

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."
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| - Ministers: | The Congregation |
| - Clergy: | Rev. Bruce Kearley |
| - Congregational Designated Minister: | Steven Rogers |
| - Organist: | Nadine Hollett |
| - Choir: | Senior Choir & UCW |
| - Reader: | Phyllis Davis |
| - Office Manager: | Lynn Mercer |
| - Caretaker: | Roger Richards |
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January 27th, 2013
3rd After Epiphany

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! The teaching of God's good ways brings good news to those whose lives have not experienced good. Such ways and news cry out to be heard and done today. The past may instruct; the future may beckon; today is when these ways and this news is to be lived and fulfilled. This is the day the Spirit empowers us with boldness and trust. (Ecumenical prayer calendar: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden.)

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "I Know Your Word"

CALL TO WORSHIP:

CONGREGATION SINGS: "This Little Light of Mine"

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (Responsive – Seasons of the Spirit)

One: Holy God, Word-giver: in the gentle rain washing our
upturned faces, in trees dancing in the morning we hear
your joy;

**All: in the whisper of the wind, we overhear your dreams
for us;**

One: in the silence of the night, we eavesdrop on your grace;

**All: in the prayers of the poor, we take notice of your
compassion.**

One: Jesus the Christ, perfect Word overcome our need to focus
on ourselves

All: so we might serve others.

One: Make us humble enough to hear your good news

All: and wise enough to live it.

One: Enchant our hearts with your grace,

All: so we might weep with those around us.

One: Holy Spirit, Cup holder of Living Water: as we suffer
together,

All: may we drink deeply of your compassion.

One: As we rejoice together, as we pray together,

All: may our hearts feast on your love.

One: As we worship together,

All: may we hear the word you have for us.

One: God in community, be with us,

All: in these moments, as in every moment. Amen.

HYMN: #357 "Tell Me The Stories Of Jesus"

TALK TIME

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (Ezra reads the Torah at the Water Gate)

Psalm 19 (#740 – The heavens declare the glory of God.)

Luke 4: 14-21 ("The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.")

ANTHEM: "A Light is Gleaming"

SERMON: "Changing the Landscape"

HYMN: #330 "Jesus Shall reign"

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: #315 "Holy, holy, holy ..."

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Go Now in Peace, Guided by the
Light"

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

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*In loving memory of
a darling granddaughter
Sydney Erin Baggs
by Nanny Baggs & family*

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