

## 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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| • <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>Mixed 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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**January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**3<sup>rd</sup> after Epiphany & Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

### **SERVICE NOTE**

**WELCOME!** In the gospel of Luke, Jesus' public ministry begins in a big way: not with teaching or calling disciples, but with a proclamation. Reading from the Torah, Jesus proclaims that the year of God's favour has finally arrived. Today is the day that the past will be left behind and all people will have a new beginning. This is the day the Spirit empowers us to live out Jubilee with boldness and trust.

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

#### **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**INTROIT:** "Community of Grace" (Mark Hayes)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsive - Based on Psalm 19)

**One:** We joyfully gather to hear and reflect on God's word.

**All:** **God's word is sweeter than honey fresh from the honeycomb!**

**One:** God's law is perfect and God's commandments enlighten our eyes.

**All:** God revives our souls and causes our hearts to rejoice!  
**One:** As we worship together, God will strengthen us.  
**All:** We know our rock and our redeemer is moving in this place!  
**One:** Let Us Worship God!

**CONGREGATION SINGS:** #315 “Holy, Holy, Holy ...” (#315 VU)

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

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

Wonderful God, you have called each of us here this morning, and we have answered that call. Some of us have come joyfully; some of us have come bearing the burdens of grief, pain, or doubt. Some of us don't know why we have come at all. Wherever our hearts are this morning, we pray that we would encounter You in ways that will bring strength, direction, wisdom and comfort. 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:**

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19 (#740)

Luke 4: 14-21

**ANTHEM:** “Pray for the People” (Pepper Choplin)

**SERMON:**

**HYMN:** #326 “O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”

**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:**

**PRAYERS & THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** #567 “Will You come and Follow Me”

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** “I Am a Child of God” (MV157 – V. 1 & 5)

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

**GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

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

***Colton Wayne Brown***

son of Meaghan & Justin Brown

***Lily Grace Katelyn Roberts***

daughter of Jennifer & Justin Roberts

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

In loving memory of a husband, father & grandfather

***David Street Sr.***

from the family

In loving memory of granddaughter

***Sydney Baggs***

from Sandra Baggs