

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

April 9th, 2017 ***Palm Sunday/Baptism***

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! It is Palm Sunday, and Jesus with His disciples are celebrating the feast of the Passover. Today we accompany Jesus as He rides into Jerusalem, with the crowds who gathered we shout "**Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord**"

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: Let us give thanks to God, for God is good.

All: God's love lasts forever.

One: Let all the people proclaim it aloud:

All: God's love lasts forever.

One: Come, let us worship God.

Parade of Palms

(Led by Sunday School)

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.

Follow, follow, I will follow Jesus,
Everywhere, anywhere I will follow on.
Follow, follow, I will follow Jesus,
Anywhere he leads me I will follow on.

"Lenten Light"

(Increasing the light on our Lenten Journey)

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Hosanna Saviour, we wave our palms and sing our praise as we remember your triumphal entry into Jerusalem. May your Spirit enter the heart of our worship this day giving us the strength to endure the journey which is ahead. 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 READING:

Psalm 118: Part 1, 3 and 4 (responsively)

Matthew 21: 1 - 11

AHTHEM: "I Am Thine O Lord" (HFG455)

SERMON: "A Week of Contrasts"

HYMN: #123 "Hosanna Loud Hosanna"

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)

Often we feel what we do and contribute is only a drop in a great ocean of need, but today we send these gifts and those given through PAR into the world knowing that each drop is precious and able to make a difference. Bless our gifts. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #122 "All Glory, Laud and Honour"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "He's the Saviour of the World" (HFG247)

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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Landon James Richards

Son of Lee & Krista Richards

Carter Tony Upshall

Son of Michael & Elizabeth Upshall

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

In loving memory of a husband, father & grandfather

George Baggs

from Sandra & family