



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:	Mixed Choir
- Office Manager:	Nicole Ivey-Cross
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards

January 3rd, 2016

Epiphany Sunday/Communion

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME & HAPPY NEW YEAR! Epiphany is on the 6th of January. We reflect upon Epiphany today in our worship. Epiphany is a sudden realization and intuitive new understandings of ordinary occurrences. On Epiphany Sunday we celebrate magi, being led by the light of a star to the place Jesus was, and rejoice that God is revealed among us in unexpected places and in people.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT:

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

CONGREGATION SINGS: (*Christ Candle is lit*)

Joy to the world the Lord is come: let earth receive her king!
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature and sing and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: #86 - VU (in unison)

HYMN: #81 "As With Gladness, Men Of Old"

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 60: 1-6 (Arise, shine; for your light has come)

Matthew 2: 1-12 (The visit of the Magi)

SERMON: "A GREAT GIFT"

HYMN: #626 "I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY:

From all that dwells below the skies
Let songs of hope and faith arise;
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung
Through every land, by every tongue

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Creator of all-that-is: from you come all the gifts of life. The gifts we offer in return keep this circle in motion. Receive these tokens of our gratitude. May they be of use in the world in service of your love for all people. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

AHTHEM:

GATHERING PRAYER:

CONFESSION: (in unison)

In Christ we are blessed with every spiritual blessing, but what separates us from each other most often begins with fear. From our fear of insecurity, we often take advantage of others, or act mainly for ourselves to protect what we have: merciful God, forgive us. Out of fear of loneliness, we sometimes manipulate others into relationships with us that are not always mutual: merciful God, forgive us. In fear that we are not enough, we try too hard to prove ourselves: merciful God, forgive us. And fearing that others might want more than we think we can give, we sometimes shut people out or refuse to see their own neediness, merciful God, forgive us. Holy One, we long to be healed of all our fears. Hear our prayers. 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: #91 "The First Nowell"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION:

MUSICAL POSTLUDE: