

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."
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| • Ministers: | The Congregation |
| • Youth Program Coordinator
and Band Director: | Brett Vey |
| • Organist: | Beth Cranston |
| • Youth Band: | Inspiration |
| • Office Manager: | Jacqueline Kennedy |
| • Caretaker: | Roger Richards |
| • Clergy: | Rev. Bruce Kearley |
| • Worship Leader: | Heather Cronhelm |
| • Sound: | Stephen Stone |
| • Candle Lighters: | The Burt Family |
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December 24th, 2017

Christmas Eve - 6:00 p.m.

**We warmly welcome all who worship with us on this Christmas Eve.
Merry Christmas!**

The Musical Prelude:

- I Saw Three Ships Medley (Rachael Moores)
- The Gift (Leslie Moran)
- Mary's Lullaby (Erin Burt)
- Silver Bells (Jillian Moran)

Call To Worship lead by Sara Vey:

One: Let us journey with Mary and Joseph to that little town of Bethlehem, to once again experience the birth of the Christ child.

All: **Let us, like the angels, proclaim this miraculous birth.**

One: Let us, like the shepherds, offer our praise and adoration.

All: **Let us bow down and worship Him!**

Congregation Sings:

**We honour Messiah with Christ candle's flame,
our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim.
O come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night,
As God comes among us, the Christian's true light.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE The Burt Family

Prayer of Approach lead by Jona Hodder: (In unison)

God of mystery, tonight we celebrate that you were born among us long ago in a stable in Bethlehem. We pray that you will be born in us tonight. Holy God, you promised to send a Saviour to your people. Grant us the grace to trust your promise of peace and to turn from activities that obstruct its fulfillment. Grant us wisdom, so that during this season, we may not only give presents but also be present to one another. We pray that when we socialize with friends that we will also welcome strangers in our midst. Open our hearts to receive your hope, peace, joy and love. Amen

Carol:

#91 - "The First Nowell" (v. 1,2,4)

"A Christmas Card Message"

(The telling of the Christmas Story through reflection, reading and music)

Mary: Luke 1: 26-33 (Erin Burt)

Reflection:

Joseph: Matthew 1: 18-21 (Nick Slade)

Reflection:

Carol: #60 - "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (v.1,2)

The Birth: Luke 2: 1-7 (Rachael Moores)

Reflection:

Shepherds at the Stable: Luke 2: 8, 15-18, 20 (Jillian Moran)

Reflection:

Carol: #44 - It Came upon the Midnight Clear (v. 1, 4)

The Angels: Luke 2: 9-14 (Leslie Moran)

Reflection:

The Magi Visit: Matthew 2: 1-2, 9-11 (Jona Hodder)

Reflection:

Carol: #74 - "What Child is this" (v. 1,3)

Youth Presentation:

"Where Are You Christmas?"

Offering:

"Coventry Carol" performed by Erin Burt and Rachael Moores

Offertory:

*What shall I give him? Poor as I am.
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a Wise One, I would do my part.
Yet, what shall I give him? Give him, my heart.*

Offertory Prayer:

Many gifts are shared this evening. Some hidden under trees, others tucked in socks and stockings. Receive all the gifts that are shared this night from our treasury. Bless gifts and givers. Bless the act of giving In your most Holy name. Amen

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer:

Closing Hymn: #67 "Silent Night" (Lights are dimmed)

Commissioning and Benediction: (responsively)

One: Let the hope that was born in a stable this night, be a sign that God can change the world through one small light.

All: **May the God of all touch us once again with wonder.**

One: May the spirit of peace be upon everyone, everywhere. The grace of Christ be with you, Today and forevermore! Amen

Hymn:

Hymn #43 - "Go Tell It On The Mountain"

Musical Postlude: