

# TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

*"The Church By The Side Of The Road"*

## *Service note*

God of life, in Christ you lead us,  
guiding us along the way.  
In our past, through joys and sorrows,  
You have been our strength and stay.  
Keep us faithful, true disciples,  
in our learning and our praise,  
celebrating past and present.  
consecrating future days.

(Voices United #528)

## THE MUSICAL PRELUDE

**INTROIT:     The Church by the Side of the Road**

### **Call To Worship:**

One: We enter this sanctuary, as those before us have done, to worship and serve you.

**All:   With waiting hearts we come to worship.**

One: We enter this sanctuary, as those before us have done, dependent on your Spirit to be with us in our thoughts and feelings.

**All:   With waiting hearts we come to worship.**

One: We enter this sanctuary, as those before us have done, to grow as the Body of Christ.

**All:   With waiting hearts we come to worship.**

One: Let us worship God!

### **Congregation sings:**

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,  
Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

### **OPENING PRAYER: (unison)**

God of history and of time, we thank you for your many gracious acts of salvation visited upon this congregation in its 177 years. Continue to bless us with your presence, as you come to us now in word and music. Make us a "city set on a hill" a light that cannot be hidden, that others may know of your great love. Through Jesus Christ, your Son who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

**HYMN:**           #365   "Jesus Loves Me"

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**       "One Tin Soldier"       (Children's Choir)

*In loving memory of daughter **Susan Tiller**, by mother Dianne Kearley & sister Nicolle Boone*

*In loving memory of **Arthur Reid**, by his Grandchildren, Laura & Sarah Nurse, Reed & Aaron Butler, Philip, Charlotte, Susannah, & John Arthur Reid.*

*In loving memory of our dear parents **Bert and Leona Churchill**, by Vivian (Deion), Ches (Renee), Cynthia (Clarence), Dallas (Elvis), Arlene (Aiden) & Grand Children.*

*In loving memory of **Departed Loved Ones** by Doreen & Ken Cave*

*In loving memory of wife **Beatrice Cooze** by Baxter Cooze*

*In loving memory of my dear little brother, **Robert** & loving father, **Gus**, by Rosalind Foley*

*In loving memory of wife and mother, **Rosalind Purchase** by husband Fred & daughters Nancy & Tracy*

**TALK TIME:**

**LIGHTING OF THE MEMORIAL CANDLE**

One: We light this memorial candle in memory of our loved ones and friends who once shared our lives and now live in our hearts.

***(Moment of silence)***

**LIGHTING OF CELEBRATION CANDLE**

One: We light this celebration of life candle in thanksgiving of life's blessings each day.

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** "Precious Memories" (Rev. Bruce)

*In loving memory of husband **Les Stokes** and father and mother **Harold & Ethel Somerton**, by Eleanor Stokes*

*In Celebration of three beautiful Grandchildren, **Isaac, Benjamin & Sophia**, by Nanny & Poppa Alexander*

*In loving Memory Of Parents, Parents In Law and Grand Parents **Dolly and Heber Bennett** by Bob, Debbie, Sheri-Lynn and Gregory.*

*In loving Memory Of Father, Father In Law and Grandfather **Lloyd King** from Debbie, Bob Sheri Lynn and Gregory*

*In Loving Memory of Brother, Brother in Law and Uncle **Scott King** from Debbie, Bob Sheri-Lynn and Gregory.*

*In loving memory of **Howard, Jane, Cecil and Maude Brown**, by Barbara*

*In loving memory of beloved husband, father & grandfather **Leonard Mercer**, by wife Alma & Children & Grandchildren*

*In loving memory of **Charles and Amelia (Millie) Barbour, and James & Mary Anne Bugden**, by Len, Eloise & family*

*In loving memory of **David, Glenn, Norine Bastow, & Tony Murphy** by John, Lynn & family*

*In loving memory of **Herman Humby**, by wife Pearl & family*

*In loving memory of **Arthur Reid**, by his Grandchildren, Laura & Sarah Nurse, Reed & Aaron Butler, Philip, Charlotte, Susannah, & John Arthur Reid.*

*In loving memory of **Graham Mercer** and parents **Ethel and Harold Somerton**, by Hilda Mercer & Family*

*In loving memory of **Michelle Barron (Goulding)** by mom Elsie & family*

*In loving memory of my husband **James A. Miller** by Marjorie*

*In loving memory of grandparents **Harold and Ethel Somerton**, uncles **Graham Mercer & Les Stokes** by Deena, Adam & McKenzie*

*In memory of **Departed Loved Ones** by Sol & Phyllis Davis*

*In loving memory of daughter **Rachael Diane**, father **Glenn Gosling**, stepfather **Boyd Smith** and father-in-law **Peter Morey** by Mona, Kevin, Nicole & Ben*

*In loving memory of parents **Arch and Enid Kearley, and Clarence and Mae Peddle**, by Dianne & Bruce Kearley*

*In loving memory of father and grandfather, **Ralph Horwood**, by Jason, Tonya, Alex & Avery Pelley*

*In loving memory of wife **Laura LeGrow** by husband Ed.*

*In loving memory of our dear parents **Bert and Leona Churchill**, by Vivian (Deion), Ches (Renee), Cynthia (Clarence), Dallas (Elvis), Arlene (Aiden) & Grand Children.*

*In loving memory of wife **Linda** & parents **George & Elizabeth Moores** by George Moores*

*In loving memory of husband **Harold Tucker** by Bernice Tucker*

*In loving memory of parents **Dr. John & Gwendelyn Burke**, sister **Helen** & brother **Arthur** by Glynn Burke*

*In loving memory of parents **John & Luela Blackwood**, sisters, **Jane, Florence, Margaret & brothers, John, Baxter & Albert** by Elva Burke*

***Loretta & John Coish** in celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014*

*In loving memory of **Albert Humby** by wife Ida, Gary, Linda & family*

*In loving memory of **James & Eric Harnum** by Joyce Harnum*

*In loving memory of our loving parents **Norman & Margaret Reynolds & Arthur & Pearl Penney** by Art & Verna Penney*

*In loving memory of wife **Lorraine** & son **Brent** by Russell Parsons*

*In loving memory of **Departed Loved Ones** by Doreen & Ken Cave*

*In loving memory of Husband, father & Grandfather (POP) **Doug Osmond**, Forever in our hearts  
by Louise, Bob & Rhonda, Larry & Angela, Sean, Ryan, Matthew & Zachary*

*In loving memory of my dear little brother, **Robert** & loving father, **Gus**, by Rosalind Foley*

*In loving memory of grandparents **Allan George & Winnie Oliver** by Granddaughter Renee,  
Reid, Emma & Nicholas Bishop*

*In loving memory of **Love Ones** by Andrew & Helen Grandy*

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Psalm 123 (#847 - We lift our eyes to you, O God.)

Matthew 25: 14-30 (The parable of the talents.)

**SERMON:** "We Lift Our Eyes To God"

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** "Deep In Our Hearts" (Mixed Choir)

*In loving memory of **Rev. Samuel and Millicent Grandy, Dr. Thomas Grandy, William and Violet LeDrew, Noreen LeDrew** and son-in-law Clarence Squires by Larry & Beverley Grandy & family*

*In loving memory of **Amy Penney**, by husband Pearce & family*

*In memory of **loved ones**, by Joan Butler*

*In loving memory of grandparents, **Alex & Martha Butler**, by Barbara*

*In loving memory of **Alexander Goulding** by wife Elsie & Family*

*In loving memory of parents **Dr. John & Gwendelyn Burke, sister Helen & brother Arthur** by  
Glynn Burke*

*In loving memory of parents **John & Luella Blackwood, sisters, Jane, Florence, Margaret & brothers, John, Baxter & Albert** by Elva Burke*

*In loving memory of **James Mansbridge** by wife Jean & family*

**OFFERING:** VU #540)

Grant Us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living, we may offer faithfully.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

Bless our gifts, our hearts, and the work of our talents, O God. May what we offer here bring hope to those who live a life of quiet desperation. May they learn to see the truth and the joy of your ways. This we pray in the one who gave us hope. Amen.

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** "Just As I Am" (Mixed Choir)

*In loving memory of a special son, **Benjamin**, by Barbara*

*In loving memory of **Reg. K Jones**, by wife Pat & family*

*In loving memory of **Fred Button** by Nellie & Cle*

*In loving memory of our dear parents **Bert and Leona Churchill**, by Vivian (Deion), Ches (Renee),  
Cynthia (Clarence), Dallas (*

*In loving memory of husband **Richard Barnes & daughters-in-law Birnice Bonia & Gloria  
Murphy (nee Barnes)** who passed away Christmas Day 2013 by Olga Barnes*

*In loving memory of wife **Beatrice Cooze** by Baxter Cooze*

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** "Will The Circle Be Unbroken" (Male Choir)

*In loving memory of grandparents, **Alex & Martha Butler**, by Barbara*

*In loving memory of brother and uncle, **Bobby Pelley**, by Jason, Tonya, Alex & Avery Pelley*

*In loving memory of **Bert & Leona Churchill**, by Eleanor Stokes*

*In Loving Memory of **Nan Wright, Melvina Sheppard, Laura LeGrow and Lorraine Parsons** by  
Bob, Debbie.*

*In Loving Memory of Grand Parents, **Max and Lillian Perry**, Aunts **Lillian, Marjorie**, Uncles  
**Merle and Gordon** from Bob*

*In memory of parents **Harold & Ethel Somerton & Robert & Florence Richards**, by Roger &  
Rosemary Richards*

*In loving memory of my husband **James A. Miller** by Marjorie*

*In loving memory of **Monroe and Hazel Mercer** by John, Lynn & family*

*In loving memory of **Graham Mercer** and parents **Ethel and Harold Somerton**, by Hilda Mercer  
& Family*

***In loving memory of family and friends**, by Sandra Baggs & family*

*In loving memory of **Love Ones** by Beverly & Ray Stockwood*

*In loving memory of wife **Lorraine & son Brent** by Russell Parsons*

*In loving memory of wife and mother, **Rosalind Purchase** by husband Fred & daughters Nancy &  
Tracy*

**HYMN:** #675 "Will Your Anchor Hold"

**THE SENDING FORTH:**

One: May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with us on the road.

**All: May we see the face of Christ in everyone we meet, and may everyone we meet see the face of Christ in us.**

One: God be your comfort and your strength; God be your light and your way; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life remain with you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION: The Church by the Side of the Road**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**