

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

January 7th, 2018

Baptism of the Lord/Sacrament of Holy Communion

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! In the significant moment of baptism, there is a new beginning for Jesus and for all who would follow him in the days and years to come. God affirms the goodness of creation and calls Jesus "beloved." As we grow in understanding of our own baptism, we rejoice that we also are God's beloved.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "I am a child of God" (VU157, v. 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: In the beginning...

All: God gathered us in.

One: In the beginning...

All: God prepared our hearts and minds to worship.

One: In the beginning...

All: God called us God's beloved.

One: In the beginning...

All: the beginning is now.

One: Let us worship God.

CONGREGATION SINGS:

She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun:
On a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
Her song rings out through the night,
Full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (In Unison)

The cool water streamed down the face of Christ. The heavens parted, and, O God, you announced your love. Gather us into that love this day as your beloved children, touched by the cooling waters, blessed with your peace. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

HYMN: #382 “Breathe on me, Breath of God”

WE LISTEN & RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Genesis 1: 1-5
Psalm 29: (# 756)
Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

SERMON: “Beloved-Be Loved”

HYMN: #376 “Spirit of the Living God”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY: (VU #958)

Halle, halle, hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (In Unison)

God, you give to us all we have. You give us grace. You give us care. Today, we pray that you do not just give but that you take; take our lives and shape them to be lives of grace and care for one another. Take

our lives and shape them to be your voice of love in this world. Take our lives and shape them to be the lives that you find well-pleasing. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM: "This Do In remembrance of me"

GATHERING PRAYER:

CONFESSION: (in unison)

Creating Grace, you birthed a world out of love and called us good. You shower us with mercy and then pronounce us beloved. But we sometimes forget your claims upon us. Send your Spirit to descend upon us this day, O God. Restore us to new life. Let your peace touch our broken places so that we might offer the healing power of Christ's baptism to the world and ourselves. Amen

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS

BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (sung #959)

(Communion is shared)

HYMN: #574 "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Shall We Gather at the River" (710, v.1)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

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

In loving memory of parents
Bill & Violet LeDrew
Rev. Samuel & Millicent Grandy
Sister-in-law Noreen LeDrew
Brother Dr. Thomas Grandy
& son-in-law Clarence Squires, sister-in-law Helen Ennis LeDrew
from the family

In loving memory of
Wallace & Mildred Stratton
from Ed & Judy Stratton

In loving memory of
Richards Barnes & son Roger
from wife Olga & family

In loving memory of two daughters-in-law
Gloria & Bernice and two sisters
Camie & Joyce
from Olga Barnes & family

In loving memory of a husband & father
Mericks Hicks
from Kyla Hicks (Jessie)