

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:	Brett Vey
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Mixed Choir
- Office Manager:	Jacqueline Kennedy
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards
- Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley

October 22nd, 2017

Peace Sunday/Baptism

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Draw closer to us, God our Creator, for sometimes in our desire to be accepted and loved, we try to be someone else; forgetting that we are wholly loved and uniquely made. Amen.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Rise Up, Rise Up" (MV130)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: Our God is great; let us praise God's great and awesome name!

All: God is Holy!

One: Our God is a lover of justice; let us praise God's justice and righteousness.

All: God is Holy!

One: Our God is a leader of the people,

All: let us praise and worship the Lord, for God is Holy.

One: Let us worship God!

CONGREGATION SINGS:

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our creator, children all are we;
let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,
with every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (In Unison)

God of all our *wandering*, now guide our feet that stray. God of all our *wondering*, speak to our minds each day. God of all our *pondering*, now open our hearts to care. God of all our *floundering*, give strength and will to dare. Christ, the risen sun, our light, be with us all. Amen.

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HYMN: “Bless This Infant” (William B. Petricko – see page 6 of Bulletin)

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

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WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Exodus 33: 12-23

Psalm 99 (#819 – responsive)

John 12: 20-26

AHTHEM: “Jesus Saw Them Fishing” (MV113)

SERMON:

HYMN: #371 “Open My Eyes, That I may See”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY: (VU #958)

Halle, halle, hallelujah

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Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

O God, it is up to us to share your gospel, using all the resources that you provide. It is up to us to learn our whole story, as your whole people. With these gifts, God, empower us to do your work of sharing the gospel and welcoming all who seek to share in your story. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER:

HYMN: #315 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: “I Have called you by Your Name” (MV161)

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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Elizabeth Charlotte Traverse

Daughter of Julian Traverse and Sarah Lush

Liam Gordon McGrath

Son of Melissa & Anthony McGrath

Jake Harrison Vincent

Son of Jessica Mercer and Jonathan Vincent



Bless This Infant

Verse before Baptism:

Gentle Jesus, bless these infants, keep them in your tender care.

Bless the parents who have brought them, holding them in arms of prayer.

You who welcomed little children, turned no helpless soul away.

We have brought these children to you, send your spirit here today.

Verse after Baptism:

May this congregation always model love and righteousness.

May they grow in Christian beauty, live in peace and happiness.

Though the future is uncertain, we but trust your promise true.

Step by step each new tomorrow comes with grace to guide them through.