

# 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."

- <b>Ministers:</b>	<b>The Congregation</b>
- <b>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>
- <b>Congregational Designated Minister:</b>	<b>Steven Rogers</b>
- <b>Organist:</b>	<b>Beth Cranston</b>
- <b>Choir Director:</b>	<b>Andrew Cranston</b>
- <b>Choir:</b>	<b>Male Choir</b>
- <b>Office Manager:</b>	<b>Lynn Mercer</b>
- <b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>

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**March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**3<sup>rd</sup> in Lent**

## **SERVICE NOTE**

**WELCOME!** The readings this week call us to consider what God desires for our world, the role of God's wisdom in our lives, and what it means to dwell in the realm of God's promise.

## **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

### **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**INTROIT:** "To The Desert Jesus Came" (VU113 – vs. 3)

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

**One:** People of God we are here; in this sacred space, in this sacred moment.

**All:** **Let us briefly leave daily concerns aside, for here we recall the stories of faith,**

**One:** here we are awed by the glory of God, who made heaven and earth, yet knows us by name,

**All:** **here we remember whose we are.**

**One:** Let us worship God!

**A Lenten candle Liturgy**  
(each week a purple candle is extinguished)

**CONGREGATION SINGS:**

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand:  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

**WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:**

**OPENING PRAYER:** (in unison – Seasons of the Spirit)

As all creation sings praises to God today we lift our voices to join the choir. We sing of the joy and glory of being embraced by the God of light. We sing of the sweetness of being held in love by the God of justice. We sing with voices filled with awe, knowing that we have a place in your realm, that is no less than that of the stars in the heavens, and we are grateful. Amen.

**HYMN:** #589 “Lord, Speak to Me” (verses 1-3)

**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 (VU #918)

## THE BAPTISM

**HYMN:** #589 “Lord, Speak to Me” (verse 4)

### **WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD**

#### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 (God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom.)

Psalms 19: (#740 – The heavens declare the glory of God.)

John 2: 13-22 (Jesus clears the temple)

**ANTHEM:** “His Name Is Wonderful”

#### **SERMON:**

**HYMN:** #672 “Take Time To Be 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:** (in unison)

Just as you are the God who knows us by name, so are you the  
God who knows all those in need by name. May these, our gifts,  
be a beacon of light to those in need.

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

#### **THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** #657 “He Leadeth Me”

#### **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** “Trust & Obey” (HFG454 – verse 4)

#### **MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**



**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

*In loving memory of*

**Richard Barnes**

*from wife Olga & Family*

*my two sisters*

**Joyce Scott & Cammie Collins**

*& my two Daughters in law*

**Birnice Bonia & Gloria Barnes-Murphy**

*In loving memory of*

**Mrs. Blanche Stockwood**

*from the Men's Club*

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**GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

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

**Fletcher David Oliver-Janes**

*son of April Oliver & Nicholas Janes of St. John's, NL.*