

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

"The Church by the Side of the Road"

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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."
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| - Ministers: | The Congregation |
| - Clergy: | Rev. Bruce Kearley |
| - Congregational Designated Minister: | Steven Rogers |
| - Organist: | Beth Cranston |
| - Choir Director: | Andrew Cranston |
| - Choir: | Male Choir |
| - Office Manager: | Lynn Mercer |
| - Caretaker: | Roger Richards |
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September 22nd, 2013
18th after Pentecost

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! With the community addressed in 1 Timothy, we are reminded that God's people pray in all circumstances. We are urged to pray for everyone, including political leaders, so that all people may live in God's reign of peace and wholeness – shalom. God's wise ways lead and encourage us as we seek to live prayerfully as members of the Body of Christ and also citizens of our own countries. (Ecumenical Prayer Calendar: Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine.)

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" #400-VU

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: There is a creator to praise, a Saviour to serve, a Spirit to share.

All: From the chill of the autumn air, we move into the warmth of worship.

One: There is a creation alive with the life of God set upon it.

All: The worship we enter is a meeting place of the Word within our world.

One: There are brothers and sisters yet to meet.

All: In worship, the fullness of fellowship begins, and the bonds of Christ's family grow.

One: We worship our God. We welcome one another.

(Written by **Karen Boivin**, while at Orleans U.C., Orleans, Ont. *Gathering*, Summer/Autumn 2007, page.38. Used with permission)

CONGREGATION SINGS:

Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

God is with us in this place, like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace, for we are part of the family.

Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (In Unison – "Seasons of the Spirit")

Renewing Spirit, as open windows let fresh air in, so prayer is like an opening into our soul through which you can flow. Blow through each one of us and through this community. Stir our stale places. Ruffle our status quo. Be like a breeze gently unsettling our religious certainties. May we be wholly shaped by you through prayer. Amen

HYMN: #445 "A Little Child..." (verses 1 & 2)



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: #445 "A Little Child..." (verses 3 & 4)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 111 (#833)vu

1 Timothy 2: 1-7 (Offer prayers for those in high positions.)

ANTHEM: "I Need Thee Every Hour"

SERMON: "Prayerful Living"

HYMN: #661 "Come To My Heart"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,
And some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.
Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:
Be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (In unison – Seasons of the Spirit)

We pray for political leaders around the world: illumine paths of greater justice and peace. We pray for those who lead the way in compassion: sustain them in their work. We pray for leaders who hold the welfare of those who are most vulnerable in their hands: keep their hearts pure. We pray for the leaders of the church: ennoble their efforts. For all who lead with their words and actions: we give thanks, O God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #342 "You Servants of God"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

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

Hannah Jo Elizabeth Fowler

daughter of Terri (Walsh) & Mitchell Fowler of Paradise, NL