



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."

- Ministers:	The Congregation
- Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley
- Congregational Designated Minister:	Steven Rogers
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Men's Choir
- Office Manager:	Lynn Mercer
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards

May 17th, 2015
7th of Easter

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! God of all wisdom, give us visions of the life you intend for us. May your ways be our ways. Guide us in building a Spirit-led community that bears fruit which is pleasing to you, and beneficial to our neighbours. Amen.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

MUSICAL PRELUDE

INTROIT: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (VU #400)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

One: We are gathered here because we are God's beloved people.

All: God's greatest desire for us is that we live abundant, flourishing lives;

One: For us to stand like trees planted by streams of water, strong and fruitful, bringing joy and justice to the world, living lives full of contentment and love; and for this we are grateful. Let us Worship God!

CONGREGATION SINGS: (VU #766 - 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

OPENING PRAYER: (In unison)

Loving God, we gather in this place and you know our hearts. May that be enough for us right now, to simply rest here secure in the knowledge of being known. Let that be enough to bring us together to share what we know and what we wish to know. Amen.

HYMN: #445 "A Little Child the Saviour Came" (Verses 1 & 2)

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: #445 "A Little Child the Saviour Came" (Verses 3 & 4)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 1 (VU #724)

John 17: 6-19

ANTHEM: "Sweet By and By"

SERMON: "*Firmly Rooted*"

HYMN: #330 "Jesus Shall Reign"

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)

As God has given to us abundantly, so we would be generous to others. Bless these gifts as they flow into our world to become part of God's flourishing realm of compassion, justice, and love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #274 "Your Hand, O God Has Guided"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "We Shall Go Out" (VU #586)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

*In loving memory of
David Miller
from Robert Miller*

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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*

Carrie Margaret Butt
*daughter of Herb & Michelle Butt of Paradise, NL.
and*

Abigail Nora Chiasson
son of Travis Chiasson & Jessica Senior of CBS, NL.