

# 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."

- <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>Men's Choir</b>
- <b>Office Manager:</b>	<b>Jacqueline Kennedy</b>
- <b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>
- <b>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>

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**October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

*21<sup>st</sup> after Pentecost & The Sacrament of Holy Baptism*

## **SERVICE NOTE**

**WELCOME!** This week's scripture readings are about things that seem impossible. In all cases, God is ever-present, prompting people with new possibilities. God's Spirit accompanies us on the journey.

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

**THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

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

**INTROIT:** "Deep In Our Hearts" (MV #154 v. 1 & 2)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsive)

One: God is worthy of our highest praise!

**All: Our God is never far from us.**

One: God is our help, coming quickly to our aid.

**All: We will tell of God's Glory, wherever we go.**

One: Come, let us worship God.

**CONGREGATION SINGS:** (MV#156)

Dance with the Spirit early in the morning,  
Walk with the Spirit throughout the Long day.

Work and hope for the new life abornin',  
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

(Words and Music: Jim Strathdee, 1995)

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:** (In Unison)

Transforming God, in our living, you are always with us. In our singing, praying and worship, we hope to share ourselves with you. May your living word pierce our protective shells exposing our true selves, opening our hearts and our lives to your transformation. Amen.

**HYMN:** “Bless this Infant” (verse 1 – see insert – William B. Petricko)

Gentle Jesus, bless these infants, keep them in your tender care.  
Bless the parents who have brought them, holding them in arms of prayer.  
You who welcomed little children, turned no helpless soul away.  
We have brought these children to you, sent your spirit here today.

**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:** “Bless this Infant” (verse 2 – see insert William B. Petricko)

May this congregation always model love and righteousness.  
May they grow in Christian beauty, live in peace and happiness.  
Though the future is uncertain, we but trust your promise true.  
Step by step each new tomorrow comes with grace to guide them through.

**WE LISTEN & RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Job 23: 1-9

Psalms 46 (#770 VU – responsive)

Mark 10: 28-31)

**ANTHEM:** “For Those Tears I Died” (Marsha J. Stevens)

**SERMON:** “Finding Our Way”

**HYMN:** #671 “I Need Thee Every Hour”

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

**OFFERTORY:** (VU#540)

*Grant us, God, the grace of living, with a spirit large and free,  
That ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.*

(Words: anonymous. Music: attributed to Christian F. Witt, Psalmody Sacra, adapted by Henry John Gauntlett)

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (In Unison)

We know that you hear us, Gracious God, and that in your love you answer us. You call people to freedom, to justice, and to new life. Take these gifts we offer; use them and us to further your work in our world, that we might do what we can to encourage freedom, and justice, and new life. Amen

**HYMN:** #658 “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** “Abide With Me” (VU #436 v.4)

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

(Resource used in preparation of worship: “Seasons of the Spirit”)

**GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Today we are pleased to welcome into membership of our church family through the Sacrament of Baptism

**Easton Edward Penney**  
son of Charles Penney & Tiffany Young

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

In loving memory of

***Fred & Catherine Button***  
from Betty & family

In celebration of mom's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday  
***Blanche Roper***  
from Doreen & family