

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
- Youth Program Coordinator:	Heather Cronhelm
- You Band Director:	Brett Vey
- Musical Ensemble:	Inspiration Band
	Courage Choir
- Office Manager:	Jacqui Kennedy
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards

November 27th, 2016

1st of Advent

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! This week marks the beginning of the Advent season. Advent is traditionally a time of waiting, longing, promise, and preparation. This week's readings reassure us with God's promises, and we wait actively by engaging in God's justice in the world.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (VU1 – vs.1)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: Do you know what time it is?

All: It looks as if the dawn is breaking.

One: Yes, the night is far spent; the day is at hand.

All: Then let us wake up and welcome the day!

One: The day when swords are beaten into ploughshares.

All: The day of justice, the day of peace.

One: The day of hope, to which God calls us.

All: Surely, the dawn is breaking.

(written by John Moses, Trinity U.C., Charlottetown, P.E.I.)

CONGREGATION SINGS:

*A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

One: We are all on this Advent journey together. Travel with us God, during this time of waiting.

All: Awaken our hearts to your peace.

One: We light a new candle each Sunday in Advent, reminding us that you, God, are the light along our paths leading us to a more just world.

All : Awaken our hearts to your peace.

One: Holy One, as we wait, help us to stay awake and present to your love. Help us unlearn ways of harm, and practice ways of kindness.

All: Awaken our hearts to your peace.

CANDLE IS LIT

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

HYMN: #450 "Here At This Font" (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: #450 "Here At This Font" (verses 3 & 4)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalm 122 (#845)

Matthew 24: 36-44

AHTHEM: "Waiting for A King" (Williams/Martin)

SERMON: "Ready and Waiting"

HYMN: #9 "People Look East"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY:

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:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #31 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Hope Shines as a Solitary Star" (MV220)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

In loving memory of our family

Husband Richard Barnes

from Olga

Daughters-in-law ***Birnice & Gloria***

Sisters ***Cammie & Joyce***

Brother ***Weston Barnes*** (Dec. 25, 2015)

Son ***Roger Barnes*** (June 24, 2016) after a lengthy battle with cancer
from Mother & Family

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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Callie Karen Cavelle March-Prowse

daughter of Ashley March & Robert Prowse

Sarah Grace Matchem

daughter of Melanie Saunders

Frances Adele Cahill

daughter of Madelaine Hynes & Michael Cahill