

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."
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| - Ministers: | The Congregation |
| - Clergy: | Rev. Bruce Kearley |
| - Congregational Designated Minister: | Steven Rogers |
| - Organist: | Beth Cranston |
| - Choir Director: | Andrew Cranston |
| - Choir: | Mixed Choir |
| - Office Manager: | Lynn Mercer |
| - Caretaker: | Roger Richards |
| - Reader: | Pat Jones |
| - Communion: | Mildred Coles |
| - | Sarah Budgell |

Sunday, February 2nd, 2014

4th after Epiphany/ Sacrament of Holy Communion

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! For the next four weeks we will focus on a collection of Jesus' sayings known as the Sermon on the Mount. Many view chapters 5–7 in the gospel of Matthew as Jesus' greatest sermon and his definitive teachings, opening our eyes to God's reality and transforming love. Paul reminds us that God's wisdom is different than worldly wisdom, and Micah and the psalmist describe ways we live in God's reality and transforming love. (Ecumenical prayer calendar: Ireland, United Kingdom.)

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "God, Whose Love Is All Around Us"
(Ron Klusmeier, vs. 2 &3)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive – Seasons of the Spirit)

Based on Micah 6:8

One: God has told you, what is good, and what God requires.

All: *What is good? What does God require of us?*

One: To do justice

All: **with God**

One: and to love kindness

All: **with God**

One: and to walk humbly

All: **with our God.**

One: Come, let us worship our God.

CONGREGATION SINGS: (sing twice)

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you,

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield,

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you!

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (unison)

Open to your Spirit and alive to Christ, who was, who is, and who comes, we gather in thanksgiving, O God. We offer you our adoration, our acclaim, and our very lives as we worship this day through fellowship, prayer and song. Amen.

HYMN: #626 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus"

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Micah 6: 1-8 (What does God require of us?)

Psalms 15 (#736 – Who may be a guest in God's house?)

Matthew 5: 1-12 (Blessed are the poor in spirit.)

SERMON: "Awakening to God's Reality and Love"

HYMN: #337 "Blessed Assurance"

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM: "Worship The Lord" (VU #401)

THE INVITATION

CONFESSION:

Gracious God, we are called to do justice, but we do not always respond. We are called to love kindness, but there are times when we are unkind in our thoughts and actions.

We are called to walk humbly, but there are times when we spend our days contemplating what sets us above the people who stand in the way of our purposes.

Forgive us, free us and shape us again to be your people.
Welcome us back to the work of righteousness. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

*(The Bread is broken & The Cup is lifted)
(Communion is shared)*

HYMN: #223 "Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Bread of Life, Feed My Soul"
(MV #194)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

*In loving memory of
a darling granddaughter
Sydney Erin Baggs
by Nanny Baggs & family*

*In loving memory of
Bobbi Pelley
forever in our hearts,
from brother Jason & family*

