

## 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.”

- <b>Ministers:</b>	<b>The Congregation</b>
- <b>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>
- <b>Youth Program Coordinator:</b>	<b>Heather Cronhelm</b>
- <b>Organist:</b>	<b>Beth Cranston</b>
- <b>Choir Director:</b>	<b>Andrew Cranston</b>
- <b>Choir:</b>	<b>Mixed Choir</b>
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*Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016*

*23<sup>rd</sup> After Pentecost*

### SERVICE NOTE

**WELCOME!** From time to time, the gospel writers challenge our attitudes towards other people, as well as our deepest values. They jolt us to consider life from the viewpoint of God’s compassionate openness. God’s welcome is for all. We are encouraged to open our hearts in humility, and trust that we are accepted and loved for who we are.

### **WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE**

### MUSICAL PRELUDE:

**INTROIT:** “God of the Bible” (mv28 – v.1)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsive)

One: We have come here to sing song of praises to God.

**All: Our God has done marvelous things.**

One: God’s steadfast love surrounds us from one sunrise to the next;

**All: God’s Love keeps us from one sunset till the next.**

One: God’s love gives our lives meaning and purpose.

**All: God’s love gives us a reason to give praise.**

One: Let us worship God!

(Beth Johnston, Gathering, Pentecost 2, 2016, p. 36)

## CONGREGATION SINGS:

She comes sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in the sun;  
On a journey just begun, she flies on.  
And in the passage of her flight, her song rings out through the night,  
Full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

## WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

### PRAYER OF APPROACH: (in unison)

Empty us, O God, of all that would keep us from being present in this time of worship. Pour out upon us, O God, your spirit of patience and humility that we might receive what you have to give us in this time of worship. Fill us, O God, with your love, your compassion, your grace, that in this time of worship and beyond we might know you in those around us. Amen.

**HYMN: #450** “Here At This Font” (verses 1 & 2)

### **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**One:** Let us celebrate the gift of grace given to us in the Sacrament of Baptism.

**All:** **There is one body and one spirit; we have one hope in Christ.**

**One:** There is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God, Creator of us all.

**All:** **Out of the waters of Baptism, we rise with new life, forgiven, renewed, and one with Christ, members of Christ’s body.**

### INTRODUCTION & VOWS

**One:** Let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

**All:** **As a Baptized and Baptizing church, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within the community of faith. May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH:** The Creed (VU #918)

### THE BAPTISM

**HYMN: #450** “Here At This Font” (verses 3 & 4)

**WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Psalm 65 (#782 – VU)

Luke 18: 9-14

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** “It’s a Song of Praise to the Maker” (mv30)

**REFLECTION:** “Walking Together”

**HYMN:** #235 “O Worship the King”

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Food Bank presentation – Fay Dawe**

**OFFERTORY:**

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)

As we give, raise us up. As we give, bring us to unity with others. In this offering, discover our humble desire to be in communion with one another. May the resources we share here be transformative in this world, and express our thanksgiving, rather than our pride; our strength, rather than our shame. Bless these gifts, we pray. Amen.

**LORD’S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** #421 “Lead on O Cloud of Presence”

**BENEDICTION:**

**MUSICAL BENEDICTION:** “God of the Bible” (mv28 – v.2)

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

In loving memory of  
**Andrew Grandy**  
by wife Helen & Family

**GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Today we are pleased to welcome into membership of our church family through the Sacrament of Baptism

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***Clark Lawrence Kenneth Brewer***

son of Tim & Susan Brewer

***Isla Jane Elliott***

daughter of Bradley & Penney Elliott

***Owen Gerald Herbert Isaacs***

son of Herbert & Kristen Isaacs

***Marisol Carina Luchino***

daughter of Federico & Nancy Luchino