

**Worship Leaders:**

Minister: Rev. Richard Chung

Guest Speaker: Robin Anderson, VST Representative to Knox

Scripture Reader: Frances Herzer

Music Director: Colleen Coulter

Organist: Madelene Klassen

Anthem Soloist: Victor Burke

Ministry of Music: Knox Choir

Usher/Greeters: Dave Cass,

Live-Streaming: Kevin Wong

Webminder: Debra Danny

# January 26, 2025

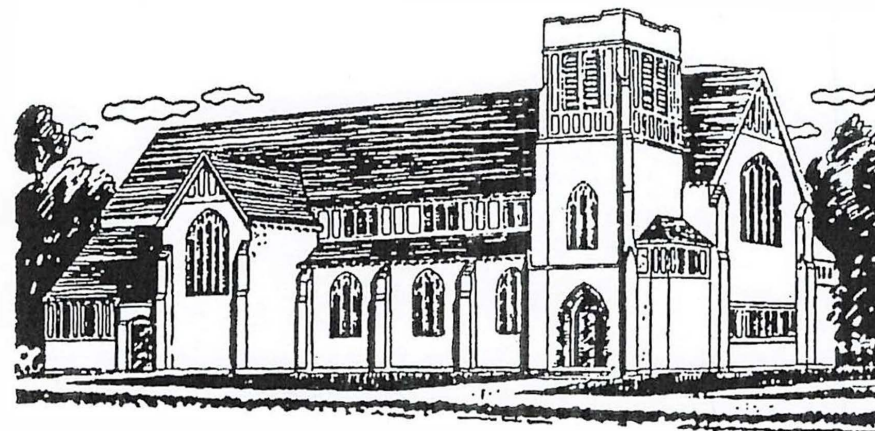
## Third Sunday after Epiphany

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**Land Acknowledgment:**

We acknowledge we worship on the unceded territories of the  
x\_wm\_əθk\_wəy\_əm\_(Musqueam), S\_kw\_x\_wú7mesh (Squamish),  
and Sel\_íl\_witulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. We thank them for having cared  
for this land and look forward to relating with them as covenant people  
of God as we continue to care for this land together.

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**KNOX UNITED CHURCH**

Mission: "We exist to love God and love our neighbours"  
(Matthew 22: 36-40)

Vision: "We aspire to engage our neighbours through the  
arts, building a community without loneliness.

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# KNOX UNITED CHURCH

# VANCOUVER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY SUNDAY

♪↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♪+ Remain seated to sing

**Prelude:** “If You Will Trust in God to Guide You” Robert Graham

## Welcome and Candle Lighting

### Call to Worship:

**Minister:** Come to worship. Come with your joy and expectation. Come with your doubt and fear. Come with what troubles you. Come with your hopes and dreams. Come with your questions and unsatisfying answers. Come with your hunger and thirst for truth and love.

**All: Come to eat the bread of God’s instruction. Come to drink God’s water of life without cost, freely given. God is here. God is with us. We are not alone. God is waiting for us with welcome, with open arms, with revelation. Come. Worship as we are, not as we think we should be. Prepare to leave, changed by God’s everlasting presence. Come!**

*Provided by Dr. Harry O. Maier*

*VST Professor of New Testament & Early Christian Studies*

♪↑ **Hymn:** “In Christ There Is No East or West” VU 606

### Prayer of Approach:

**Minister:** Tender and loving God, Your infinite mercy and capacity for care astound us. You are the Creator and Sustainer of all things, The Alpha and Omega, whose majesty is beyond our understanding. And yet, you also number the hairs on our heads, the grains of the sand on the beach, and are intimately acquainted with every living being from humble grubs below the surface of the grass to soaring eagles who catch air currents above cedars.

**All: We confess the many ways that we have failed to reflect your love and mercy. We have squandered the resources of creation. We have disregarded the needs of neighbors near and far. We have allowed fear to drive our actions. It is easy to lose heart. We see the results of our brokenness everywhere.**

**All: Tender God, forgive, heal, restore and console your creation. Inspire and empower us to trust you completely. Guide our actions that our whole lives might point to your Commonwealth. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, in whose footsteps we follow, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Provided by Rev. Dr. Joni Sancken*

*VST Butler Chair of Homiletics and Biblical Interpretation*

### Assurance of Pardon:

**Minister:** The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May God of mercy, who forgives all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

*Provided by Rev. Dr. Richard R. Topping*

*VST President*

♪+ **Hymn:** “The Spirit of the Lord” *(see insert)*  
*From SFAGP*

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 4:14-21

**Anthem:** “All God’s People Come Together” Pepper Choplin

**Sermon:** From Scroll to Action

**Meditative Music:** “Musette” Leon Boellmann

♪↑ **Offering Hymn:** “Draw the Circle Wide” (verse 2) MV 145

### Prayer of Dedication: *(together)*

**Gracious God, you call us to make your gift of love evident in our lives. Receive and bless this offering as a symbol of our**

thanksgiving and as a sign of our commitment to be prophetic witnesses of your love and justice. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

*Provided by Rev. Dr. Hyuk Cho*

*VST Professor of United Church Formation and Studies*

**Prayers of the People**

♫+ **Lord’s Prayer (said together)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

♫↑ **Hymn: “Live into Hope”**

VU 699

**Commissioning and Benediction**

♫↑ **Benediction Response: “Jesus, the Light of the World”**

*Chorus only*

Walk in the Light, beautiful Light;  
Come where the dew-drops  
of mercy shine bright.  
Shine all around us by day  
and by night, Jesus,  
the Light of the World. *(repeat)*

**Postlude: “Processional in C”**

Hal Hopson

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