

## TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

*"The Church by the Side of the Road"*

Fully accessible for people with physical disabilities

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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>Youth Program Coordinator</b>	<b>Brett Vey</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>Jacqui Kennedy</b>
- <b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>
- <b>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>

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

**18<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost & Thanksgiving Sunday**

### SERVICE NOTE

**WELCOME & HAPPY THANKSGIVING!** The holiday of Thanksgiving is one that assumes the bounty of the land. Even those who have not tilled the ground for generations find themselves thinking in terms of the earth's abundance at this time of year. Perhaps it is the panoply of colors. Perhaps it is the mounds of produce in the supermarkets. Whatever the reason, this is a time in which we are very aware of the earth's harvest and our dependence on it. May we be thankful for what we have and share our blessings with others and take care of the earth.

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

#### THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

**INTROIT:** "Count Your Blessings"

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsive)

One: We come to worship God, who has blessed us with many things.

**All: Let us sing and shout to God!**

One: The pastures and the wilderness overflow with goodness!

**All: Let us sing and shout to God!**

One: Let us worship God!

**CONGREGATION SINGS:** (#249 Voices United)

Rejoice in the Lord Always  
and again I say rejoice! (*clap, clap*)  
Rejoice in the Lord Always  
and again I say rejoice! (*clap, clap*)  
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice! (*clap, clap*)  
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice! (*clap, clap*)

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

**OPENING PRAYER:** (in unison)

We thank you, gracious God, for all that you have given us: the land and its resources, freedom and its rights and responsibilities, the joy of sharing, the wonders of new life, and the gift of this day. Guide us to be ever mindful of all you have done for us that we might never stop giving thanks for all things great and small. Amen.

**HYMN:** #516 “Come, You Thankful People, Come”

**TALK TIME:**

**WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Joel 2: 21-27  
Psalm 126 (#850)  
Matthew 6: 25-33

**AHTHEM:** “I See the Love of God in every River” (David Ouchterlony)

**SERMON:** “*Seeking God’s Kingdom & Giving Thanks*”

**HYMN:** #236 “Now Thank We All Our God”

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

## OFFERTORY:

This is the day, this is the day  
That our God has made, that our God has made;  
We will rejoice, We will rejoice  
And be glad in it, And be glad in it  
This is the day that our God has made  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
That our God has made

## OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)

It is a joy to be able to offer gifts to you, O God. Out of many blessings and from a deep sense of gratitude, we offer our gifts of money, time, talents, and faith. May our gifts bring justice to the oppressed, hope to the despairing, healing to the hurting, and compassion to the broken-hearted. Bless our gifts and may they bear fruits for all of us to take delight in. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**HYMN:** #223 "Eternal, Unchanging, We sing"

## COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "Thank You Lord, for Your Blessings on Me"

## MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

Today's bulletin is dedicated to the glory of God and donated

In loving memory of parents  
**Jack & Alice Miller** sister, **Eloise Miller** and  
grandparents **John & Sarah Miller**  
by Joan & Roland Regular

In memory of  
**Jim Tucker**  
a past President of the TUC Men's Club  
from The Men's Club

In memory of a loving husband, father and grandfather  
**David Williams**  
love wife Jean, daughter Lisa and Sean, son Noel and Sheri and  
grandchildren Nicholas, Nathan, Abigayle and Emma

In loving memory of mother and grandmother  
***Laura LeGrow***  
from son Ed, daughter-in-law Deborah and daughter Christine

In loving memory of husband & father  
***Fred Button***  
In our hearts forever, we love and miss you so much  
Love wife Betty, son Cory and family