

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

"The Church by the Side of the Road"

Fully accessible for people with physical disabilities

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“The Mission of Topsail United Church is:

- To offer to all the opportunity to come to know God as revealed in Jesus Christ;
- To grow in faith through worship, study and prayer;
- To care for each other and all of God’s creation; and
- To encourage and empower each other to use our talents within the Church.”

- Ministers:	The Congregation
- Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley
- Congregational Designated Minister:	Steven Rogers
- Youth Band Director:	Brett Vey
- Vocal Director:	Rosalind Foley
- Children’s Choir Accompanist:	Andrea Deacy
- Musical Ensembles:	Children’s Choir, Youth Band, Rhythm Band
- Office Manager:	Lynn Mercer
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards

October 20th, 2013

World Food Sunday / Family Sunday

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! World Food Day (observed October 16) was founded by the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations in Quebec City in 1945. It is observed in more than 150 countries as a way to raise awareness about hunger, malnutrition and food insecurity. Today, on World Food Sunday, let us rededicate ourselves to living in right relationship with our neighbors and with the earth, saving lives and creating a more just food system for all. We can and must help end hunger and in so doing, be good stewards of God’s creation.

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

One: Our God is an awesome God who breathed into emptiness and created all that is.

All: **With love and care, God shaped the world in all its diversity – with mountains and valleys, rivers and deserts, and people of all colors and sizes.**

One: And threading through it all are beautiful dreams of justice, compassion, liberation, and peace.

All: O God, creator of our past, our present, and our future, we thank you for the many blessings you bestow on us each moment.

One: Be with us now. Draw near to us as we draw near to you.

All: Lead us in paths of righteousness. Fill our hearts with compassion and a thirst for justice. Teach us to be co-creators, with You, of a world where all belong and share in the abundance you have given us.

One: Praise be to God.

INTROIT: "Stand on the Rock"

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

BAPTISM HYMN: #455 "This Child of Ours"

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

One: Let us celebrate the gift of grace given to us in the Sacrament of Baptism.

All: There is one body and one spirit; we have one hope in Christ.

One: There is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God, Creator of us all.

All: Out of the waters of Baptism, we rise with new life, forgiven, renewed, and one with Christ, members of Christ's body.

INTRODUCTION & VOWS

One: Let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

All: As a Baptized and Baptizing church, 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.

STATEMENT OF FAITH: (The Creed - #918 - Voices United)

THE BAPTISM

HYMN: #460 "All Who Hunger"

TALK TIME

MUSICAL REFLECTION: "Walk With Us" (Youth Band)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 65: 17-25

1 John 3: 17-24

REFLECTION

ANTHEM: "Friends Let Us Love Each Other" (Children's Choir)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER:

Holy God, we know that we live in a world of plenty, with food sufficient for all. Help us to realize that there is enough for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's greed. Give us hearts of compassion, unselfish concern and loving care, that all may have the abundant life which is thy will. When we offer all that we have, we know that in thy hands there is enough and to spare, O God of the hungry crowd and of the twelve basketsful left over. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING (Rhythm Band)

CONGREGATION SINGS: **Holy, Holy, Holy God**

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Merciful God, the gifts we bring are so small in comparison to the vast needs in the world — nowhere near enough to save the thousands now dying of starvation and malnutrition. Yet we bring what we can. As You once multiplied the five small loaves and two fish, we ask that You would multiply these gifts as well, so that, once again, the hungry may receive all they need, and more. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #227 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Today we are pleased to welcome into membership of our
Church family, through The Sacrament of Baptism;*

Elliot Isabella Randell

daughter of Nicole (Reynolds) and Hughie Randell, St. John's, NL

Maxwell Harold Oliver-Janes

son of April Oliver and Nicholas Janes, CBS, NL

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Today's bulletin has been dedicated to the glory of God and donated

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In memory of uncles

Angus & Leigh Pike

from John, Judy, Gloria, Robert and Gary

In memory of friends and family

Jean and Dave Williams

have made a donation to the Roofing Fund

In loving memory of a wonderful husband

Hubert Stokes

always loved and missed by wife Olive

In memory of a loving father and grandfather

Hubert Stokes

*forever loved and missed dearly by
daughter Ruth, granddaughter Geri and family*