



GLADWIN HEIGHTS UNITED CHURCH

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January 9th 2022

Minister: Rev. Tim Bowman

Song Leader: Rita Green

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We look forward to seeing you all *in person* this Sunday!
Worship is at 9:30

We are checking COVID vaccination status and please remember that masks will be mandatory for everyone over the age of 12. There will be a sign in sheet for everyone to sign. There are no exceptions aside from choir members, music leaders and readers / presiders while speaking or singing and physically distanced

We will also be broadcasting the Service via Facebook Live, for those of you who can't make it in person. Just go to the Gladwin Heights Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/Gladwin-Heights-United-Church-699893126828536>) and look for the Service by date. The live broadcast time will be 9:30 am. Please note if you can't make it at 9:30 you can view it anytime on facebook.

Reading for January 9

Acts 8: 9-24

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Hymns for January 9

VU 100 – “When Jesus Comes to be Baptized”

MV 16 – “Confitemini Domino”

VU 451 – “This is the Spirit’s Entry Now”

VU 542 – “We Give You But Your Own”

MV 161 – “I Have Called You By Your Name”

MV 220 – “Hope Shines as the Solitary Star”

Birthdays for January

Emily Boldt January 10

Len Stein January 12

Cara Stein January 22

Byron Jordan January 24

Janice Lanigan January 27

Cathy Hanbury January

Offering Envelopes

The 2022 Offering Envelopes are available. Ask Gayle LaPointe for yours on Sunday.

January happenings

ROMEO {Retired Old Men Eating Out} Jan 7 2022

All men from all congregations are invited to this breakfast meeting every other Friday at 8:00 am. The next meeting is on Friday, January 7, 2022 Why not join and have some great breakfast company? The breakfast is held at JoJo's Bana Restaurant in Abbotsford.

GOGO's January 22 2021

Abbotsford GOGO's meeting 9:30 – 11:30

January Lectionary

January 2 B2101

Jeremiah 31:7–14 or Sirach 24:1–12

Psalms 147:12–20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15–21

Ephesians 1:3–14

John 2:1:(1–9), 10–18

Celebrate Epiphany January 6

Isaiah 60:1–6

Psalms 72:1–7, 10–14

Ephesians 3:1–12

Matthew 2:1–12

Baptism of Jesus January 9 B2102

Isaiah 43:1–7

Psalms 29

Acts 8:14–17

Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

Second after Epiphany January 16 B2103

Isaiah 62:1–5

Psalms 36:5–10

1 Corinthians 12:1–11

John 2:1–11

Third after Epiphany January 23 B2104

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

Luke 4:14–21

Fourth after Epiphany January 30 B2106

Jeremiah 1:4–10

Psalms 71:1–6

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

Luke 4: 21–30

Minister's Message for January, 2022

Siblings in Christ,

We are now in the Church season of Epiphany, and the symbols of Epiphany are of course the Magi: the astrologers from the East who studied the stars as part of their religious practices. Though not Jews or proto-Christians, either before or after their visit, their own spirituality told them that something significant was happening. Epiphany is the celebration of the revelation of the light of Christ to the whole world. It was also one fulfillment of the hope expressed in the Old Testament that the kings of the world would seek instruction in Jerusalem.

Though we sometimes worry that exploring other traditions betrays or threatens our own convictions, the Bible itself gives this example of people who, remaining rooted in their own traditions, nevertheless found new insights on that tradition in exploring another.

Christianity grew to maturity in a context saturated with Greco-Roman thinking; the philosophy of Plato and Aristotle became the scaffolding for Christian elaboration of its own tradition. Reflection on and clarification of the nature of God and Christ, for example, used the concepts of nature and substance from Greek philosophy. This happened so long ago that it is largely invisible to us, but if it is legitimate to think about our faith through this lens, then it may also be helpful and legitimate for Christians to explore other lenses such as Buddhism or Process-Relational philosophy—as indeed such Christian thinkers as, respectively, Thomas Merton and Charles Hartshorne or John Cobb have done (Bruce G. Epperly, *Process Theology: A Guide for the Perplexed*, pg. 18).

All of which is a long-winded way of encouraging you, while your body may be confined to BC by COVID considerations, to let your mind roam far and wide, to explore new perspectives and new traditions, and perhaps thus to be illuminated in new ways by the light of Christ.

Have a blessed Epiphany,

Tim

Help needed – snow clearing

Myrna Hackett from Forest Edge complex is looking for someone to help with clearing their entry paths from snow. She is looking for someone (perhaps students) who would like to make a little pocket money. Contact our office for more information.

Church office hours:

Gladwin Heights office is open 9:30am - 2:30pm, Tuesday

St. Andrews' office is open 9:30am - 2:30 pm, Wednesday

Remote office hours for both Gladwin Heights and St Andrews' are Monday and Thursday 9 am to 4 pm

Reverend Tim's office hours:

Tim can be reached from 10am - 4pm Monday and Wednesday at St Andrew's office, 10am to 4pm Tuesday at Gladwin's office. Please check for availability. Tim's contact is: 778-791-3545, or bowmantimothy@gmail.com

Gladwin Heights United Church**Board Members**

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SPA Events

“The Afterlife: Multi-Faith & Multi-Disciplinary Perspectives”

Spiritual Path to Awakening welcomes you to join us for the six-week, virtual series “The Afterlife: Multi-Faith & Multi-Disciplinary Perspectives” with Harold Rosen.

Dates: Weekly, Tuesday, January 11, 2022 - Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Event Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (each week)

6-Week Virtual Series (FULL SERIES TICKET) Regular price \$45.00

*This event listing is for purchasing the full 6-sessions at a discounted rate of \$45.00. Alternatively, you are welcome to register for any of the sessions individually for \$10.00 each.

Platform: Zoom

About ‘The Afterlife’ Series:

How do the major religious cultures of our world address the issue of Life After Death? How do these beliefs and practices compare to the findings of Near-Death Experience Research? What light do these views and investigations cast on the Purpose of This Life in general, and the Meaning of Our Lives in particular? Harold Rosen, a community interfaith educator, will offer multi-faith, multi-disciplinary, and integrative perspectives while facilitating an open exploration.

You are welcome to register for the full six-week series or sign up for any of the individual sessions.

Register at: <https://abbyspa.com> and follow the links in upcoming events

Paint Night:

The Colours of Winter: Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Spiritual Path to Awakening’s monthly Paint Night Classes are back! Led by local artist John Le Flock, join us in January to paint your own captivating winterscape in this step-by-step workshop. All levels of experience are welcome!

Trinity Memorial United Church, Church Hall, Downtown Abbotsford 6:00pm - 8:00pm, \$25.00 per ticket, all supplies/materials are provided.

This event is open to all members of the community. Space is limited, please pre-register on our website to reserve your spot.

*Proof of full vaccination required for all attendees.

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Sound Healing Saturday, January 15, 2022

Trinity Memorial United Church, Conference Room B, Downtown Abbotsford 10:00am - 12:00pm, \$25.00 per ticket.

The sound of the gongs, singing bowls, drums and chimes touches our innermost soul and brings it into brilliant resonance. As we move into healing mode, a time of clarity and wisdom each of us is seeking supportive tools. Tools that open the way back to balance. Sound as a New Medicine is certainly one which can dramatically expedite this transition. This is simple, just let the radiance of the sound wash over and through your physical, energetic, and heart-centered bodies.

This event is open to all members of the community; no experience is required. Space is limited, please pre-register to reserve your spot. **Proof of full vaccination required for all attendees, additional details below.*

In addition to your vaccine passport and photo ID, please kindly come prepared with: a yoga mat and a bottle of water. For your sound healing comfort, it is suggested that you bring a blanket and a pillow if you choose to lay down. Relaxation optimizes the effect of sound healing.

Register at: <https://abbyspa.com> and follow the links in upcoming events.