

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

Sunday, June 3rd, 2018

2nd After Pentecost/Confirmation/Holy Communion

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! As we enter into "ordinary" time in the Season after Pentecost, we are encouraged to listen, to wonder, to proclaim, and to discern. We are enabled to do that as we celebrate with those being confirmed and pledge to share our faith together as we witness to God's love. God Bless you all.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: We Gather Here (VU #469)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: As we gather today

All: we listen for the voice of God

One: in our innermost being.

All: We listen for the voice of God

One: in the words we read, the songs we sing, the prayers we pray.

All: We listen for the voice of God

One: in words of hope and kindness.

All: We listen for the voice of God

One: in the difficult words that need to be said.

All: As we gather, may we listen and may we hear.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

We begin our time together in a moment of quiet (pause). We listen to the sounds around us. We listen to the thoughts of our hearts (pause). God who speaks and who hears, we remember again that it is you we worship, and you are here with us.

HYMN: #574 “Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love” (verses 1 & 4)

CONGREGATION COVENANT WITH OFFICIAL BOARD

Dianne Butler	Brad Cole
Doreen Cave	Carol Gillingham
Lloyd Hobbs	Claude Hender
Valerie Howe	Edwina Howell
Denise Jacobs	Debbie Lynch
Randolph Mavin	Lynn Mercer
Jackie Perry	Joan Squires

MINISTER:

Let us hear the message of scripture. There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us. The Spirit’s presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all. Christ is like a single body which has many parts. If one part of the body suffers, all other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all other parts share its happiness. All of us are Christ’s body, and each one is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12)

MINISTER: We celebrate with joy and gratitude that you have been called by God, and chosen by the people of ***TOPSAIL PASTORAL CHARGE*** for leadership in the church. This ministry is a blessing, an honour, and a responsibility. It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us, with us, and on our behalf. We thank you and challenge you to offer your best to God, and to all God’s people.

MINISTER: As you come to assume the duties of your office, let us make a covenant before God and with one another. As a disciple of Jesus Christ, will you continue to live out your faith with praise and thanksgiving? Will you carry out your responsibilities in this congregation with integrity and joy?

MEMBERS: I will, God being my helper.

MINISTER: Will the congregation please stand. Will you, the congregation of Topsail United Church honour the leadership of these people? Will you assist them through daily prayer, generous support, and personal example, so that, together, we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ?

PEOPLE: **We will, God being our helper.**

PRAYER: (in unison)

Loving God, you have called these people to serve you. Send your Holy Spirit upon them and upon us all that we may keep the promises we have made today. Help them to fulfill their responsibilities. May their leadership help us all to reflect your love and grace always. Amen.

DECLARATION:

In the name of God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit, we recognize and affirm you in your ministry as the Official Board of Topsail United Church.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS: (read by Heather Cronhelm)

Matthew 25: 34-40 & Matthew 5: 13-16

OFFERTORY: "The Church is Wherever God's People" (VU#579)

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

ANTHEM: Go Now In Peace (Don Besig)

THE CONFIRMATION

INTRODUCTION: Doreen Cave (Chair - Worship & Sacraments)

At various stages of the faith journey which is life in Christ, we have opportunities to reaffirm and renew the faith proclaimed in our baptism. As we reaffirm the power of the Holy Spirit, those who have been baptized as children claim for themselves the faith of the Christian community in which they have been nurtured. Today we gather to celebrate the place of these persons in the family of God, and to give thanks for their gifts in the body of Christ, and to promise to continue to walk with them in the journey of faith. With joy and thanksgiving we celebrate the faith we all share, and rededicate ourselves to the life and work of the Body of Christ.

CANDIDATES PRESENTED FOR CONFIRMATION

Andrew Reuben John Butt

Katelyn Samantha Butler
Morgan Brady Cole
Alexander Joseph Martin Corbett
Jona Christopher Hodder
Abigail Squarey Mitchell
Luke Leander Parsons
Tyler Christopher Rowe
Tyler Scott Sullivan
Owen Alexander Swain

THE VOWS:

L: I ask you now these questions that you may publicly profess the faith proclaimed in your baptism.

In the presence of this community of faith, do you commit yourself to follow the way of Christ in your public and private life?

Answer: "I Do"

L: Do you profess your faith in one God: Creator, Christ and Spirit?

Answer: "I Do"

L: Will you support the life and work of Christ's church?

Answer: "I Will"

L: Will you try daily to respond to God's love, to do God's will, and fulfill your Christian calling and ministry in the world?

Answer: "I Will"

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS:

(presentation of certificates)

CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE: (congregation please stand as you are able)

L: Let us pledge to these persons our continued support and care.

P: **We will continue to support you and walk with you. With God's help we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.**

COMMISSIONING:

ALL: THE CREED (p. 918)

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN: #563 “Jesus You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

GATHERING PRAYER:

CONFESSION: (in unison)

God speaks in the circumstances of our lives. Hearing what is said can be difficult. Often what is said is subtle, sometimes we can't hear because we are inattentive, sometimes we block our ears, sometimes it comes in the voice of someone we do not regard. Let the Spirit come and open our ears to what will be significant for us to hear. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS

BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP

LORD'S PRAYER: (sung #959)

(The Bread is broken & The Cup is lifted)
(Communion is shared)

HYMN: #562 “Jesus Calls Us”

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: I Am a Child of God (MV #157)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE: