

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 and Band Director	Brett Very
- Musical Ensemble	Inspiration
- Sound	Stephen Stone
- Office Manager:	Jacqueline Kennedy
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards
- Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley

Family Service - Presentation of Christmas Pageant December 17th, 2017

Welcome:

Today we join with our children, youth and Sunday School leaders in a Christmas pageant entitled *The Only Gift She Had*. We will experience that first Christmas night through the eyes of a young girl in a world that hasn't always been good to her.

We Gather as God's People

The Musical Prelude:

- Piano selections by Colin Perry.

Call To Worship

One: You lead your people gently and kindly.

All: **You sent us your light and your salvation.**

One: Hear us and restore us, Lord God Almighty, help us to hear you and know you are here.

All: **Jesus Christ is our Lord, our light and our salvation. Let us praise and worship him together.**

Congregation Sings:

Hymn #91 - "The First Noel" (verses 1&6)

Words of Welcome & Congregational Life & Work:

*A candle is burning, a candle of joy,
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow*

Advent Candle Lighting

We Listen To God's Word

Scripture Readings:

- Luke 2:1-10 ---- Erin Burt

Offering:

"What Child Is This" performed by Inspiration Band

What can I give him poor as I am
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb
If I were a wise man I would do my part
Yet, what can I give him? Give him my heart.

Offertory Prayer:

Here our gifts we offer God, thankful for your blessings. Take them spirit, use them to spread the loving Christmas message. Christ comes to bring us life for all creation. May our gifts help bring to all, love and transformation. Amen.

Nativity Pageant

"The Only Gift She Had"

(Created by Brett Vey and Shannon Collins)

Commissioning: (responsively)

One: Let us go forth striving to be compassionate as our creator is compassionate, celebrating the birth of Jesus.

All: **In whose way of love, justice and mercy we walk with our sisters and brothers. Amen.**

Musical Postlude: