

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH
December 24th, 2014
Christmas Eve - 4:00 p.m.

INTROIT: "Christmas Comes Anew"



CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive) (Amy Goulding)

One: O Come little children from near and far to see the
Christmas miracle!

All: O come, all you faithful!

One: O come families come and hear the Christmas Story!

All: O come all you faithful

One: O come all the world, from every race and place,
Come and receive God's Christmas blessing!

All: Come, Let us worship and adore!

CONGREGATION SINGS: #60 O Come, all ye Faithful
(Verse 1)

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (Emma Bishop)

Shh! Come and see!

Come and see for whom the prophets foretold!

Come and see of whom the angels sang!

Come and see our hearts desire.

Jesus born in Bethlehem.

Come and see! Amen

(adapted from Richard Bott, *The Gathering*, 2014)

Lighting of the Christ Candle
(Derrick, Michelle, Emma and Lily Turner)

THE CHRISTMAS STORY (Rev. Bruce)

CHRISTMAS PRAYER: (Emma Turner)

Loving God

Thank you for the gift of Jesus.

Thank you for your story—a story of love for your children, a
story of love for each one of us, your wondrous creations.

Help us love one another.

We pray in the name of the One born in a manger. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRESENTATION "The First Christmas"

(Amy Goulding, Emma Turner, Lily Turner, Jillian Moran, Madison Moulton, Penelope Paulin, Emma Bishop, Willow King, Lily-Rose King, Andrew Moores, Rachel Moores)

OFFERTORY:

Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away
Love is something if you give it away, you end up having more.
It's just like a magic penny, hold it 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 end up having more.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (Rachel and Andrew Moores)

Loving God, we bring our gifts to the stable, together with the gift of our love. Accept these humble offerings, and bless us, as we celebrate the birth of your son, Jesus the baby of Bethlehem. Amen

BENEDICTION:

Go now into Christmas,
May the Bethlehem star guide you on your way
this evening and forevermore. (adapted from Bob Root, The Gathering 2010)

CONGREGATION SINGS: #67 "Silent Night"

*Lights dimmed, Children's Choir sing verse 1
Congregation join us for verses 2 and 3*

MERRY CHRISTMAS

