

**TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH**  
*“The Church by the Side of the Road”*

**181<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

Celebration Service

Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 10:30 a.m.

**Minister:**

**Rev. Bruce Kearley**

**Youth Program Coordinator**

**& Band Director:**

**Brett Vey**

**Organist:**

**Beth Cranston**

**Choir Director:**

**Andrew Cranston**

**Musical Ensembles:**

**Mixed Choir**

**Men's Choir**

**The Courage Choir**

**Inspiration Band**

**Rev. Bruce Kearley**

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## *Service note*

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
Binding all the church in one,  
Holy Zion's help for ever  
And its confidence alone.  
(Voice United #325)

## THE MUSICAL PRELUDE

**INTROIT:        The Church by the Side of the Road**

### **Call To Worship:**

One: We enter this sanctuary, as those before us have done, to worship and serve you.

**All: With waiting hearts we come to worship.**

One: We enter this sanctuary, as those before us have done, dependent on your Spirit to be with us in our thoughts and feelings.

**All: With waiting hearts we come to worship.**

One: We enter this sanctuary, as those before us have done, to grow as the Body of Christ.

**All: With waiting hearts we come to worship.**

One: Let us worship God!

### **Congregation Sings:** (sing twice)

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you;  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield to you alone may my spirit yield;  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

### **OPENING PRAYER: (unison)**

O God, whose Eternal Word became flesh and lived among us, we thank you for all your blessings. O God, in this 181<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration worship, grant us calmness and quietness of spirit, that we might know your grace; through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. AMEN!

**HYMN:**        #365    "Jesus Loves Me" (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: #365 "Jesus Loves Me" (verse 3)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "Standing in the Need of Prayer" Courage Choir & Inspiration Band

In loving memory of grandparents  
**Maxwell & Lillian Perry, Aunts Lillian & Dorothy, Uncles Gordon & Merle**  
from Bob

In loving memory of wife  
**Lorraine & son Brent**  
from Russell Parsons

In loving memory of a father, father-in-law & grandfather  
**Reginald Walsh**  
from Sharon, Len & Brooke Fowler

In loving memory of  
**parents, grandparents & departed friends**  
from Guy & Peggy

In loving memory of  
**Friends & family**  
from Lynn, John & family

In celebration of our  
**four wonderful grandchildren**  
from Ken & Doreen

## LIGHTING OF THE MEMORIAL CANDLE

One: We light this memorial candle in memory of our loved ones and friends who once shared our lives and now live in our hearts.

***(Moment of silence)***

## LIGHTING OF CELEBRATION CANDLE

One: We light this celebration of life candle in thanksgiving of life's blessings each day.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "It is no Secret" Bruce Kearley

In loving memory of parents, grandparents & great grandparents

**Heber and Dolly Bennett & Lloyd and Myrtle King**

from Debbie, Bob, Sheri, Gregory, Christy & Brynn

In loving memory of wife and mother

**Laura Legrow**

from Ed & daughter Marilyn

In loving memory of

**Charles & Amelia (Millie) Barbour, James M. Bugden & Mary Ann Bugden**

from Len, Eloise, Sharon, Steven & their families

In loving memory of parents

**Jack & Alice Miller, sister Eloise Miller & grandparents John & Sarah Miller**

from Joan & Roland Regular

In loving memory of

**Harold & Ethel Somerton**

from daughter Hilda, children & grandchildren

In loving memory of

**Fred Squires, Ivy & Gordon Pennell, Ethel & George Pennell & Bessie & Fred Bown**

from Joan Squires

In loving memory of

**Warrick Allen**

from Marie & family

In loving memory of

**Elva Burke, Capt. John & Luella Blackwood, Dr. John & Gwendelyn Burke**

from Glynn & family

In loving memory of

**Fred & Cathy Button**

forever in our hearts

from Betty & family

In loving memory of my wonderful husband

**Hubert Stokes**

from wife Olive

In loving memory of my dad

**Hubert Stokes**

forever loved and missed by daughter Ruth

In loving memory of a husband, father, grandfather & great-grandfather

**Reginald Walsh**

from Olive Walsh & families

In loving memory of parents

**Gideon & Blanche Stockwood & brother-in-law Jim Mansbridge**

from Ray & Bev Stockwood

In loving memory of

**John W. & Hattie B. LeGrow & Ewart & Eve Pratt**

from Curtis, Chris, Robyn & Tim

In loving memory of

**Gustav Frey, Laura (Decker) Richards & Donald Richards**

from Rosie Frey, Don, Mark & Scott Richards

In loving memory of husband

**Les Stokes**

from wife Eleanor

In loving memory of

**Charlie & Peggy Randell, Richard & Maizie Carter, Heather Marie Randell & Rick Tilley**

from Gerald, Elizabeth & family

In loving memory of daughter

**Susan Tiller**

from Dianne Kearley

In loving memory of wife

**Linda, parents George & Elizabeth Moores & mother-in-law Maude Scott**

from George Moores

In loving memory of

**parents, grandparents & departed friends**

from Guy & Peggy

In loving memory of

**Fred & Cathy Button**

from Nellie & Cleophas Callan

In loving memory of parents

**Philip & Una Youden, Arthur & Eliza Churchill & sisters Valeda & Barbara Ann**

from Jim, Mildred & family

In loving memory of

**loved ones**

from Frank & Louise Winsor

In loving memory of  
**Loved ones**  
from Gloria & Nelson Hollett

In loving memory of soulmate, husband, friend & a great dad,  
**Alex Lewis**  
loved always and forever from Bert (wife) & family

In loving memory of grandparents  
**Harold & Ethel Somerton, Uncles Graham Mercer & Les Stokes**  
from Dawn & Jason Hamlyn

In loving memory of  
**John W. & Hattie B. LeGrow – Ewart & Eve Pratt**  
from Curtis, Chris, Robyn & Tim

In loving memory of  
**deceased family members**  
from Ken & Doreen

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Psalm 100: (#824 VU – Responsive)  
Matthew 25: 1-13

**HYMN:** #332 “The Church’s One Foundation”

**SERMON:** “Tending the Light”

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** “Me and Jesus” Men’s Choir

In loving memory of brother, brother in law and uncle  
**Scott King**  
from Debbie, Bob, Sheri, Gregory, Christy & Brynn

In celebration of their lives  
**Beatrice Cooze & Doris & Whyman Chaulk**  
from Baxter & Ina Cooze

In loving memory of wife and mother  
**Laura Legrow**  
from Ed & daughter Marilyn

In loving memory of  
**Charles & Amelia (Millie) Barbour, James M. Bugden & Mary Ann Bugden**  
from Len, Eloise, Sharon, Steven & their families

In loving memory of  
**my parents, in-laws, family members & loved ones**  
from Bert Lewis

In loving memory of  
*family & friends*  
from Sandra Baggs

In loving memory of  
*loved ones*  
from Joan Butler

In loving memory of  
*Elva Burke, Capt. John & Luella Blackwood, Dr. John & Gwendelyn Burke*  
from Glynn & family

In loving memory of  
*Departed loved ones*  
from Solomon & Phyllis Davis

In loving memory of mother & wife  
*Rosalind*  
from husband Fred, children Nancy & Tracy

In loving memory of  
*Bert & Leona Churchill & Elva Burke*  
from Eleanor Stokes

In loving memory of grandpaents  
*Harold & Ethel Somerton & Uncles Graham Mercer & Les Stokes*  
from Deena Fagan

In loving memory of husband  
*Arthur Reid*  
from wife Elsie & family

**OFFERING:** (#541)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures high and low;  
Give thanks to God in love made known, Creator, Word and Spirit One.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (in Unison)

Gift giving God, people have gathered in this place to share their time, talent and resources for 181 years. Help us continue this sharing of our time, talent and treasure. May the gifts we give be gifts of Love. May they increase the power of Love in the re-creation of the world. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** "The Holy City" Mixed Choir

In loving memory of  
*Graham Mercer*  
from wife Hilda & family

In celebration of their lives  
**Beatrice Cooze & Doris & Whyman Chaulk**  
from Baxter & Ina Cooze

In loving memory of mom  
**Lorraine Parsons, brother Brent & departed loved ones & friends**  
From Madeline & Marven Parsons

In loving memory of  
**Departed members**  
from TUC Coffee Group

In loving memory of grandparents  
**Harold & Ethel Somerton & Uncles Graham Mercer & Les Stokes**  
from Darren Richards

In loving memory of  
**parents Bill & Violet LeDrew,**  
**Rev. Samuel & Millicent Grandy,**  
**Dr. Thomas Grandy, Noreen LeDrew, Helen Ennis LeDrew & Clarence Squires**  
from the family

In loving memory of  
**loved ones**  
from Roger & Rosemary Richards

In loving memory of brother  
**Brent Parsons, mother Lorraine Parsons & grandparents**  
from Bev & Ray Stockwood

In loving memory of wife  
**Lorraine & son Brent**  
from Russell Parsons

In loving memory of mother & wife  
**Rosalind**  
from husband Fred, children Nancy & Tracy

In loving memory of parents  
**Harold & Ethel Somerton**  
from Eleanor Stokes

In loving memory of parents  
**Mae & Clarence Peddle & Enid & Arch Kearley**  
from Dianne & Bruce Kearley

In loving memory of  
**Fred & Cathy Button**  
from Nellie & Cleophas Callan

In loving memory of  
*loved ones*  
&  
In celebration of our dearest mom & great-great-great grandmother  
*Renée Snell & her 100 years of life*  
from Wanda, Jim, Jay, Robyn & family

In loving memory of  
*Augustus & Georgina Eveleigh*  
always remembered and forever loved  
from Rosalind, Ben & family

In loving memory of parents  
*George Walters & Bride & Pius Jesseau*  
from Ruth & Paul Jesseau

**HYMN:** #675 "Will Your Anchor Hold"

**THE SENDING FORTH:**

One: May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with us on the road.

**All: May we see the face of Christ in everyone we meet, and may everyone we meet see the face of Christ in us.**

One: God be your comfort and your strength; God be your light and your way; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life remain with you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION: The Church by the Side of the Road**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**