



## 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."

- <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>Nicole Ivey-Cross</b>
- <b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>

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*January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016*  
*The Baptism of the Lord*

### SERVICE NOTE

**WELCOME!** This is the day in our church calendar when we celebrate Jesus' baptism. It is the day we are encouraged to remember the role baptism has played in our own life. It is a day we are challenged to remember that, along with Jesus, we are beloved by God and empowered to participate in the rebuilding of God's "kin-dom."

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

**INTROIT:** "Spirit of the Living God" (VU376)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

One: Come all God's people, and listen to the voice of God.

**All: God's voice is in the murmur of the waters.**

One: The water is cleansing and refreshing.

**All: Water reminds us of our vows to follow Christ.**

One: Baptism clears a way for new life.

**All: Our baptism reminds us that we are God's people, and that we join together in love and service.**

One: Let us worship God!

#### CONGREGATION SINGS:

She comes sailing on the wind,  
her wings flashing in the sun;  
on a journey just begun, she flies on.  
And in the passage of her flight,  
Her song rings out through the night,  
Full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

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

##### OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

Our God in Christ, you have given us a window to view the world, people, and ourselves, and your love is the framework that surrounds him. Help us as we worship to reframe all that we are and do in your love. (Written by **Camillia LaRouche**, Main Street U.C., Mitchell, Ont. Gathering, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, 2009-2010, page. 35. Used with permission)

**HYMN:** #378 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

**TALK TIME:**

**WE LISTEN TO & RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Psalms 29: (# 756)

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

**ANTHEM:** "The Water is Wide"

**SERMON:**

**HYMN:** #100 "When Jesus Comes to be Baptized"

**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)

Receive what we bring – together – O God, our gifts, ourselves, and a new and deeper commitment. Speak your blessing on us and send us out to repair and rebuild your beloved community in every place we go. With Jesus' Spirit in us, we pray and live. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** #264 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "Don't Be Afraid" (MV90)

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

*In loving memory of Mother & Father*

***Albert & Beryl Thistle***

*Brother*

***Keith Thistle***

*by Family*