

Tsawwassen United Church

22nd Sunday After Pentecost /
Peace Sunday / All Saints Day

November 1, 2009, 10:00 AM

Pentecost Season. During this time we reflect on the gift of the Holy Spirit who prompts and guides the Christian community through a long season of growth in discipleship and service.

*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

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME (*1 Corinthians 1:2b–3*):

To those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus,
called to be saints, together with all those who in every place
call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*see back of bulletin*)

*OPENING HYMN: We Are Pilgrims

VU 595

PRAYER OF OPENING:

For all the saints who went before us
who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fre,
we praise you, O God.

For all the saints who live beside us
whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own,
we praise you, O God.

For all the saints who live beyond us
who challenge us to change us to change the world with them,
we praise you, O God.

THE CHILDREN LEAVE FOR GODLY PLAY (*with Marilyn Merry*)

CONNECTING TO OUR HEART'S LONGING:

Come and Find the Quiet Centre

VU 374

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

READINGS: Ruth 1:1–18
Mark 12:28–34

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: “Wherever You Go”

*HYMN: Wherever You May Go

MV 216

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE:

- The Offering is Collected
- Announcements of the Congregation’s Life & Ministry
- *Doxology: Praise God From Whom All blessings Flow
- *Offering Prayer

VU 541

CHOIR ANTHEM: Seek Ye First

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

O God, we thank you for the many people throughout the ages who have followed your way of life joyfully; for the many saints and martyrs, men and women, who have offered up their very lives, so that your life abundant may become manifest.

For your love and faithfulness we praise you.

O God, we thank you for those who chose the way of Christ. In the midst of trial, they held out hope; in the midst of hatred, they kindled love; in the midst of persecutions, they witnessed to your power; in the midst of despair, they clung to your promise.

For your love and faithfulness we praise you.

O God, we thank you for the truth they passed on to us: that it is by giving that we shall receive; it is by becoming weak that we shall be strong; it is by loving others that we shall be loved; it is by offering ourselves that the kingdom will unfold; it is by dying that we shall inherit life everlasting.

O God, give us courage to follow your way of life.

For your love and faithfulness we praise you. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: blest be the Tie that binds

VU 602

*THE LAST WORD (*Revelation 14:13*):

I heard a voice saying, “blessed are the dead who die in the Lord for they rest from their labours.”

*bENEDICTION: May God’s Sheltering Wings

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*COMMISSIONING

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 1, 2009

*The flowers on the communion table this morning have been placed by
Ada Kempton in loving memory of Malcolm.*

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

TODAY **Worship Service (with Godly Play) – at 10:00 a.m.**



Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference – Today we pray for the Vancouver School of Theology, Principal Reverend Dr. Wendy Fletcher, students & staff.

WED. **Small Group Study – from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (began Sept. 23rd)**

Teen Yoga – meet at the church for a fruit snack any time between **2:45 and 3:15 p.m.** Yoga class will be from **3:15 to 4:15 p.m.**

THURS. **Small Group Study – from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (began Sept. 17th)**

Choir Practice – 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

NEXT SUN. **Kinsmen Service – at 9:30 a.m.**

Worship Service (with Godly Play) – at 10:00 a.m. Scripture readings: Ruth 1:1–18; Psalm 146 (VU pgs. 867–868); Hebrews 9:11–14; Mark 12:28–34.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• THE UPPER ROOM

Two copies of the November/December issue of *The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide* are available for pick-up on the table in the narthex. Cost: \$2.00. *The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide* is also available online at no cost. Their website address is: www.upperroom.org/devotional. Or if you prefer to have the guide delivered directly to your home you can contact them at 1-800-757-9877.

• THANK YOU!

Thanks to the Hospitality Ministry who are providing healthy snacks for the 14 or more Teen Yoga participants.

• OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IS BACK

Most of the congregation will know, but for newcomers Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse in which shoe boxes are used to send a child in a remote corner of the world a Christmas gift. These are children who may have never received a gift of any kind in their lives. You can select a boy or girl in one of three age ranges and fill the box with small gifts suited to the age and gender you have selected. Boxes are available in the Outreach corner or you can use an ordinary shoe box, wrapping the lid separately from the box. A label has to be applied to the box indicating the age and gender of the child and a \$7.00 contribution for each box is requested to cover shipping costs. There is a brochure that tells the age ranges, what can and cannot be a part of the gift and labels are provided in it. The boxes are collected in many BC centres, and in Western Canada Calgary is the shipping point. This year, Canadian shoe boxes will be sent to Central and South America. You may be interested in knowing that last year, Canada shipped over 713,000 boxes and since 1993, 5.8 million boxes have been sent by the counties participating in the program. More details are available on-line at www.samaritanpurse.ca or by telephone at 1-800-303-1269. We have to have the boxes at the South Delta collection centre by Nov. 15th. You are encouraged to write a personal note and/or send a photo of yourself or our community to make the gift more personal. If you have questions, Jean Stuart or Archie Mullan will try and answer them. Pick up your box today in the Outreach corner just outside the hall.



• THE SACRED MUSIC OF DUKE ELLINGTON

A concert on **November 20th** at St. Andrew's Wesley United Church (on Burrard at Nelson) at 8:00 p.m. featuring Dee Daniels, The Fred Stride Jazz Orchestra, James Caddell, Troy McLaughlin and members of the Phoenix Choir. Tickets: \$35 or \$125 (including \$90 tax receipt & entrance to reception to meet performers). Call Nina Matthews at 604-681-8365 ext 117 to purchase.

• REQUEST FROM FIRST UNITED

First United is in desperate need of dinner plates, forks, bowl and mugs particularly now as they are serving 3 meals a day, 7 days a week. If you can possibly help it would be appreciated. Donations can be left in the Outreach corner outside the hall.

- **SPIRITUAL SPA DAY**

Another Spiritual Spa Day at Knox United Church on **Saturday, November 7th**, from 10am to 2pm. A gift to you, free without obligations. Go to the Fellowship Centre beside the church at 5600 Balaclava St (and West 41st) for a sacred day to unwind, relax and immerse yourself in the warmth of holiness. There are many opportunities to help you to design your own day — Healing Touch ~ Sacred Walk ~ Laughter Yoga ~ Creative Dance ~ Singing. Be in the chapel to light a candle with inspiring music and quiet prayer time. Paint or mold clay to express your spiritual creativity. Be led in meditation. All that is asked is that you e-mail them at psalm119@telus.net or call Sydney at 604-731-6307 by Wednesday, November 4th, and tell them you are coming so they can make enough soup. For more information: www.knoxunitedvancouver.org.

- **DELTASSIST CHRISTMAS HAMPER AND TOY DEPOT**

Registration begins November 2nd. Delta families on low-income are eligible to register for a Christmas Food Hamper and attendance at their annual Toy Depot to select gifts for their children up to the age of 16. To complete registration, they require: 1. Proof of residence in Delta; 2. Proof of income, and; 3. Care cards for children. Eligible families must apply in person at the Deltassist North Delta Office (9097 120th Street, Delta, BC, Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 4:00pm) or the Ladner Office (4891 Delta Street, Ladner, BC, Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 12:00pm, 1:00pm - 4:00pm). The registration deadline for the Toy Depot is December 4. The registration deadline for a Food Hamper is December 11. Register before November 20th and enter a draw to win a free family portrait. Photo shoot will be held Saturday November 28th at Deltassist's North Delta Office.

- **HEALING PATHWAY, PHASE 1**

The Naramata Healing Pathway curriculum supports congregations in developing their healing ministry. Phase One is an introduction to the basic concepts of the Christian ministry of healing hands with an emphasis on learning how to be an instrument of God's healing power. The Phase One workshop will be held at Ryerson United Church in Vancouver on two Saturdays, **November 21st** and **November 28th**. The cost is \$140. For more information contact Karen Stewart at 778-292-1845 or kasinbc@yahoo.ca. There is also a brochure on the table below the bulletin board in the narthex.

Newcomers

If you are a newcomer, please get a name tag, introduce yourself to an usher, and sign our guest book in the narthex. Our website contains detailed information and a listing of upcoming events.

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.



MINUTES FOR MISSION 2009

A Channel of God's Peace

Both Mozambique and Sudan have experienced civil war. Today the two United Churches in Africa, the Sudan Council of Churches and the Christian Council of Mozambique (CCM), are working together to recover from that experience. They are facilitating exchange visits so that the Sudanese churches can learn from the experiences of the CCM. Their joint communiqué includes the statement, "We are a channel for God's peace."

Today on Peace Sunday we hear their call for peace:

We call on those perpetuating violence to change their behaviour to become peacemakers.

We call on those with weapons and the politicians to lead people toward reconciliation.

We pray for those who are most affected by the violence
and we pray for God to strengthen our efforts.

We call on our international partners to respond generously to enable us to undertake those steps to consolidate peace.

Please consider making a gift to United for Peace to help raise the \$2 million we seek to support peace efforts in the world.

Please give regularly to the Mission and Service Fund so that we can continue our partnership with both of these councils and many others who seek peace every day and struggle to maintain it in their communities.



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Stewardship Seconds

Trusting God's abundance, even in perceived scarcity,
helps generate a culture of generosity.



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