

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
Organist:	Beth Cranston
Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
Choir:	Male Choir
Office Manager:	Lynn Mercer
Caretaker:	Roger Richards

October 12th, 2014

18th after Pentecost & Thanksgiving Sunday

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME & HAPPY THANKSGIVING! The holiday of Thanksgiving is one that assumes the bounty of the land. Even those who have not tilled the ground for generations find themselves thinking in terms of the earth's abundance at this time of year. Perhaps it is the panoply of colors. Perhaps it is the mounds of produce in the supermarkets. Whatever the reason, this is a time in which we are very aware of the earth's harvest and our dependence on it. May we be thankful for what we have, share our blessings with others and take care of the earth.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Now Thank We All Our God" (VU236 - verse 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive – see back of bulletin)

CONGREGATION SINGS:

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made,
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

God of harvest, we give you thanks for the beautiful colours of autumn and for the cycle of changing seasons. We also give thanks for the earth's harvest that nourishes our bodies, and for your love which sustains our spirits. Help us to care for one another, and to care for all creation, for by caring for those whom you love, we show our thanks. Amen.

HYMN: #217 "All Creatures Of Our God And King"

TALK TIME: with Steven

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 (God will bring you to a bountiful land.)

Psalms 65 (#782 – VU – God provides; the valleys shout and sing.)

Luke 17: 11-19 (Ten healed; one returns for offer thanks.)

ANTHEM: "How Great Thou Art"

SERMON: "EXPRESSING THANKS"

HYMN: #520 "We Plough The Fields..."

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY: 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: (in unison)

It is a joy to be able to offer gifts to you, O God. Out of many blessings and from a deep sense of gratitude, we offer our gifts of money, time, talents, and faith. May our gifts bring justice to the oppressed, hope to the despairing, healing to the hurting, and compassion to the broken-hearted. Bless our gifts and may they bear fruits for all of us to take delight in. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #516 "Come, Ye Thankful People, come"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "This Is God's Wondrous World"

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

Happy Thanksgiving



TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

In loving memory of
Pamela & Michael Legrow
from Mom, Dad & Christine

In loving memory of
Fred Button
by wife Betty & family

In Loving Memory of Grandparents
Gordon and Isabel Penney
formerly of Topsail from Bond and family

