

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

Sunday, March 27th, 2016 - 10:30 A.M.
EASTER SUNDAY

WELCOME & HAPPY EASTER! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! This ancient Easter greeting heralds the defining story of our faith. In the text, God's loving action on our behalf is evident. The gospels point us to the risen Christ and proclaim the good news available to all.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

ORGAN PRELUDE:

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #157 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

CONGREGATION SINGS: (*CHRIST CANDLE IS LIT*)

Joyful, joyful we adore you God of glory, life and love,
hearts unfold like flowers before you opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away,
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (In Unison)

God of the empty tomb, we come into your presence looking for Jesus after his death on the cross. We find the risen Christ and are delighted and transformed. As the stone was rolled away from the tomb on the first Easter morning, may we move any obstacle in our hearts and minds to encountering you in the holy mystery we remember today. Amen.

THE FAMILY OF GOD

Liturgy

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.

THE BAPTISM

HYMN: #161 "Welcome Happy Morning"

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 24: 1-12 (The women report that the tomb is empty)

ANTHEM: "Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah"

SERMON: "An Idle tale"

HYMN: #173 "Thine Is The Glory"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY:

From God we have the gifts of earth;
From Christ's stone tomb we have our birth;
We offer now our tithe and pray
That Christ bring justice in our day.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (#959 – VU - sung)

ANTHEM: “The Holy City”

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: “Joy Comes with the Dawn” (VU166)

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE:

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

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

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Xavier Parker Lee
son of Morgan and Robyn Lee

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Sam Charles Puddicombe
son of Stephen and Heather Puddicombe

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Jake Joseph Puddicombe
son of Stephen and Heather Puddicombe

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Molly Abigail Hunt
daughter of Karla Rumbolt and Michael Hunt

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