

Tsawwassen United Church

6th Sunday After Epiphany

Feb. 15, 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: A Morning Reverie

~ Rex Koury

PROCESSING THE BIBLE AND CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

VU 344

CALL TO WORSHIP:

What does the Lord require of us?

With what shall we come before God on high?

This is what God requires of us:

To do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER:

Eternal God, radiant with grace,

thaw our fears and snow-bound spirits;

make us shine with your Word, our hope;

shine with your communion, our life;

shine with your peace, our joy;

through Christ, who is our Light.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN *(with Brenda Miller)*

HYMN: I Can Feel You Near Me God

MV 48

PRAYER FOR RESTORING LIFE:

Eternal Light

shine in our hearts;

Eternal Goodness,

deliver us from evil;

Eternal Power,

be our support;

Eternal Wisdom,

scatter the shadows of our ignorance;

Eternal Compassion,
have mercy on us;
that with heart and mind and soul and strength
we may seek your face,
and be brought by your infinite mercy to the Holy Presence;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE:

Alleluia

MV 50

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

TRIO: Jesus, What A Wonderful Child

~ Rollo Dilworth

(Sandra Timuss, Jan McLaurin, Marilyn Merry)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

SCRIPTURE: (Reader: Lynne Meinert)

2 Kings 5:1–14

pew Bible O.T. page 328

Mark 1:40–45

pew Bible N. T. page 34

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "Asking for Healing"

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN: There is a Balm in Gilead

VU 612

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CHOIR'S ANTHEM: We Are the Hands of Christ

~ John Parker & Joel Raney

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: Be Thou My Vision

VU 642

THE LAST WORD: Psalm 30:5 & 11

pew Bible O.T. page 487

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: A Light On Our Way

~ Edward Broughton

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 15, 2009

*Today's flowers are from Peter and Barbara Lemmer
in loving memory of Rose and Theunis.*

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 Ryerson – the Reverend Debra Bowman, the Reverend Doctor Brian Thorpe, Staff Associate Lori Megley-Best and Youth Leader Philip Stephen.

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

NEXT SUN. **Worship Service** – at **10:00 a.m.** The Junior Choir will be singing. Scripture readings: 2 Kings 2:1–12; Psalm 50:1–6 (VU pg. 775); 2 Corinthians 4:3–6; Mark 9:2–9.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

- **LUNCH BUNCH**

The ladies of T.U.C. will be meeting on **WEDNESDAY, February 25th**. We will meet in the sanctuary at **11:00 a.m.** where Rev. Jim Short will show a PowerPoint presentation on his experiences in Afghanistan. All are welcome. Just bring a bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be served.

- **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. Bonnie's number is 604-943-5688.

- **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) Refecting 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

- **TAX RECEIPTS**

TUC's charitable tax receipts are available for pick-up in the narthex. All receipts not picked up by Sunday, February 22nd, will be put in the mail on Monday, February 23rd.

- **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 malmmond@tsawwassenunderd.org.

- **LOST AND FOUND**

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

- **NIGHT OF PRAISE**

St. Andrew's Wesley United Church is happy to present "Night of Praise" the third Sunday evening of each month in the sanctuary of St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church in downtown Vancouver. The next service is Sunday, **February 15, at 7:00 p.m.** The Night of Praise service is all about worshipping God through song. The music primarily utilizes contemporary praise and worship songs, including such artists as Michael W. Smith, the WOW Worship collection, Vineyard, Integrity Hosanna, and Hillsong Church choruses. 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.

- **A SPIRITUAL SPA DAY**

In the Fellowship Centre beside Knox United Church, 5600 Balaclava St. (and W. 41st), **Saturday, March 7th**, from 10 am to 2 pm. A free gift to you with no obligations. A sacred day begins as soon as you enter the doors and you begin to design your own day from the opportunities available. Come, unwind, relax and immerse yourself in the warmth of holiness. Experience healing touch, creative movement, or light a candle in the intimate chapel setting with inspiring Celtic harp music and quiet prayer time. Be led in meditation. Experience God in music. Pray the sacred walk. Please call 604-261-3747 by Wednesday, March 4th to let them know if you are coming so they can coordinate the day and make enough soup.

- **WALKING THE TALK — A YOUTH OUTREACH EVENT**

From **March 27th to 29th**, at St. David's United Church, 1525 Taylor Way, West Vancouver. This event is for youth in grades 7 to 12. It will involve exploring what it means to live out our faith in justice, respect, and service to others. Through community building, small group discussions, and reflection participants will learn and work together. Registration deadline is Friday, March 20th. For more information see the notice on the bulletin board in the narthex.

- **RUN / WALK FOR THE HOMELESS**

At the Vancouver Sun Run on **Sunday, April 19, 2009**, and participate in this 4th annual fund-raiser for First United Church! This is an awesome opportunity to have fun, get active and to raise awareness and funds! First United would love to see as many churches represented as possible! All ages are invited. You can walk as well as run and you can participate in the 2.5km not just in the 10km. For more information please see the notice on the bulletin board or contact Jen Cunnings at jen.staw@telus.net or at 604-574-0827.

- **COLD FEET – WARM HEARTS**

St. David's Anglican Church in Tsawwassen is currently running an outreach program to provide gently used, good condition footwear to people in the Lower Mainland who need them. If you have any to donate please drop them off at St. David's Church. For more information see the notice on the bulletin board in the narthex or call 604-689-3989.

- **CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES**

The Centre for Christian Studies is excited to announce that they will be offering the Leadership Development Module (LDM) twice in 2009. The LDM is a popular two-week intensive course that brings social justice, pastoral care, education and theology to life in an inter-active and practical way. One Leadership Development Module will be held in Winnipeg from June 15-27, 2009, and a second one will be held on Vancouver Island (Cowichan Station) from August 10-22, 2009. The Leadership Development Module can be taken as continuing education or as an entry point for those students interested in the four year Diaconal Ministry Diploma Program or a certificate in education, pastoral care or social ministry. The Leadership Development Module is also a prerequisite for Designated Lay Ministry in the United Church of Canada applicants interested in the ministry of education, outreach and pastoral care. Their website (www.ccsonline.ca) has more information about the Centre for Christian Studies. If you have questions about the LDM or other programming at the Centre for Christian Studies, please contact CCS at 1-204-783-4490 or info@ccsonline.ca.

Stewardship Seconds

As stewards of the gospel,
our rewards are in receiving its blessings.



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