

# Tsawwassen United Church

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

December 27, 2009, 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

Loving God, open our ears to hear your word and draw us closer to you,  
that the whole world may be one with you.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling VU 333

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

GREETING

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.**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*HYMN: Hope is a Star VU 7

A TIME OF SILENCE: Prayer of Confession

SUNG RESPONSE: O God, Hear My Prayer VU 948

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

But you, O God, have looked kindly on us:  
you speak peace into the hearts of your people.

**Here steadfast love and faithfulness meet,  
righteousness and peace kiss,**

faithfulness springs up from the ground, and uprightness from the sky.

**Your love calls us into healing, into renewal, into justice, for all people.**

May we journey, renewed, across a reshaped land,

**that proclaims your presence among us, and prepares the way of love.**

\*HYMN: Gloria VU 37

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

- LESSON 1: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7: The people who have walked in darkness  
(*read by Pauline Mushens*)  
\*HYMN: Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming VU 8
- LESSON 2: Isaiah 35: 1-10: The desert shall rejoice and bloom  
(*read by Bruno da Silva*)  
\*HYMN: Joy to the World VU 59
- LESSON 3: Isaiah 40: 1-11: Comfort, O comfort, my people  
(*read by Tara Britnell*)  
\*HYMN: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks VU 75
- LESSON 4: Luke 1: 5-25: To Zechariah and Elizabeth, a son will be born  
(*read by Geri Pryputsch*)  
\*HYMN: He is Born VU 50
- LESSON 5: Mark 1: 1-8: The preaching of John the Baptist  
(*read by Steve Dane*)  
\*HYMN: What Child is This VU 74
- LESSON 6: Luke 1: 26-38: The angel Gabriel visits Mary  
(*read by Judith Meinert*)  
\*HYMN: Angels, from the Realms of Glory VU 36

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

- OFFERTORY RESPONSE: In the Bleak Midwinter VU 55, vs. 4 only
- PRAYER OF DEDICATION
- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND JESUS' PRAYER

## GOING OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

- \*HYMN: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice VU 35
- SENDING FORTH:
- We go in the daring of God,  
**to bless the world with justice;**  
we go in the reign of peace,  
**to bless the world with peace;**  
we go in the intent of God,  
**to bless the world with promise;**  
we go in the longing of God,  
**to bless the world with hope;**  
we go in the love of God,  
**to bless the world with good news.**

- CHORAL BLESSING: Go Now in Peace (*with bell choir members*) VU 964

# Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### December 27, 2009

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

**TODAY**      **Worship Service (no Godly Play) – at 10:00 a.m.**  
A service of carols and readings for the first Sunday after Christmas, led by Lynne Meinert.



**Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference** – Today we pray for Marpole United Church and the Reverend Diana Sung.

**NEXT SUN.** **Worship Service (no Godly Play) – at 10:00 a.m.** The service will be led by Reverend Wendy Bily. Jane Pallan will be our musical guest. Scripture readings: Jeremiah 31:7–14; Psalm 147:12–20 (VU pp. 868–869); Ephesians 1:3–14; John 1:(1–9), 10–18.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### • JANUARY 3RD ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no printed announcements in the Sunday, January 3rd, bulletin. If you have an urgent announcement please speak to the worship leader before the service. It will be made verbally from the pulpit.

##### • MINISTER AWAY

Rose-Hannah will be away from December 25th to January 10th visiting her parents and sister in Fredericton, N.B. Please contact Rev. Wendy Bily at 604-946-1746 or Rev. Doug Graves at 604-948-5470 for emergency pastoral care during that time.

- **DONATION ENVELOPES**

Donation envelopes for 2010 are available for pick-up in the narthex. Some envelope holders have been assigned new numbers, so **please do not use 2009 envelopes in 2010.**



- **TAX RECEIPTS**

If you want a donation included in your 2009 tax receipt please ensure the office receives it by Sunday, December 27th.

- **THE UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER**

The December issue of *The United Church Observer* is available for borrowing from the black file box on the table under the bulletin board in the narthex.

- **FLOWERS**

Flowers are needed for the sanctuary during Sunday worship services. Please sign up on the bulletin board where the 2010 Flower Chart has been posted.



- **ICE CREAM BUCKETS (4 LITRE SIZE)**

We need to generate more 4 litre buckets for deliveries to First United. If you can spare them please drop them off at the Outreach table outside the church hall or in the Outreach storage room any time.

## Stewardship Seconds

Sometimes bearing with another person and the difficulties they cause is the greatest gift we can give them.

## Christmas Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed from Thursday, December 25th, to Friday, January 1st. It will reopen on Monday, January 4th.

If there is a pastoral emergency during that time please contact Rev. Wendy Bily at 604-946-1746 or Rev. Doug Graves at 604-948-5470.



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