

# Tsawwassen United Church

4th Sunday After Epiphany

January 31, 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:

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 worshipped.**

Let us sing praise to our God.

\*OPENING HYMN: Crown Him with Many Crowns

VU 211

OPENING PRAYER:

**In joy and in trouble,**

**help us, gracious God,**

**to trust your love,**

**to serve your purpose,**

**and to praise your name. Amen.**

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

CONNECTING TO OUR HEART'S LONGING:

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

VU 509

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

CHOIR'S ANTHEM:

The Lord Will be my Shepherd

*~ Nancy Price and Don Besig*

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

#### READINGS:

Jeremiah 1:4–10

Pew Bible O.T. 662

Psalms 71:1–6 (*read responsively, with sung refrain*)

VU 789, part 1

#### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

#### SERMON: “Rock of Refuge”

\*HYMN: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

VU 375

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

#### CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE:

- The Offering is Collected
- Announcements of the Congregation’s Life & Ministry
- \*Doxology: Grant Us, God, the Grace
- \*Offering Prayer

VU 540

#### PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*sung*)

VU 959

\*CLOSING HYMN: Faith of Our Fathers

VU 580

#### THE LAST WORD:

From 1 Corinthians 13:1–13

Pew Bible N.T. Page 165

#### BENEDICTION

#### COMMISSIONING

PRESENTATION — By Mr. Tom Walker from The Gideons

#### POSTLUDE

*We thank Tom Walker for joining us this morning.*

# Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 31, 2010

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

**TODAY**      **Worship Service (with Godly Play)** – at **10:00 a.m.** We will be joined by special guest speaker Tom Walker from The Gideons.



**Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference** – Today we pray for Richmond-Sea Island United Church.

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

**THURS.**      **Choir Practice** – *time to be announced*

**NEXT SUN.** **Worship Service (with Godly Play)** – at **10:00 a.m.** We will be celebrating the sacrament of baptism. Those to be presented for baptism: Jordan Robert Kupillas and Carson William Kupillas, sons of Terri Trevors and Wayne Kupillas, and Abigail Rose McCarthy, daughter of Yolandi and Dave McCarthy. Scripture readings: Isaiah 6:1–8, (9–13); Psalm 138 (VU p. 860); 1 Corinthians 15:1–11; Luke 5:1–11.

### 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **RUN / WALK FOR THE HOMELESS**

Run/walk for the homeless at the Vancouver Sun Run on **Sunday, May 9th, 2010**, and participate in this 5th annual fund-raiser for First United Church! This is an awesome opportunity to have fun, get active and to raise awareness and funds! You can walk as well as run and you can participate in the 2.5km not just in the 10km. First United has registered as a "Corporate Team" and would love you to join! All you need to do is to go to <http://www.vancouver.sun.com/2010sunrun/index.html> to register. Once on the page, click on the link on the left hand side of the page titled "Team Registration: Corporate". You will then click on Corporate Team Registration. Then click on Join Team – members only, then click Continue. Then you will fill in your personal information, then click on Save and Continue. The next screen will ask you to "Choose Team" – we are listed as First United Church Mission. Fill out the rest of the screen which includes registration fee. Click Continue and then it will ask you for your payment method. If you have any questions contact Jen Cummings, Minister with Children and Families, St. Andrew's Wesley United Church, 604-683-4574, local 226, or at [jen.staw@telus.net](mailto:jen.staw@telus.net).

- **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.

- **FREE FIRE WOOD**

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



- **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.



**First United Church Update** — We have been advised that The Thrift Store at First can now receive men's and women's clothing again. They are not able to handle any furniture or small appliances now and probably not in the foreseeable future. Bob and Bonnie Tarlton made a huge delivery this week and we are about back to normal. Outreach will be looking for drivers to First for a while and we will contact people who have indicated an interest as the need arises.

• **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.

• **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."

# Annual General Meeting!

## TSAWWASSEN UNITED CHURCH

*Where: The Sanctuary*  
*When: Sunday, February 14,*  
*after the 10:00 a. m. service*



## MINUTES FOR MISSION 2010

### *Successful Merger at New Hope United*

Mergers are seldom easy. In marriage, in business, or in the amalgamation of congregations, there are different styles, traditions, leaders, and visions to consider. When United Church congregations join together, the Mission and Service Fund is there to help. Here's the story of one such merger.

Vaughan is a fast-growing multi-cultural municipality north of Toronto. It comprises farmland, shopping malls, an amusement park, and many housing developments. There are long-time residents and new ones. The three congregations in the area—Carrville, Teston, and Maple—each had a small, old building and were struggling with declining membership and growing expenses. In February 2006, the three joined to form New Hope United Church.

Location was a difficult choice. Each congregation's building had been intended as a small, country church, and even with renovations none could meet the current needs. They decided to sell the three properties and look for a new home.

Land and construction were expensive, so the congregation leased space at the Vaughan Mills shopping centre. This provided visibility, flexible meeting space, a great kitchen, and a chance to expand. Historical items from all three congregations were displayed, to tie New Hope to its roots.

Your gifts to the Mission and Service Fund help the folks of New Hope United and other new church developments reach out to their growing neighbourhoods.

*We are a united church! This week, remember in your thoughts and prayers new congregations like New Hope United, as well as those struggling with difficult decisions about closure and amalgamation.*



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## **Stewardship Seconds**

What in our lives prevents us from being as generous as we are called to be?



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