## **TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH**

"The Church By The Side Of The Road"

### Service note

Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator; There is no shadow of turning with thee, Thou changest not, they compassions, they fail not; As thou hast been thou forever will be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed thy hand hath provided, Great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

#### THE MUSICAL PRELUDE

## INTROIT: The Church by the Side of the Road

#### Call To Worship:

- One: We enter this sanctuary, as those before us have done, to worship and serve you.
- All: With waiting hearts we come to worship.
- One: We enter this sanctuary, as those before us have done, dependent on your Spirit to be with us in our thoughts and feelings.

#### All: With waiting hearts we come to worship.

- One: We enter this sanctuary, as those before us have done, to grow as the Body of Christ.
- All: With waiting hearts we come to worship.
- One: Let us worship God!

#### **Congregation Sings:**

Come in, come in and sit down, You are a part of the family. We are lost and we are found, And we are a part of the family

You know the reason why you came, Yet no reason can explain; So share in the laughter and cry in the pain, For we are part a part of the family.

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

## **OPENING PRAYER: (unison)**

O God, whose Eternal Word became flesh and lived among us, we thank you for all your blessings. O God, in this 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration worship, grant us calmness and quietness of spirit, that we might know your grace; through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. AMEN!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

## **Courage Choir – Little Black Bug**

In loving memory of parents **Enid & Arch Kearley & Mae & Clarence Peddle** by Dianne & Bruce Kearley

> In loving memory of *family & friends* from Allan & Linda Parsons

## In loving memory of *loved ones* from Ken & Doreen Cave

# In loving memory of grandparents Maxwell & Lillian Perry, Aunts Lillian & Dorothy, Uncles Gordon & Merle from Bob

**HYMN:** "Bless This Infant" (William B. Petricko – see insert)

## 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:** "Bless This Infant" (William B. Petricko – see last page)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

Inspiration Band – Halleluijah

In loving memory of John W. & Hattie LeGrow – Ewart & Yvonne Pratt from Chris, Robyn & Tim In loving memory of daughter *Susan Tiller* from mother Dianne Kearley & sister Nicolle Boone

> In loving memory of Uncles *Les Stokes & Graham Mercer* from Deena, Adam & McKenzie Fagan

In loving memory of friends Nan Wright, Melvina Sheppard, Yvonne Ivany, Laura LeGrow & Lorraine Parsons from Debbie & Bob

> In memory of a loving father, father-in-law & grandfather **Reginald Walsh** from Sharon, Len & Brooke Fowler

In loving memory of husband Jim, mother Blanche & father Gideon Stockwood from Jean Mansbridge

In loving memory of **Deborah Pauline Rideout (1970 – 2005)** from mom, dad, Donna & Douglas

In loving memory of *my parents, in-laws, family members and loved ones* loved & remembered always from Bert Lewis

#### LIGHTING OF THE MEMORIAL CANDLE

One: We light this memorial candle in memory of our loved ones and friends who once shared our lives and now live in our hearts. *(Moment of silence)* 

#### LIGHTING OF CELEBRATION CANDLE

One: We light this celebration of life candle in thanksgiving of life's blessings each day.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "Here I am, Lord" Mixed Choir

In loving memory of our parents **Rev. Cecil & Yetta Hobbs & Arthur & Linda Cole** From Lloyd & Diana In loving memory of loving parents George Walters, Bride & Pius Jesseau from Ruth & Paul Jesseau

In loving memory of Fred Miller, Adolphus & Maud Wicks, Fred & Marie Wicks, Stan & Florence Wicks, Jim & Mildred Miller & Dave Miller from Shirley, Bruce, Karl, Bonny & families

In loving memory of a husband, father & great-grandfather *Albert Humby* from wife Ida, son Gary & family

In memory of a loving father, father-in-law & grandfather **Reginald Walsh** from Sharon, Len & Brooke Fowler

> In loving memory *departed family members & friends* by Lynn, John, Jonathon, Ashlee & family

> > In loving memory of *loved ones* from Gloria & Nelson Hollett

In loving memory of Bert & Leona Churchill always remembered by children & grandchildren

In loving memory of aunts **Phoebe, Emmie & June & mother Maude** from Barbara

> In loving memory of Beatrice Cooze & Doris Chaulk from Baxter & Ina Cooze

In loving memory of *Rosalind Purchase* always loved, sadly missed by husband Fred, children Nancy & Tracy

> In loving memory of *loved ones* from Olive Stokes

In loving memory of wife *Laura LeGrow* from Ed and daughter Marilyn

> In loving memory of *loved ones* by Ken & Doreen Cave

In loving memory of parents, grandparents & great grandparents *Heber and Dolly Bennett & Lloyd and Myrtle King* from Debbie, Bob, Sheri, Gregory, Christy & Brynn

> In loving memory of Women who were past members of TUC from TUC women's coffee group

In loving memory of a husband, father & grandfather *Leonard Mercer* from Alma & family

In memory of my loving and devoted father *Hubert Stokes* forever loved and missed by daughter Ruth

In loving memory of my wife *Elva Capt. John & Luella Blackwood & Dr. John & Gwendelyn Burke* from Glynn Burke

> In loving memory of *Charles & Amelia (Millie) Barbour* from Len, Eloise, Sharon, Steven & families

> > In loving memory of parents Gideon & Blanche Stockwood from Ray & Bev Stockwood

In loving memory of husband Fred Squires & mother & father Ivy & Gordon Pennell from Joan Squires

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10: Matthew 25: 14-17

HYMN:#332 "The Church's One Foundation"

**SERMON:** Sharing Our Gifts

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "How Great Thou Art"" Male Choir

In loving memory of my wonderful husband *Hubert Stokes* from wife Olive

In loving memory of Bert & Leona Churchill always remembered by children & grandchildren

> In loving memory of husband Cyril Mercer Jr. & daughter Cathy from Cynthia

In loving memory of parents *Philip & Una Youden, Arthur & Eliza Churchill* and sisters *Valeda & Barbara Ann* from Jim, Mildred & family

> In loving memory of parents *Ethel & Harold Somerton* from Darlene & family

In loving memory of grandparents *Ethel & Harold Somerton* from Deena, Adam & McKenzie Fagan

> In loving memory of husband *Charlie Nixon* from wife Helen

In loving memory of *Les Stokes* from Gerry & Bill Sprague

In loving memory of *Gustav Frey, Laura (Decker) Richards & Donald Richards* from Rosie Frey, Don, Mark & Scott Richards

In memory of a loving husband, father, grandfather & great-grandfather *Reginald Walsh* from Olive Walsh & families In loving memory of parents Jack & Alice Miller, sister Eloise Miller & grandparents John & Sarah Miller from Joan & Roland Regular

> In loving memory of husband *Arthur Reid* from wife Elsie

In loving memory of parents **Paul & Bride Power & Fred & Mabel Hedd** from Gerald & Carol Hedd

> In loving memory of Ann Mavin from Dolph

In loving memory of grandparents Harold & Ethel Somerton, Uncles Les Stokes & Graham Mercer from Darren Richards

> In loving memory of *loved ones* from Claude & Margaret Hender

> > In loving memory of *loved ones* from Ruth & Paul Jesseau

In loving memory of *Alexander Goulding* from wife Elsie & family

In loving memory of parents **Cyril Sr. & Alice Mercer, Phyllis Tibbo** & brothers **Cyril Jr. & Leonard Mercer** from Gord & Pam Mercer

> In loving memory of *family & friends* from Allan & Linda Parsons

In loving memory of *departed loved ones* from Sol & Phyllis Davis In loving memory of parents Alice & Cyril Mercer & Clara & Rev. Philip Jarvis & brothers Cyril Jr. & Leonard from Lorraine & George Jarvis

In loving memory of mother & grandmother *Laura LeGrow* from son Ed, daughter-in-law Debbie & granddaughter Christine

> In loving memory of my special son *Benjamin* from Barbara

In loving memory of parents Bill & Violet LeDrew & Rev. Samuel & Millicent Grandy from the family

> In loving memory of *Charles & Amelia (Millie) Barbour* from Len, Eloise, Sharon, Steven & families

> > In loving memory of *Fred & Cathy Button* by Nellie & Cle Callan

In loving memory of wife *Laura LeGrow* from Ed and daughter Marilyn

In loving memory of *Graham Mercer* from wife Hilda & family

In loving memory of brother, brother in law and uncle *Scott King* from Debbie, Bob, Sheri, Gregory, Christy & Brynn

> In loving memory of wife Lorraine Parsons & son Brent Parsons from Russell

> > In loving memory of *William Junior Loveys* from Lorie & Delaney Dinn

In loving memory of Fred Miller, Adolphus & Maud Wicks, Fred & Marie Wicks, Stan & Florence Wicks, Jim & Mildred Miller & Dave Miller from Shirley, Bruce, Karl, Bonny & families

> In loving memory of Warrick Allen & Ada Lockyer from Marie Allen

In loving memory of my wonderful husband *Hubert Stokes* from wife Olive

In loving memory of mother Lorraine Parsons, brother Brent Parsons & grandparents from Bev & Ray Stockwood

In loving memory of husband Jim, mother Blanche & father Gideon Stockwood from Jean Mansbridge

> In loving memory of Deceased Men's Club Members from T.U.C. Men's Club

In loving memory of husband Fred Squires & mother & father Ivy & Gordon Pennell from Joan Squires

In loving memory of husband Les Stokes & parents Harold & Ethel Somerton from Eleanor Stokes

> In loving memory of *Grace Belbin* from brother Tom

#### **OFFERING:** (#541)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures high and low; Give thanks to God in love made known, Creator, Word and Spirit One.

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

Bless our gifts, our hearts, and the work of our talents, O God. May what we offer here bring hope to those who live a life of quiet desperation. May they learn to see the truth and the joy of your ways. This we pray in the one who gave us hope. Amen.

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "Keep on the Sunny Side**" Cle Callan, Andrew & Beth Cranston with Choirs.

## In loving memory of *loved ones* from Roger & Rosemary Richards

In loving memory of my soulmate, husband, friend and a great dad *Alex Lewis* Loved always from Bert (wife) & family

> In loving memory of Bert & Leona Churchill always remembered by children & grandchildren

> > In loving memory of *loved ones & friends* from Joan Butler

In loving memory of sister *Diane Fagan Coates* from Deena, Adam & McKenzie Fagan

> In loving memory of friends Leona Churchill & Elva Burke from Eleanor Stokes

In loving memory of wife Lorraine Parsons & son Brent Parsons from Russell

In loving memory of **Rosalind Purchase** always loved, sadly missed by husband Fred, children Nancy & Tracy

In loving memory of Family members very missed and in celebration of our matriarch Renee Snell who inspires us with her joy of living in her 100<sup>th</sup> year from Wanda Saunders & family

In loving memory of family members Dr. Thomas Grandy, Noreen LeDrew, Clarence Squires & Hellen Ennis LeDrew from the family In loving memory of husband *Arthur Reid* from wife Elsie

## In loving memory of Fred & Catherine Button from Betty & family

# In loving memory of my wife, *Elva Capt. John & Luella Blackwood & Dr. John & Gwendelyn Burke* from Glynn Burke

In loving memory of *Michelle Barron (Goulding*) from mom and family

In loving memory of *family & friends* from Sandra Baggs & family

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #675 "Will Your Anchor Hold"

## THE SENDING FORTH:

- One: May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with us on the road.
- All: May we see the face of Christ in everyone we meet, and may everyone we meet see the face of Christ in us.
- One: God be your comfort and your strength; God be your light and your way; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life remain with you now and forever.
- All: Amen.

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** The Church by the Side of the Road

ORGAN POSTLUDE

#### GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Today we are pleased to welcome into membership of our church family through the Sacrament of Baptism

## **Brody George Dwyer**

Son of Kristen & Thomas Dwyer

# **Bless This Infant**

# Verse before Baptism:

Gentle Jesus, bless these infants, keep them in your tender care.

Bless the parents who have brought them, holding them in arms of prayer.

You who welcomed little children, turned no helpless soul away.

We have brought these children to you, send your spirit here today.

# Verse after Baptism:

May this congregation always model love and righteousness.

May they grow in Christian beauty, live in peace and happiness.

Though the future is uncertain, we but trust your promise true.

Step by step each new tomorrow comes with grace to guide them through.