

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
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Mixed Choir
- Office Manager:	Jacqueline Kennedy
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards

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Sunday, September 25th, 2016

19th After Pentecost

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Taught by God, all of our senses may participate in the beauty and wonderment of creation. Looking with wisdom and understanding, we see the interconnectedness of all things, animate and inanimate. On seeing and understanding, our hearts break out in songs of praise and thanksgiving.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: “The Prayer of Jesus” (written by *Hans van Nie*.
Gathering,
Pentecost 2 2016. Page. 56. Used with permission)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

One: Wisdom calls us to join the chorus and sing our praises to the God of all creation.

All: She was there from before time began, God's first blessing to the unfolding of God's creative love.

One: Wisdom invites us to join our voices with the moon and the stars, the mountain and the hills, the oceans and the rivers, animals of the earth, and all flying creatures.

All: We are all part of a universal chorus, offering praise to the One who gives us life.

One: Wisdom's song is heard in the heartbeat of all life.

All: Men and women, young and old, from the skies above to the foundations of the deep we are united in praise to the God in whom wisdom continues to dwell!

CONGREGATION SINGS:

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (in unison)

Oh, let the waters come down, and baptize us, once again. Oh, let the waters come up, and make our hearts' deserts bloom. Oh, let the waters come out and soak our faces with tears. Oh, let the waters come in and fill our thirsty souls. Amen!

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 READINGS:

Psalm 91: (#807)

Luke 16: 19-31

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "I Saw the Rich Ones" (MV127)

SERMON:

HYMN:#356 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

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: (in unison)

Gracious God, all that we have is a gift of your goodness; whatever we acquire we gain by your grace. You cause the rains to yield abundant harvests; you send the sun to nourish rich growth. We bring you gifts wrought by your handiwork and dedicate our lives to tending your creation. Accept us as stewards within your dominion, and bless our efforts on your behalf. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN:#626 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

BENEDICTION:

MUSICAL BENEDICTION: "May God's Sheltering Wings" (MV214)

MUSICAL 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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Lyla Nicole Moore

son of Ashley & Greg Moore

Joshua Robert Halley

son of Heather & Darryl Halley

Madison Avery Smith

son of Stephanie and Jason Smith