

# Tsawwassen United Church

5th Sunday After Epiphany

February 7, 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: O God of Life

VU 447

DVD PRESENTATION: “In the Name of Love”

## THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Sisters and Brothers, let us celebrate God’s gift of grace given to us in the sacrament of baptism.

**There is one body and one Spirit; we have one hope in Christ.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, Creator of us all.

**Out of the water of baptism we rise with new life, forgiven, renewed, and one with Christ, members of Christ’s body.**

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES:

On behalf of the congregation of Tsawwassen United Church, I present :

Jordan Robert Kupillas

Carson William Kupillas

Abigail Rose McCarthy

for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism.

*Commitment of Parents:*

Will you remain open to God’s love and tell your child often that he/she is a beloved child of God?

Will you continue to nurture your own Christian faith and do all that you can to nurture your child in that tradition?

Will you continue to find meaningful ways to be part of the Christian church as a community of people who seek to follow Jesus Christ?

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT:

Let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

**As a baptized and baptizing people,  
we commit ourselves to support and uphold you  
within the community of faith.**

May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.

**Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE POURING OF WATER

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give our thanks to God.

**It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

THE ACT OF BAPTISM: BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF THE TRIUNE GOD

BLESSING

MARKING WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

LAYING ON OF HANDS

LIGHTING OF A CANDLE

DECLARATION AND CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME:

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

**By one Spirit, we are all baptized into one body.**

**We are children of the one God, Mother and Father of us all.**

**We welcome you into the community of faith.**

CONGREGATIONAL RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

At various moments on the journey of our life in Christ,  
we have opportunity to reaffirm and renew the faith proclaimed in baptism.

Let us now, as a congregation and community of faith,  
reaffirm our baptismal faith.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — A NEW CREED:

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**  
**to celebrate God's presence,**  
**to live with respect in Creation,**  
**to love and serve others,**  
**to seek justice and resist evil,**  
**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**  
**our judge and our hope.**  
**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**  
**God is with us.**  
**We are not alone.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR'S ANTHEM: The Lord Will Be My Shepherd

~Nancy Price & Don Besig

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

## **LISTENING FOR TRUTH**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

READINGS:

Isaiah 6:1–8

Pew Bible O.T. 604

Luke 5:1–11

Pew Bible N.T. 59

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "Called by Love"

\*HYMN: I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

VU 644

## **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: Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

VU 442

THE LAST WORD: From 1 Corinthians

BENEDICTION

COMMISSIONING

POSTLUDE

# Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### February 7, 2010

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

**TODAY**      **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.



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

**THURS.**      **Choir Practice** – at **6:30 p.m.**

**NEXT SUN.** **Worship Service (with Godly Play)** – at **10:00 a.m.** Scripture readings: Exodus 34:29–35; Psalm 99 (VU p. 819); 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2; Luke 9:28–36, (37–43).

**Annual General Meeting** – in the sanctuary following the worship service.

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

##### • HEART ATTACK RISK FACTORS

On **Wednesday, February 24th, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**, TUC will have a visitor from the UBC Internal Medicine Faculty who will speak on modifiable heart attack risk factors. Mark your calendars. More details to come.

# Annual General Meeting!

**TSAWWASSEN  
UNITED CHURCH**

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



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### • **“HOMEWORK” FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING**

On your way out today please be sure to pick up from the table in the narthex your copy of the 2009 Annual Report, the December 31, 2009, Balance Sheet, the December 31, 2009, Statement of Operations and Fund Balances, the 2010 Operating Budget, the minutes of last year’s meeting and the agenda for next Sunday’s meeting.

### • **CARPET PIECES**

The Quiet Room (the old Sunday School room) is in the process of transformation. A top of the line wool carpet has been installed and there are some pieces left over. If you’re interested in purchasing one or more pieces please check them out in the old Sunday School kitchen. Each piece has the size, the original price and the reduced price attached. Please make your **BEST OFFER**. The carpet originally cost \$18.39 sq. ft. The reduced price would be \$5.00 per sq. ft. All carpet must be removed from the old Sunday School kitchen by Sat., Feb. 13, and it is the purchaser’s responsibility to move it. Cheques made out to Tsawwassen United Church or cash will be fine. Please remove your shoes in the Quiet Room as we’re trying to keep the carpet looking as lovely as it does now. Any questions, please contact Marleen Soutar at [soutar\\_agencies@telus.net](mailto:soutar_agencies@telus.net) or 604-943-7524 or Marilyn Merry at 604-946-2890 or [marilyn@dccnet.com](mailto:marilyn@dccnet.com).

### • **THANK YOU FROM FIRST UNITED**

In January we received the following thank you letter from Doree Piercy of First United Church Mission:

*Dear Friends:*

*On behalf of the recipients of the gifts funded through the Give-a-Gift Project, we thank all who donated gift cards, socks and underwear and other items or funds.*

*On Christmas Eve over 300 women and men who were warm, dry and secure at First United Mission received a new pair of socks and a sweet*

*treat. During Christmas week, thanks to Mae McInnes and her helpers, there were mandarin oranges for everyone. (45 9lb. boxes – and they were all eaten!!) The gift cards are wonderful to help singles and families with food needs throughout the year and of course we will be able to provide some surprise breakfasts.*

*The response to our appeal was amazing, especially the socks. I was surprised to learn that every day 50 pairs of new socks are used in the foot care program alone which runs 5 days a week. So you see the need is ongoing.*

*An eight year old girl has earned and saved money to buy hot chocolate. She wants to serve it to the men and women at the shelter and she will do this on “underwear day” in February, extending the caring spirit of Christmas into the New Year.*

*I send a sincere “thank you” to everyone who supported of the Give-a-Gift Project and the total ministry at First.*

## • **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.

## • **LADNER UNITED CHURCH BOOK CLUB**

TUC congregation members are invited to participate in a monthly book club with folks from Ladner United. Each participant will have the opportunity, if they wish, to suggest a book. You can come along and enjoy everyone else’s choices if you wish. After an initial planning meeting a schedule, location, time, etc., will be set up that works for people and it will get going. Guidelines will also be set up so that discussions are moderated and inclusive. If interested, please leave your name with Wendy in the Ladner United Church office – 604-946-6254 or [office@ladnerunited.org](mailto:office@ladnerunited.org).

## • **LADNER UNITED CHURCH SPRING STUDY**

Each fall and spring Ladner United engages in some good study of scripture

accompanied by discussion, practicing spiritual exercises, bible reading and a private journal. This spring's study is "God's Journey with Us — The Great Eight Core Stories of the Bible". This is open to anyone — no prior bible study/course is required. You are invited also to consider bringing a friend. There will be two sessions to choose from — mornings (Tuesdays 10:00 a.m.–Noon beginning Feb. 16th) or evenings – (Thursdays 7:30–9:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 18th). If you would like to know more or discuss it with Rev. Jim Short, please call him at his office (Tuesday to Friday mornings) or email him at minister@ladnerunited.org. If you want to register contact Wendy in the Ladner United Church office (see contact information in previous announcement).

- **HEAL HAITI CONCERT RAISING FUNDS FOR DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS!**

**Saturday, February 13, 2010**, South Arm United Church is sponsoring a concert and silent auction to raise funds for the "Doctors Without Borders" Haitian relief effort. There are performers coming from Coquitlam and Surrey as well as from Richmond. The music variety ranges from classical fute to folk to rock — a little something for everyone! The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. and is by donation which will be taken at the door. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and people can choose their seats and browse the "Silent Auction". During the intermission there will be tea, coffee, juice and cookies and last chance for bidding. "Doctors Without Borders" is known internationally as "Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)" and has been in operation for over 35 years. They are called to action in emergencies but often remain active in an area for several years, supporting and supplementing the local doctors in the form of a rehabilitation project. Any funds raised will not only support immediate efforts but will help MSF support the people of Haiti in the years to come as the country re-builds.

- **"LIFT EVERY VOICE" ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

This year "Lift Every Voice" will be on **Palm Sunday, March 28th, at 7:00 p.m.** at Ladner Christian Reformed Church, 4594-54A Street, Ladner. "Lift Every Voice" is a concert of praise and thanksgiving, which features different musical groups and choirs from the Christian community in South Delta. An offering will be received at the service in support of The Community Fund of Faith. This fund is used, under the direction of a group of Christians appointed from different churches, through the Ministerial to offer one time help to persons in the South Delta Community who find themselves in difficulty and cannot access help through any other means. Please plan to attend.

## **Stewardship Seconds**

Could sharing our gifts with those who need them  
be part of God's hope for the world?



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