

## 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."

- <b>Ministers:</b>	<b>The Congregation</b>
- <b>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>
- <b>Congregational Designated Minister:</b>	<b>Steven Rogers</b>
- <b>Organist:</b>	<b>Nadine Hollett</b>
- <b>Choir:</b>	<b>Male Choir</b>
- <b>Office Manager:</b>	<b>Lynn Mercer</b>
- <b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>

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**January 13, 2013**

*1<sup>st</sup> after Epiphany/The Baptism of Jesus*

### SERVICE NOTE

**WELCOME!** This is the day in our church calendar when we celebrate Jesus' baptism. It is the day we are encouraged to remember the role our baptism has played in our lives. It is a day we are challenged to remember that, along with Jesus, we are beloved by God and empowered to participate in the rebuilding of God's "kin-dom." (Ecumenical prayer calendar: Cyprus, Greece, Turkey.)

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### THE MUSICAL PRELUDE: INTROIT:

#### CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive – Seasons of the Spirit)

One: The Spirit of God danced over the waters of creation,

**All: shaping love from chaos.**

One: The Spirit of God parted the waters of the sea,

**All: revealing love's power to free us.**

One: The Spirit of God hovered over Jordan's waters,

**All: declaring a love that has no limits.**

One: The Spirit of God comes to us in the gift of water,

**All: proclaiming, "You are my beloved."**

One: The Spirit of God asks this day, and always, that you  
would simply allow yourself to be loved. Let us worship God.

#### CONGREGATION SINGS:

Follow, follow, I will follow Jesus  
Anywhere, everywhere, I will follow on.  
Follow, follow, I will follow Jesus,  
Anywhere he leads me I will follow on.

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

#### PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Our God in Christ, you have given us a window to view the world, people, and ourselves, and your love is the framework that surrounds him. Help us as we worship to reframe all that we are and do in your love. (Written by **Camillia LaRouche**, Main Street U.C., Mitchell, Ont. Gathering, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, 2009-2010, page. 35. Used with permission)

**HYMN:** #375 "Spirit of Gentleness"

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

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Isaiah 43: 1-7 (When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.)

Psalm 29: (# 756 — Ascribe to God glory and strength — responsive)

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 (Jesus is baptized by John)

**ANTHEM:**

**SERMON:**     **"Beloved – Be Loved"**

**HYMN:**        #382    "Breathe On Me Breath of God"

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

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

**OFFERTORY**

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,  
And some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.  
Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:  
Be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:**        #651    "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:**

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

*In loving memory of*

***Maude Brown***

*by Barbara Brown & grandson Benjamin*

*In loving memory of*

*a dear brother,*

***Robert Eveleigh***

*by sister Rosalind*