

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 |
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Sunday, June 7th, 2015

2nd after Pentecost/Confirmation/Holy Communion

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! The true leader of the community of faith is God. As followers of God we seek and follow God's leading in our own lives. Confirmation is that time of personal commitment to being in relationship with Jesus and neighbour. We celebrate with those being confirmed and pledge to share our faith together as we witness to God's love.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: (VU #471) Eat This Bread and Never Hunger

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: How good it is to gather here and hear the word of God.

All: **How good it is that we can worship with one another.**

One: How good it is that we can bring the concerns of our lives and our world to God in the prayerful support of this community.

All: **So, let's share with one another the joys and celebrations we have experienced this week.**

One: How good it is to celebrate with one another. Surely God rejoices with us. Let us worship God!

CONGREGATION SINGS: #575 "I'm Gonna Live" (verses 1 & 2)

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

God who speaks, we want to hear you. Guide us in this time of worship to hear your voice. Speak to us in the songs, in the Word, in the laughter of children, and in the chatting with a new friend. Speak to us, God, your children are listening. Amen.

HYMN: (VU #684) Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 6: 1-8

Matthew 25: 34-40

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: (in unison)

Having heard and been reminded about the good things that these gifts do, we give with generous hearts. Amen.

HYMN: (VU #256) O God Beyond All Praising

THE CONFIRMATION

Valerie Howe: (Chair – Pastoral Care & Membership); **Doreen Cave** (Chair - Worship & Sacraments)

INTRODUCTION:

At various stages of the faith journey which is life in Christ, we have opportunities to reaffirm and renew the faith proclaimed in our baptism. As we reaffirm the power of the Holy Spirit, those who have been baptized as children claim for themselves the faith of the Christian community in which they have been nurtured. Today we gather to celebrate the place of these persons in the family of God, and to give thanks for their gifts in the body of Christ, and to promise to continue to walk with them in the journey of faith. With joy and thanksgiving we celebrate the faith we all share, and rededicate ourselves to the life and work of the Body of Christ.

CANDIDATES PRESENTED FOR CONFIRMATION

Shannon Charlene Collins
Brooke Renee Fowler
Nicholas Sean O'Brien
Linden Maxwell Power
Alyssa Penney Jean Stone
Ashtyn Marie Wells

THE VOWS:

L: I ask you now these questions that you may publicly profess the faith proclaimed in your baptism.

In the presence of this community of faith, do you commit yourself to follow the way of Christ in your public and private life?

Answer: "I Do"

L: Do you profess your faith in one God: Creator, Christ and Spirit?

Answer: "I Do"

L: Will you support the life and work of Christ's church?

Answer: "I Will"

L: Will you try daily to respond to God's love, to do God's will, and fulfill your Christian calling and ministry in the world?

Answer: "I Will"

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS:

(presentation of bibles & certificates)

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT: (congregation please stand)

L: Let us pledge to these persons our continued support and care.

P: We will continue to support you and walk with you. With God's help we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.

COMMISSIONING:

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Fred Brown
Baxter Cooze
Beth Cranston
Heather Cronhelm
Eloise Bugden
Leonard Bugden
Ina Mulrooney

L: In the name of God, we welcome you to the worship and work of this congregation. We give thanks to God for your witness among us.

P: As your brothers and sisters in the community of faith, we welcome you. We rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. We pledge to you our friendship and our support. With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church.

L: Let us join in a communal statement of our Faith:

ALL: THE CREED (p. 918)

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM: "We Gather Here" (VU #469)

GATHERING PRAYER:

CONFESSION: (in unison)

God speaks in the circumstances of our lives. Hearing what is said can be difficult. Often what is said is subtle, sometimes we can't hear because we are inattentive, sometimes we block our ears, sometimes it comes in the voice of someone we do not regard. Let the Spirit come and open our ears to what will be significant for us to hear. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS

BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (sung)

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

HYMN: (VU #459) Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

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

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

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