

# Tsawwassen United Church

1st Sunday After Epiphany / Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2010, 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

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

\*OPENING HYMN: Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

VU 274

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Be still, and know that God is.

**Before creation began, God was.**

And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

**From everlasting to everlasting,**

**God is God, who alone is worthy to be worshiped.**

**Let us sing praise to our God.**

OPENING PRAYER:

God, you touch our lives with mystery and hope.

We come to this place today, ready to see your power working through us.

Help us to be open to your Word, and to answer your call among us.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

\*HYMN: What Child is This?

VU 74

*(The children will leave for Godly Play during the singing of this hymn.)*

CONNECTING TO OUR HEART'S LONGING:

Spirit of the Living God

VU 376, v. 1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Giver of life, in the midst of a plundered earth we groan with creation:

**have mercy on us.**

Giver of life, in the midst of poisoned waters we groan with creation:

**have mercy on us.**

Giver of life, in the midst of polluted air we groan with creation:

**have mercy on us.**

Giver of life in the midst of mountains of waste we groan with creation:

**have mercy on us.**

Giver of life, in the midst of a world at war we groan with creation:

**have mercy on us.**

Giver of life, we who are made in the image of God have gone astray,  
and creation groans with us:

**have mercy on us.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

READINGS: *(Reader: Lynne Meinert)*

Psalm 29 *(read responsively, with sung refrain)*

VU 756

Luke 3:15–17; 21–22

Pew Bible N.T. Page 57

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN: When Jesus Comes to be Baptized

VU 100

SERMON: "Jesus is Baptized"

## 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

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE LAST WORD: Isaiah 43:1–7

Pew Bible O.T. Page 637

\*CLOSING HYMN: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

VU 670

COMMISSIONING:

We are the church! We follow where the Spirit leads,  
daring to be risk takers wherever we go!

**We are filled with the breath of the Holy Spirit!**

May the blessing of God, Creator and Giver of Life, the Son,  
Life of God incarnate, and the Holy Spirit, bearer and power of new life  
among all people be with us now and forever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

# Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### January 10, 2010

*The flowers on the communion table this morning are placed by Eleanor Coulter in loving memory of her parents, Norman and Esther Coulter, and brother Bill.*

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

**TODAY**      **Worship Service (with Godly Play)** – at **10:00 a.m.** Jane Pallan is our musical guest.



**Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference** – Today we pray for the members of Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery.

**NEXT SUN.** **Worship Service (with Godly Play)** – at **10:00 a.m.** Jane Pallan will be our musical guest. Scripture readings: Isaiah 62:1–5; Psalm 36:5–10 (VU p. 762); 1 Corinthians 12:1–11; John 2:1–11.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

#### • MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Club will be having a breakfast meeting on **Saturday, January 23:**

Place: Tsawwassen Golf Club

Speaker: Peter Lemmer will do a presentation on his recent trip to Egypt.

Time: Coffee will be served at 8:00 a.m. and breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

All men of the congregation are welcome. Anyone who wishes to attend but is not a member of the Men's Club please call Bill Williams (604-943-7262) or Albert Knudsen (604-943-6748) by Tuesday, January 19.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CONDOLENCES**

Condolences to the family and friends of Phyllis Buchanan who passed away on December 17th. A tea of remembrance will be held at The Waterford, 1345 56th Street, Tsawwassen, on Saturday, January 16th, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

- **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the coffee and tea following the 10:00 a.m. church services. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

- **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.**



- **DELTA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

Delta Christian School, in Ladner, is having a Kindergarten Open House on Jan. 11, 13 & 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. RSVP to 604-946-2514.

### **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.

### **Stewardship Seconds**

Good news! We have gifts to share!



*We recycle our bulletins. If you are not taking your bulletin home, please leave it in the basket on the narthex table.*