU 868, Part 1

OPENING PRAYER

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN: I Can Feel You Near Me God

MV 48

PRAYER FOR RESTORING LIFE

ASSURANCE OF GRACE:

Alleluia

MV 50

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

SCRIPTURE: (*Reader: Tara Britnell*)

Isaiah 40:21–31

pew Bible O.T. page 634

Mark 1:29–39

pew Bible N. T. page 33

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: “No Time for Prayer?”

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN: Love Us Into Fullness

MV 81

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CHOIR'S ANTHEM: Draw Me Nearer

~ arr. by Jack Schrader

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

VU 914 (right side)

*CLOSING HYMN: God, Whose Almighty Word

VU 313

THE LAST WORD: 1 Corinthians 9:16

pew Bible N.T. page 162

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: A Morning Trumpeting

~ Franklin Ritter

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 8, 2009

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

TODAY **Worship Service – at 10:00 a.m.**



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

TUE. **Council Meeting** – meet in the Lounge at **7:00 p.m.**

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

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

FRI. **“Sound of Silence” Potluck Dinner – at 6:00 p.m.**

NEXT SUN. **Worship Service** – at **10:00 a.m.** Scripture readings: 2 Kings 5:1–14; Psalm 30 (VU pg. 757); 1 Corinthians 9:24–27; Mark 1:40–45.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

• GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

The “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” event will be happening between February 21st and March 21st. Please let the coordinator, Bonnie Tarlton, know if you can host a small group of 5 or 6 for lunch or dinner.

"SOUND OF SILENCE" POTLUCK DINNER AT T.U.C.

Friday, February 13, 6PM

To raise funds to replace the sound system in the sanctuary.



Tax receipts will be issued for donations received by cheque and for cash donations placed in envelopes marked with the contributor's name and/or envelope or PAR number on it.

- **LENTEN STUDY GROUP**

Lent is coming. You can give up chocolate . . . or this year you could refresh your Heart, Mind and Spirit by:

- 1) Meeting with a small group of friends for fellowship once a week
- 2) Reading *Where the Spirit Dwells*, by Glenys Huws
- 3) Reflecting with others on what you have read
- 4) Praying together

We will be meeting every Sunday starting on March 1st, at 7:00 p.m., and will go until Easter. The book cost is \$10.95 and we will be ordering them soon. Please contact Mary Sambell at 604-943-4349 or msambell@telus.net if you are interested.

- **BAPTISM**

We will be celebrating the sacrament of baptism on Easter Sunday. If you or anyone you know, of any age, would like to be baptised or renew your baptismal vows please contact Rose-Hannah.

- **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

It was decided at the January 13th Council meeting that the date for the Annual General Meeting of Tsawwassen United Church will be on **Sunday, March 29th**, following the 10AM service.

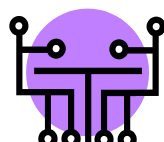
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **DELTA STROKE RECOVERY ASSOCIATION**

We are pleased to welcome Karel Ley from the Stroke Recovery Association of BC to our service this morning. The Delta branch of the association meets at Tsawwassen United Church every Tuesday. Stroke Recovery and members of Beach Grove Golf Club gifted Tsawwassen United Church with an up-to-date handicap washroom. We are very grateful for this gift and will ask Karel to present the plaque commemorating this donation.

- **MEN'S CLUB**

Would any members who are available please come to the church at 10:00 a.m. on the morning of February 13th to help with the table set-up for the potluck dinner.



- **NAME TAGS**

Greeting each other by name is friendly and creates a sense of community. However, even folks who see each other regularly in church often may not

be sure of someone else's name. Please wear your name tag. If you don't have one please contact the church office at 604-943-2911 or at malmond@tsawwassenunited.org.

- **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.

- **PEGGY LOWE**

There will be a celebration of life for Peggy Lowe at the Kinsmen Centre in Tsawwassen on **Tuesday, February 10th, at 2PM**. Please bring any photos you have of Peggy.

- **YOUTH FORUM**

The 40th General Council Youth Forum is going to be held in Kelowna from August 6 to 16. Youth Forum is for people who are 15 – 20 years of age by August 6, 2009, are members or adherents of The United Church of Canada, and are excited to explore issues of faith and church with peers across the country. Each presbytery can select one delegate to send to Youth Forum. Applications need to be submitted by February 1st. For more information go to <http://www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/events/youthforum>.

- **LOST AND FOUND**

Have you lost your wedding ring? A plain gold band was turned in a few days ago. Please contact the church office to identify.

- **DELTA HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM**

March 30 – April 30, Monday and Thursday mornings, 9:30-12:00, and on Saturday, April 18th, 9:30-3:00, at Delta Hospice Supportive Care Centre, 115 – 1077 56 Street. Registration deadline is March 16th. Please call 604-948-0660.

Exciting New Ministry at TUC!

Long-Range Planning Committee

The Long-Range Planning Committee members are Ron Wasik, Glen Stanger and Rick Soutar. This committee is looking at the challenges and possibilities for our church ten years hence.

Music Ministry Assessment Committee

The Music Ministry Assessment Committee members are Marianne Robertson, John Glover, Jan McLaurin, Shelby Delaney and Janice Wasik. With Leona's retirement at the end of May this committee is assessing our needs regarding TUC's music ministry.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with your ideas and suggestions.
We would love to hear from you!

Excited . . . Delighted . . . Enthusiastic

Such feelings are contagious.

People at President Obama's inauguration talked about how positive and hopeful they felt. Everyone was excited, delighted to be there, and enthusiastic about the future.

On a much smaller scale, we seven regional gift planners are excited and enthusiastic about a new gifting possibility. It holds such promise.

If you are between 18 and 75, you can give a significant, future gift to your church. Your gift could be \$15,000 or as much as \$50,000.

Just imagine. You can do this! And have it all completed within 3 years or 5 years. Your choice.

And there's more. Your cost will be relatively modest compared to the amount of the gift you decide to create. How can that be?

The United Church of Canada, along with 50 other charitable organizations across Canada*, has joined with Charity Direct to create a Gift of Life Insurance process that is simple to understand and easy to complete. And it requires no medical, has guaranteed level payments [no surprises], and is completely paid up in 3 or 5 years [your choice]. How do you find out about it?

Go online to www.united-church.ca Type "life insurance" in the search box [top right]. Next, click on "Charity Life Insurance Program" and read all about it. It will only take about 2 minutes. Click on "secure form" at the bottom and you can choose your gift.

What if you don't have access to the internet? Then simply ask your regional gift planner to help. Either way, it is simple and easy.

God may have touched your heart about our church's mission. The Mission and Service Fund provides monies to serve those who need help, train clergy, send personnel and emergency relief money overseas, and handle all the tasks involved in equipping church people to do Christ's mission. It's a lot but we can do it because of your gifts.

If you are between 18 and 75, please, give a Gift of Life Insurance for God's work through the United Church.

** Other participating charities including universities, hospitals, outreach centres and other religious groups.*

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