

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."

Ministers:	The Congregation
Clergy:	Rev Bruce Kearley
Congregational Designated Minister:	Steven Rogers
Office Manager:	Lynn Mercer
Caretaker:	Roger Richards
Youth Band Director:	Brett Vey
Vocal Director:	Rosalind Foley
Musical Ensembles:	Children's Choir, Youth Band
Pageant Cast:	Sunday School

December 21, 2014

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! *Today, we journey with the stars, angels, shepherds, wise men, and friendly beasts. Our Sunday School joins with our Pageant Choir to present 'Spirit of the Christmas Tree' – a nativity pageant retelling the ancient story of the babe in a manger.*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES:

1st Reader: People of God, come, for the light of love beckons us together.

2nd Reader: What love is this? How are we to follow?

1st Reader: This love calls from the margins and the centre; from suffering and comfort; from oppression and privilege.

2nd Reader: We too come from the margins and the centre; from suffering and comfort; from oppression and privilege.

1st Reader: Then let us bring our love, and join it to this light of love, and gather in worship to discover the greatest love there is.

(Candles of hope, peace, joy, and love are lit)

2nd Reader: Come, let us bring our love to this time and place, celebrating the radical love of God that beckons us together. Come, let us listen and speak, sing and discern, pray and give, for now is the time to worship.

CONGREGATION SINGS:

A candle is burning, a candle of love,
A candle to point us to heaven above,
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,
For Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

WORDS OF WELCOME | CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (unison)

O God, how shall I meet you? In a tiny baby, reliant upon the care and well-being of those around? In a toddler, visited by Wise Ones? In a teen, changing and challenging, learning and teaching, growing into self? In an adult, healing and caring, loving to death and beyond? O God, how shall I meet you?

HYMN: #366 "Like a Child" (v. 1 & 2)

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING: #366 "Like a Child" (v.3)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

NATIVITY PAGEANT

Spirit of the Christmas Tree

****Please refer to pageant booklet****

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