

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

January 22nd, 2017

3rd after Epiphany/Sacrament of Holy Baptism

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Following in God's way is a journey that calls for choice and brings change. When Jesus calls ordinary fishers to follow, they choose to do so. As the call to follow in God's way unfolds in our lives, such choice is ours each day.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Bathe Me In Your Light" (MV82 verse 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: As he walked by a lake, Jesus called fishers to follow him.

All: **And immediately, immediately! they left their work and went with him.**

One: As Jesus journeys through our lives, he asks us to follow him.

All: **In this moment, this moment! we have the chance to leave the past behind, and pursue Christ into God's future.**

One: As Jesus wanders in our world, he invites others to join in.

All: **We would join Jesus in this ministry, reaching out to our neighbours, without delay, without delay!**

CONGREGATION SINGS: #585 "Jesus Bids Us Shine"

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Your heart, O God, is the shelter for our weary souls. You will not push us away, but clasp us tight in your embrace. You refuse to abandon us, standing by our side all our lives. God, you are our hope! When others try to tear us apart, you pick up the pieces, making us whole. When we wonder what the day might bring, you whisper, "follow me, I will make you: readers to little children, bandagers of bruised hearts, lovers of the forsaken, pilgrims who show the way to others." 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:

Isaiah 9: 1-4

Psalms 27 (#754 – VU)

Matthew 4: 12-23

AHTHEM: “A Light Is Gleaming” (VU82)

SERMON: “Called Together”

HYMN: #562 “Jesus Calls Us”

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:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #679 “Let There Be Light”

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: “Body, Mind & Spirit” (MV153 v.3)

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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Leah Margaret Kelly

Daughter of Sara & Ryan Kelly