

Tsawwassen United Church

2nd Sunday After Epiphany

January 17, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 62:1–5

*OPENING HYMN: When Morning Gilds the Skies

VU 339

OPENING PRAYER

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

CONNECTING TO OUR HEART’S LONGING:

Spirit of Life

VU 381

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

READINGS: *(Reader: Bob Tarlton)*

Psalm 36:5–10 *(read responsively, with sung refrain)*

VU 762

John 2:1–11

Pew Bible N.T. Page 88

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: “Turning Water into Wine”

*HYMN: Will Your Anchor Hold

VU 675

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 VU 541
- *Offering Prayer

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*) VU 959

*CLOSING HYMN: Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken VU 772

THE LAST WORD: 1 Corinthians 12:1–11 Pew Bible N.T. Page 164

BENEDICTION

COMMISSIONING

POSTLUDE

*We thank Jane Pallan for sharing her
musical gifts with us this morning.*

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 17, 2010

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

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



Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference – Today we pray for Oakridge United Church & the Reverend Maggie Watts-Hammond.

SAT. **Men's Breakfast** – *see notice below.*

NEXT SUN. **Worship Service (with Godly Play)** – at **10:00 a.m.** With musical guest Jane Pallan. Scripture readings: Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10; Psalm 19 (VU pp. 740–741); 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a; Luke 4:14–21.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

• MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Club will be having a breakfast meeting on **Saturday, January 23, 2010:**

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, 2010.

*All women
of the
congregation
welcome!*

Lunch Bunch

Monday, January 25, 2010
11:00 a.m.



Bring a bag lunch and a mug.
Tea will be served.

Our special guest speaker will be Jesse Pringle, a Ladner resident who lived in Africa as a young mother in the 1960s, and again in the '80s.

Jesse is the founder of the South Fraser Gogos (Grandmothers to Grandmothers), one of 230 Gogo groups across Canada.

The South Fraser groups' mandate is to support the Stephen Lewis Foundation in its efforts to provide African grandmothers with their immediate needs of food, housing, medical care, transportation, clothing and school supplies for the AIDS orphans in the grandmother's care.

Grandmothers single-handedly care for millions of children orphaned by AIDS, sometimes as many as ten to fifteen in one household. These magnificently courageous women bury their own children and then look after their orphan grandchildren, calling on astonishing reserves of love and emotional resilience. But they do so with almost no support.

Please join us and learn more about the Gogos initiative!

• T.U.C. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

T.U.C.'s Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday, Feb. 14th**, following the 10:00 a.m. service. The deadline for submissions for the Annual Report is **Sunday, January 24th**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• FELLOWSHIP TIME

Everyone enjoys the Fellowship Time after worship. It's time to have a hot cup of coffee or tea and visit with our friends, catching up on what is happening with families and the church. Volunteers are need to host the Fellowship Time. Please won't you sign up? We had NO response to our request last week, so refreshments may not be served during upcoming Fellowship Times. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.



• OBSERVER MAGAZINE

The January 2010 issue of *The United Church Observer* is available for borrowing from *The Observer* box on the table under the bulletin board in the narthex.

- **FAVOURITE HYMNS**

This month you can choose the hymns for Sunday worship. Please let Rose-Hannah know your favourites and we'll be happy to sing them in the next few weeks.

- **BIRTHDAY BAGS**

For those few who might not know, for several years our church has provided bags filled with everything a parent needs to host a child's birthday party. The bags are then distributed to needy families. Pretty soon we're going to start collecting for the bags, so please be on the lookout now for birthday bag items that you might see on sale at the grocery store or dollar store. More information will be coming in the following weeks.

- **BAPTISM**

Sometime between now and February 14th we'll be celebrating the sacrament of baptism. If you're thinking about baptism or renewing your baptismal vows please contact Rose-Hannah.

- **LOVE'S LABYRINTH — OPERA HIGHLIGHTS**

Soprano Heidi Klassen will be in concert with guests of OperaKlass in "Love's Labyrinth" on Sunday, January 24th, at 3:00 p.m., at The Unitarian Church of Vancouver at West 49th and Oak St. Tickets are \$25/general and \$20/seniors & children. If you'd like tickets please e-mail Sandra Dawn at sanjohan@telus.net.

- **HAITI EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE**

The United Church's Haiti earthquake response is coordinated through ACT-International (Action by Churches Together), and \$20,000 has already been sent to our local partnering agencies/churches. The United Church of Canada's Emergency Response Fund (ERF) is always topped up by the M&S fund to \$130,000 so that money does not need to wait to be collected.

Secure on-line donations to the United Church's Emergency Relief Fund can be made at: <https://www.strategicprofitsinc.com/unitedchurch/donate/>.

If individuals would prefer not to donate online they are invited to contribute to the United Church's Haiti Appeal directly to The United Church of Canada's national office, 3250 Bloor St. West, Suite 300, Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4.

Cheques should be made payable to The United Church of Canada and marked "Haiti Appeal."

E-Letters

The minister sends weekly letters via e-mail to members of the congregation.

Please make sure the minister has your e-mail address. The e-letters are also posted on the church website at www.tsawwassenunited.org/ministersletter.htm. For those without internet access a printed copy of the e-mail can be found on the table in the narthex.

MINUTES FOR MISSION 2010

Caring for Seniors

Seven Oaks is a seniors' care facility in northeast Toronto. Like much of Toronto, this neighbourhood is multicultural. Seven Oaks reflects that diversity: several different languages are spoken there.

Seven Oaks, which is operated by the city of Toronto, employs a chaplain to provide spiritual care to the residents regardless of their religion. The chaplain relies on volunteers to offer pastoral care in different languages. In addition, religious tracts in several languages are provided to meet the needs of all residents. At Seven Oaks the chaplain is vital in alleviating the isolation that many might feel.

A few years ago, the Tamil population at Seven Oaks increased to 80 residents, among them Hindus, Muslims, and Christians. Pastoral-care volunteers for this ethnic community lived some distance from the home and had difficulty visiting often. There were no materials in the Tamil language and the chaplain had no funds to purchase any.

With a small grant from the Mission and Service Fund, worship books in the Tamil language were bought for the residents. The M&S grant also contributed to the travel costs of Tamil-language volunteers so they could visit the home.

Your gifts to the Mission and Service Fund help bring friendship and spiritual support to these seniors. Your M&S gifts are needed so we can continue caring for the elderly in many centres across Canada.

We are a united church! This week, remember in your prayers the congregations and organizations that we support in Toronto Conference. The M&S Fund unites us across the church in doing God's work.



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Our job is to find the best way to use what we have been given.



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