

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
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Male Choir
- Office Manager:	Lynn Mercer
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards

January 12th, 2014

1st after Epiphany / The Baptism of the Lord

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! The baptism of Jesus presents an occasion for exploring our ideas about flesh and spirit, our misconceptions about repentance, our inner and outer journeys of faith, and the various "hinge events" of our lives. (*Ecumenical prayer calendar: Cyprus, Greece, Turkey*)

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE

INTROIT: "I Am a Child of God" (MV #157 vs. 1&5)

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

One: Ascribe to God glory and strength!

All: Worship God in the splendour of holiness!

One: God's voice speaks in the midst of our chaos.

All: God's voice flows like the living waters of grace.

One: May God give strength to the people.

All: May God bless the people with grace.

One: Let us worship God!

CONGREGATION SINGS: (Sing twice, Christ Candle is lit)

"I am the light of the world!

You people come and follow me!"

If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery,
of what you were meant to do and be.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (unison)

Creator God, the waters of baptism remind us of creation and we remember you have created us as your people. You sent your son, Jesus, to be the presence of love among us and to show us how to be more loving. You send your Spirit to teach us how to please you with our words and actions. As we receive your good news, help us to be good news to others. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

HYMN: #642 "Be Thou My Vision"

TALK TIME

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 42: 1-9 (God's servant brings justice.)

Psalms 29 #756 (Ascribe to God all glory and strength.)

Matthew 3: 13-17 (Jesus is baptized.)

ANTHEM: "Creator God You Gave Us Life" (Judith Snowdon)

SERMON: "Turning Points"

HYMN: #315 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY: (VU #540)

Grant Us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living, we may offer faithfully.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (unison - Seasons of the Spirit)

One: O God, we look at our feet and see the unfolding possibilities.

All: May we move in the direction of service.

One: We look at our hands and see a future of compassion.

All: May we seek to do the work of justice.

One: We look into our hearts and see love and the connection.

All: May we be shaped as a beloved community. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #341 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "May God Who Creates You" (VU #454)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

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In loving memory of a devoted mother

Maude Brown

by Barbara