

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

"The Church by the Side of the Road"

Fully accessible for people with physical disabilities

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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:

Clergy:

Congregational Designated Minister:

Office Manager:

Caretaker:

Youth Band Director:

Vocal Director:

Children's Choir Accompanist:

Musical Ensembles:

The Congregation

Rev. Bruce Kearley

Steven Rogers

Lynn Mercer

Roger Richards

Brett Vey

Rosalind Foley

Brett Vey

**Children's Choir, Rhythm Band,
Youth Band**

December 15, 2013

3rd of Advent

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Angels, shepherds, animals, wisemen, and people from Bethlehem come together to welcome the infant Jesus.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE: Medley of Songs from Pageant

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come donkey, and cow, and dove

Come shepherds from fields afar

Come singing angels, come woolly sheep

Christ is born for you

Come seekers, come dreamers, come worriers, come wanderers

Come neighbours and strangers and friends

Come people of God, come children of joy

Christ is born for you

OPENING CAROL: “Deck the Halls” (Insert)

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES:

HYMN: #6 “A Candle Is Burning” (Verses 1-3)

INTRODUCTION TO PAGEANT:

REHEARSAL OF PAGEANT SONGS: (Insert)

“Room in the Stable”

“Would We Have Eyes to See”

“Follow the Star”

NATIVITY PAGEANT

“Would You Like to Hold the Baby?”

(Words and Music: Joyce Poley and Frank Henning, except where noted)

**Congregation is encouraged to join in singing the choruses*

PLOT SUMMARY

NARRATOR & CAST: *Travel to the Bethlehem Inn*

CONGREGATION & CAST: ***O Little Town of Bethlehem***
(Brooks/Redner)

NARRATOR & CAST: *Animals curious to see the baby*

CHILDREN’S CHOIR: ***Room In The Stable****

NARRATOR & CAST: *The shepherds appear*

YOUTH BAND: ***Would We Have Eyes to See****

NARRATOR & CAST: *Wisemen bring their gifts*

CHILDREN’S CHOIR: ***Follow the Star****

NARRATOR & CAST: *Departure and arrival*

SOLOIST: ***Would You Like To Hold the Baby***

NARRATOR & CAST: *Behold the child*

CONGREGATION: ***Silent Night*** (Gruber/Mohr)

NARRATOR: *Closing Words*



MEDITATION: #15 “Came He Not in Fire”

OFFERTORY: “Little Drummer Boy” (Rhythm Band)

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

As we think of the Christmas story – travelers stuck on busy roads, no room in the inn for Mary and Joseph, confused shepherds – we realize that many people find themselves in many different places along life’s journey.

We are thankful, O God, for this sanctuary which provides a place for people to collect their thoughts each week in worship.

The Christmas story reminds us of the many different faces of your love in the world: the innkeeper’s family who makes room in the stable, the gifts of the wise men, and the baby Jesus with Mary and Joseph.

Bless these gifts so your living Word may become flesh in this church and in the wider programs this church supports. Bless these gifts so that travelers both near and far may be comforted in your name. Amen.

CLOSING CAROL:

Here we come a-caroling among the leaves so green
Here we come a-wand’ring, so fair to be seen

*Love and joy come to you, and to you glad Christmas too
And God bless you and send you a happy New Year
And God send you a happy New Year*

We are not daily beggars that beg from door to door
But we are neighbour’s children whom you have seen before

BENEDICTION:

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

*Join us in the Church Hall
for a Luncheon and Carol
Sing following the service!*

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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



In loving memory of

Chesley Dawe

by Barbara Arnold

In loving memory of

Pearl Dierking

a donation has been made to the Cemetery Fund by Roger E. Thomas

In loving memory of

Bertram and Violet Perry

by grandson Geoff and family

