

Tsawwassen United Church

2nd Sunday After Christmas

January 3, 2010, 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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Arise, shine! for your light has come!

And the glory of God has risen upon us!

Let us worship God.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: The First Nowell

VU 91

OPENING PRAYER

VU 86

PRAYER FOR RESTORING LIFE:

**God of the wondrous star, your radiance lights the darkness with
your love! We begin a new year as pilgrims journeying in faith.**

**Yet we acknowledge our hesitation to risk following where Christ
leads. Forgive our fear and the smallness of our trust in you.**

**We confess the struggles of our consciences and the
ambivalence of our desires. You are our sure hope.**

**So we bring to you our divided loyalties and our faltering voices,
asking for your forgiveness, healing, and transforming. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Holy God, weave your word into our lives

until they are part of the fabric of our being,

shaping our choices, actions, and everyday living. Amen.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

READINGS: *(Reader: Marleen Soutar)*

Ephesians 1:3–14

Pew Bible N.T. Page 180

John 1:1–14

Pew Bible N.T. Page 87

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*HYMN: Will You Come and See the Light

VU 96

SERMON

*HYMN: In the Darkness Shines the Splendour

VU 92

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE:

- The Offering is Received
- Announcements of the Congregation's Life
- Doxology: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow ~ *Thomas Ken*
Praise God the Source of life and birth;
Praise God the Word who came to earth;
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Flame:
All glory, honour to God's name.
- Prayer of Dedication:
Blessed God, you birth abundant life!
In response to your great labour of love, we offer our gifts.
May your love be born in us this Christmastide,
that we might bear your love into your world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN: I am the Light of the World

VU 87

BENEDICTION & COMMISSIONING:

POSTLUDE

*We thank Rev. Wendy Bily for leading us in worship this morning
and Jane Pallan for sharing her musical gifts with us.*