

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

"The Church by the Side of the Road"

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- Caretaker:	Roger Richards
- Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley

December 24th, 2017 (10:30)
4th of Advent & Christmas Celebration

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Christmas announces that God gives birth to grace, hope, new possibilities, and salvation for everyone. We are invited to wonder about God's purpose, even as we hope and trust that this purpose is unfolding in our lives.

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Hope is a Star" (VU 7, verse 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: What shall we sing?

All: That God's love is loyal and never-ending!

One: What shall we shout?

All: God's faithfulness is for all generations!

One: What shall we proclaim?

All: God's covenant is our firm foundation!

One: Let us worship and praise our Creator, shouting praise to the rock of our salvation.

CONGREGATION SINGS:

*A Candle is burning, a candle of love,
A candle to point us to heaven above.
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,
For Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

PRAYER OF APPROACH:# 11 - VU (In Unison)

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

HYMN: #8 “Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming”

TALK TIME:

SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 1: 26-33

Luke 2: 1-12

ANTHEM: “Aurora’s Sigh” (David Kai)

SERMON: “*Mary Remembers*”

HYMN: #74 “What Child Is This”

CHRIST CANDLE IS LIT

OFFERTORY:

Love is a flame that burns in our heart,
Jesus has come and will never depart.
When God is a child there’s joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
And none shall be afraid.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (In Unison)

This is the season of giving and receiving gifts. May the gifts we offer bring true blessing to those who receive them, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER:

HYMN: #62 “Once In Royal David’s City”

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: “When the Child Wakes” (arr. S. Porter)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE: