

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
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- Choir:	Men's Choir
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- Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley

January 13th, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! On Baptism of Jesus Sunday, we are reminded of God's promises fulfilled in Jesus. Luke's account of Jesus' baptism identifies Jesus as the manifestation of God's salvation as described in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the same way that Luke's baptism narrative invites us to take a backward glance at the promises of the Hebrew Scriptures, this week's Isaiah passage encourages a future gaze to the fulfillment of God's promise to one day gather people from East, West, North, and South in the realm of God. This week's backward glance and future gaze remind us that Jesus is the centre of all of God's promises.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

INTROIT: "Deep in Our Hearts" (VU #154 v. 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive based on Psalm 29)

One: The voice of God is over the waters;

All: **over the mighty waters, God speaks with creative power.**

One: The voice of God breaks the cedars;
All: over the cedars, fire, wilderness, and forest, God speaks with authority.
One: Enthroned forever, may God bless the people with strength and peace!
All: Bless us with strength and peace.
One: Let us say, "Glory!"
All: Glory, glory, glory, God!
One: Come, Let us worship.

CONGREGATION SINGS: # 766 VU - sing twice)

*As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you;
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.*

*You alone are my strength, my shield to you alone may my spirit yield;
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.*

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PRAYER OF APPROACH: (In Unison)

God of glory, your promises have been answered and continue to be answered by the Beloved, Jesus of Nazareth. Open our hearts to receive this, your greatest gift of love, again today. As we hear your voice claim Jesus as your holy child, remind us that we too are claimed as children of God. Fill our hearts with joy as we continue to celebrate the promises fulfilled in Jesus. Amen.

HYMN: #402 "We Are One"

TALK TIME:

WE LISTEN & RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Psalms 29: (# 756)

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

ANTHEM: "The Family of God" (HFG #543)

SERMON: "Remembering God's Promises"

HYMN: #100 "When Jesus Came to be Baptized"

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY:

*We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
All that we have in thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.*

(#543 – VU v. 1 – Words: William Walsh How 1858, alt.)

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (In Unison)

Receive what we bring – together – O God, our gifts, ourselves, and a new and deeper commitment. Speak your blessing on us and send us out to repair and rebuild your beloved community in every place we go. With Jesus' Spirit in us, we pray and live. Amen.

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #331 “The Church’s One Foundation”

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: “Don’t Be Afraid” (MV #90)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

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In loving memory of
Claire Noella McGillivray, sister of Noel Brissard
from the Men’s Club