

## 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."

- <b>Ministers:</b>	<b>The Congregation</b>
- <b>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>
- <b>Youth Program Coordinator:</b>	<b>Heather Cronhelm</b>
- <b>Organist:</b>	<b>Beth Cranston</b>
- <b>Choir Director:</b>	<b>Andrew Cranston</b>
- <b>Choir:</b>	<b>Male Choir</b>
- <b>Office Manager:</b>	<b>Jacqueline Kennedy</b>
- <b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>

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*January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

*Epiphany & Baptism of the Lord*

### SERVICE NOTE

**WELCOME!** We enter the Season after the Epiphany with an invitation into a new way of seeing. On this Baptism of Jesus Sunday, we remember our own baptism and also think about lives shaped by being seen as God sees.

### **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

#### THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

**INTROIT:** "Jesus Loves Me" (#365 vs. 1)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: When we are reluctant to dip our toes into faith's river,

**All: Jesus comes, to teach us how to swim.**

One: When we are hesitant to cup our hands to drink from the fountain of grace,

**All: Jesus comes, to reach in and splash our faces with God's joy.**

One: When we are unwilling to be the pipeline of hope,

**All: Jesus comes, to turn on the faucets God has installed in our hearts.**

One: Come, let us worship.

**CONGREGATION SINGS:** (sing twice)

Draw the circle wide, Draw it wider still  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

**WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:** (#80 VU – Epiphany Prayer)

**HYMN:** #79 “Arise, Your Light is Come”

**TALK TIME:**

**WE LISTEN TO & RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Isaiah 42: 1-9  
Psalm 29 (#756)  
Matthew 3: 13-17

**AHTHEM:** “Since Jesus Came Into My Heart” (HFG 639)

**SERMON:** “Possibilities Unfolding”

**HYMN:** #100 “When Jesus Came to be Baptized”

**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:**

By your grace, God of the waters, we can open our eyes to see those in need around us. By your abundance in our lives, what we offer can bring hope and healing to more people than we can ever imagine. By your blessing, others are invited to the waters of life. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** #678 “For the Healing of the Nations”

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "Like A Rock" (MV92)

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

In loving memory of a beloved husband, father & grandfather

**David Street Sr.**

By wife Ethel, children Tina, Tommy, Kimberley, Jennifer, Michael,  
David Jr. & Sarah & grandchildren Peter, Jacob, Clarke, Luke, Rachel,  
Jon, Millie & Dottie

In loving memory of

**Philip & Una Youden**

By Karen Youden & Stephen Walsh

In loving memory of parents

**Wallace & Mildred Stratton**

By Ed & Judy Stratton