

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.”

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| - Ministers: | The Congregation |
| - Clergy: | Rev. Bruce Kearley |
| - Youth Program Coordinator: | Heather Cronhelm |
| - Organist: | Beth Cranston |
| - Choir Director: | Andrew Cranston |
| - Choir: | Male Choir |
| - Office Manager: | Jacqueline Kennedy |
| - Caretaker: | Roger Richards |

October 9th, 2016

21st after Pentecost & Thanksgiving Sunday

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME & HAPPY THANKSGIVING! The holiday of Thanksgiving is one that assumes the bounty of the land. Even those who have not tilled the ground for generations find themselves thinking in terms of the earth’s abundance at this time of year. Perhaps it is the panoply of colors. Perhaps it is the mounds of produce in the supermarkets. Whatever the reason, this is a time in which we are very aware of the earth’s harvest and our dependence on it. May we be thankful for what we have and share our blessings with others and take care of the earth.

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: “God Is So Good” (Folk Celebration)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

One: Welcome all! Welcome to this day of thanksgiving.

All: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

One: You give us the gift of creation and of each other.

All: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

One: You give us the sun and the rain that helps plants to grow!

All: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

One: You give us the fruits of the earth which help to make us grow!

All: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

One: We join our voices together now to praise you. Let us worship God!

CONGREGATION SINGS: (#249 Voices United)

Rejoice in the Lord Always
and again I say rejoice! (*clap, clap*)

Rejoice in the Lord Always
and again I say rejoice! (*clap, clap*)

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice! (*clap, clap*)

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice! (*clap, clap*)

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

God of harvest, we give you thanks for the beautiful colours of autumn and for the cycle of changing seasons. We also give thanks for the earth's harvest that nourishes our bodies, and for your love which sustains our spirits. Help us to care of one another, and to care for all creation, for by caring for those whom you love, we show our thanks. Amen.

HYMN: #236 "Now Thank We All Our God"

TALK TIME:

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

Psalms 100 (#824 – VU)

Luke 17: 11-19 (Ten healed; one returns to offer thanks.)

AHTHEM:

SERMON: "Remember The Lord Your God"

HYMN: #516 "Come Ye Thankful People Come"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY:

This is the day, this is the day
That our God has made, that our God has made;
We will rejoice, We will rejoice
And be glad in it, And be glad in it
This is the day that our God has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That our God has made

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)

Thank you God, for the opportunity to share in the life and work of your church through these gifts. You have blessed us and we have much to give; may your purposes for this world be fulfilled through our lives' sharing today and always. Amen!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #242 "Let All Things Now Living"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Give Thanks For Strong Yet Tender Hands"(MV173)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

In memory of a loving husband, father and grandfather

Dave Williams

by Jean, Lisa & Sean, Noel & Sheri

Grandchildren, Nicholas, Nathan, Abigayle & Emma

In loving memory of

Laura Legrow

by husband Ed & daughter Marilyn

In loving memory of our Mother and Grandmother

Laura Legrow

by Son Ed, daughter-in-law Deborah and granddaughter Christine

Today's bulletin is dedicated in celebration of
Russell Parsons 91st Birthday on Oct. 10
from the Men's Club.

Today's Bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Winston Parsons
brother of Russell from the Men's Club

In loving memory of a husband, father & grandfather
Fred Button
by wife Betty and family
forever missed