

# 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:** **Courage**
- **Youth Band:** **Inspiration**
- **Office Manager:** **Jacqueline Kennedy**
- **Caretaker:** **Roger Richards**
- **Minister:** **Rev. Wayne Cole**
- **Sunday School Superintendent:** **Genevieve Phillips**

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## Family Service

### Presentation of Christmas Pageant

December 15th, 2019

#### Welcome:

Today we join with our children, youth and Sunday School leaders in a Christmas pageant entitled *The Only Gift She Had*. We will experience that first Christmas night through the eyes of the Innkeeper’s daughter who is a young girl in a world that hasn’t always been good to her.

### We Gather as God’s People

#### The Musical Prelude:

- Musical selections by Samuel and Naomi Bungay, Rebecca Woodman and Jillian Moran.

#### Call To Worship (responsive)

One: You lead your people gently and kindly.

**All: You sent us your light and your salvation.**

One: Hear us and restore us, Lord God Almighty, help us to hear you and know you are here.

**All: Jesus Christ is our Lord, our light and our salvation. Let us praise and worship him together.**

**Congregation Sings:**

Hymn #91 - "The First Nowell" (verses 1,2 & 6)

**Words of Welcome & Congregational Life & Work:**

**Advent Candle Lighting - Emma Howell**

*A candle is burning, a candle of joy,  
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy  
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow  
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow*

**We Listen To God's Word**

**Scripture Readings:**

- Luke 2:1-10 ---- Leslie Moran  
**(All: Praise be to Christ, the Living Word)**

**Offering:**

A selected instrumental work performed by Jillian Moran

**Congregation Sings:**

What can I give him poor as I am  
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb  
If I were a wise man I would do my part  
Yet, what can I give him? Give him my heart.

**Offertory Prayer:**

Here our gifts we offer God, thankful for your blessings. Take them spirit, use them to spread the loving Christmas message. Christ comes to bring us life for all creation. May our gifts help bring to all, love and transformation. Amen.

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**Nativity Pageant  
"The Only Gift She Had"**

(Created by Brett Vey and Shannon Collins)

**Commissioning (responsive)**

One: Let us go forth striving to be compassionate as our creator is compassionate, celebrating the birth of Jesus.

**All: In whose way of love, justice and mercy we walk with our sisters and brothers. Amen.**

**Musical Postlude:**

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

In loving memory of

***Melvyn Rowe***

former President and long time member of the Men's Club,  
who passed away on Dec. 6, 2019  
from the Men's Club

In loving memory of a special son

***Benjamin, age 33***

by Barbara

*"Not Lost Just Gone Before"*

In loving memory of

***Georgina Eveleigh***

forever loved and missed  
from Rosalind, Ben & family