

Tsawwassen United Church

3rd Sunday After Epiphany

January 24, 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:

We have been called the salt of the earth.

Let us remain distinctive and salty.

We have been called the light of the world.

Let us shine brightly in the midst of pain or confusion.

We have been called a city set on a hill.

**Let us, like Jerusalem, lift our gates, lift our hearts,
lift our voices in the worship of God.**

*OPENING HYMN: Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

**Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for his own abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.**

**See! The streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage—
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age?**

**Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show:
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know.**

OPENING PRAYER:

Gracious God, your vision of peace and wholeness comes to us in sweeping revelations and in tiny signs of hope. Kindle our hearts that we might be a hopeful people. Keep us from growing weary of waiting, lest we miss the glory of your appearing. Even so, come quickly, O God. Amen.

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: Pamela Scott)*

Psalm 19 *(read responsively, with sung refrain)*

Luke 4:14–21

VU 740–741, refrain #2

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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "Jesus' Mission Statement"

*HYMN: All Things Bright and Beautiful

VU 291

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 LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

VU 959

*CLOSING HYMN: The Church's One Foundation

VU 332

THE LAST WORD: 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

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BENEDICTION

COMMISSIONING

POSTLUDE

*We thank Pamela Scott for joining us in worship and
Jane Pallan for sharing her musical gifts with us this morning.*

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 24, 2010

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

TODAY **Worship Service (with Godly Play)** – at **10:00 a.m.** With Vancouver School of Theology student Pamela Scott and musical guest Jane Pallan.



Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference – Today we pray for the members of Fraser Presbytery.

MON. **Lunch Bunch** – see notice on next page.

THURS. **Choir Practice** – **1:30 to 3:00 p.m.**

NEXT SUN. **Worship Service (with Godly Play)** – at **10:00 a.m.** We will be joined by special guest speaker Tom Walker from The Gideons. Scripture readings: Jeremiah 1:4–10; Psalm 71:1–6 (VU p. 789 Part One); 1 Corinthians 13:1–13; Luke 4:21–30.

Delta Hospital E.C.U. Service – at **2:30 p.m.**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

• 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**.

*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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• FROM THE DECEMBER MINUTES OF THE STREAMLINED BOARD

Bulletins for 2010 were not ordered for the whole year. We re-use where we can, such as the Communion liturgy, but most can only be recycled after an hour's use. We will continue to have bulletins for holy days but from January 17 forward, the entire service will be on Powerpoint. Announcements will continue to be issued in paper form.

• NARAMATA CENTRE

The Naramata Centre 2010 programs and retreats guides have arrived. Please pick one up in the narthex.

• FIRE WOOD

There is a pile of chopped fire wood in the north-west corner of the back parking lot. Please help yourself.



• PLAID ANGEL

We have one angel left to be picked up by its owner. It has curly blonde hair and is wearing a plaid dress. It can be picked up from the church office.

• **OUTREACH MESSAGES**

Birthday Bags — Birthday bag time has arrived. Our goal is to equal the 40 bags we prepared last year. These are all distributed through Oak Avenue Hub where there are about 200 families coming to the Clothes Closet for help with every day living. Most of the families are the working poor who are just getting by. A birthday bag provides everything a parent needs to host a birthday party for eight children. The most needy families are offered bags by the volunteers in the Clothes Closet. Detailed lists of what goes into a large birthday bag can be found at the Outreach bulletin board just outside the hall. Many members of the congregation enjoy shopping for the items at the dollar stores and when sales come on for cake mixes, icings, juice crystals, etc., in the grocery stores. However, some people prefer giving money and to do so mark your envelope or cheque "Birthday Bags". A tax credit is issued this way included in your annual charitable tax receipt.

Item Donations — We have been advised that the thrift shop at First United cannot accept donations of adult clothing or kitchen gadgets, ornaments, etc., for the time being. They have been swamped and have no room in the store. Donations of such items will be taken to the Hospice Thrift store in Tsawwassen until First is able to resume receiving. First still wants us to continue sending blankets, towels, food, dishes and cutlery, toiletries, personal care items, empty pill bottles, etc., as we have in the past. The sandwich project every 4th Wednesday is still very much appreciated. Remember, we still collect children's clothing, toys, baby items, crib sheets, etc., for delivery to the Oak Avenue Hub. Outreach is looking at holding another Baby Shower for the Hub in early Summer. Keep an eye out for notices.

• **BAPTISM**

On February 7th we'll be celebrating the sacrament of baptism. If you're thinking about baptism or renewing your baptismal vows please contact Rose-Hannah.

• **TUC FINANCIAL REPORT — FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DEC. 31, 2010**

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total Revenue	\$228,013.85	\$208,283.73	\$19,730.12
Total Expenses	<u>220,574.02</u>	<u>217,254.35</u>	<u>3,319.67</u>
Net Income	<u>\$7,439.83</u>	<u>\$(8,970.62)</u>	<u>\$16,410.45</u>

• **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 mail cheques 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."

MINUTES FOR MISSION 2010

Medi-Plantas

Traditional herbal medicines are proving to be effective and accessible treatments in many parts of the world. Medi-Plantas promotes locally grown plants to treat symptoms of HIV/AIDS. Medi-Plantas is run by the Christian Council of Mozambique (CCM), an organization supported by funds from Mission and Service and by United Church overseas personnel.

Medi-Plantas began with one medicinal-plant garden which provided seedlings for other neighbourhood gardens. Now there are two nursery gardens: Molumbo field has 10 different plants and Muguliwa field has 13. After harvest, plants are transplanted to new gardens where HIV-positive Medi-Plantas clients are trained in caring for the plants and making medicine. The clients receive a hoe, a watering can, and vegetable seeds so they can also grow plants that will improve their diet.

Project workers give community presentations about Medi-Plantas. They are supported by chiefs, political parties, pastors, the ministry of health, and other local leaders. Medi-Plantas treats patients in the CCM office and in the district.

Staff explain HIV and AIDS to families and encourage acceptance of HIV-positive people in the family and in the community. A typical example is Isabel, age 33. Isabel, her husband, and her 18-month-old son are HIV-positive. "I'm very grateful to the project," she told us. "We have learned how to care for ourselves, how we can live life with the HIV."

Your gifts to the Mission and Service Fund support this important work.



We are a united church! This week, remember the work we do together in many African communities.

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Stewardship Seconds

Generosity sometimes means sharing our knowledge as well as our more tangible gifts.



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