TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

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- 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
Office Manager:	Lynn Mercer
Caretaker:	Roger Richards
Youth Band Director:	Brett Vey,
Vocal Director:	Rosalind Foley
Children's Choir Accompanist:	Andrea Deacy
Musical Ensembles:	Children's Choir, Youth Band,
	Rhythm Band

September 15, 2013

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! We are pleased to welcome our Children's Choir, Rhythm Band and Youth Band to share their talents in our worship today. Scripture reminds us that "as each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). May we all contribute to our community by sharing our talents and gifts.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Shout Out Our Love"

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Rhythm Band) Holy God we gather here May we feel your Spirit near

BAPTISM HYMN: #597 "Simon, Simon"

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

- **ANTHEM:** "Let the Children Come to Me" (Children's Choir)
- **HYMN:** "Upstairs, downstairs" [insert]

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER: Loving God, who calls us together into community, we gather in gratitude and praise for the gift of this community and the many gifts and talents that are represented here. As followers of the Way of Jesus, in community, in love, in God, we are one. Loving God, bless this time of new beginning for our congregation as we enter into a new season of learning and worshipping together. May we learn from the visions offered by the children and youth. May we listen to the dreams of the elders in our midst. May we together be open to the guiding of your Spirit. Amen.

MUSICAL PRESENTATION: "Are You a Shepherd?" (Youth Band)

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 98 (#818 – Sing a new song to God.) Luke 15: 1-10 (The parables of the lost sheep and lost coin.)

- One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church
- All: Thanks be to God!

REFLECTION: "Growing In God's Love"

HYMN: #585 "Jesus Bids Us Shine"

OFFERTORY

Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away Love is something if you give it away, you'll end up having more It's just like a magic penny, hold on tight and you won't have any Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many – they'll roll all over the floor! Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away Love is something if you give it away, you'll end up having more

OFFERTORY PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #562 "Jesus Calls Us"

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;

Ryleigh Claire Barron,

daughter of Jennifer (Murphy) and Nick Barron of Paradise, NL

Nevaeh Josonna Mary Breen, daughter of Stephanie Moores & Tommy Breen of CBS, NL

Jacob Wayne Carroll, son of Tracy (Hillyard) & Jamie Carroll of Paradise, NL

Camille Madison Christian, daughter of Brenda (Hynes) & Matthew Christian of CBS, NL

BULLETIN DEDICATION

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

In loving memory of husband, father & grandfather **Jim Mansbridge** Ever remembered, Ever missed by Jean, Gary & Family A gift has been received for the roofing fund

In loving memory of **Les Stokes** by Eleanor A Gift has been received for the Roofing Fund

In loving memory of father **Arch Kearley** by son Bruce, Dianne & family A Gift has been received for the Roofing Fund