

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."

Ministers:

The Congregation

Clergy:

Rev. Bruce Kearley

Congregational Designated Minister:

Steven Rogers

Organist:

Nadine Hollett

Choir:

Senior Choir

Reader:

Carol Hedd

Office Manager:

Lynn Mercer

Caretaker:

Roger Richards

Sunday, January 6th, 2013

Epiphany/ Sacrament of Holy Communion

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME & HAPPY NEW YEAR! Epiphany, the season we are about to enter, comes from a Greek word that means "manifestation." During this season the church celebrates the gift of Christ for all people. We rejoice that God is revealed among us in unexpected places and persons. We rejoice that God comes among us in Jesus. With wise ones, we rejoice that God chooses to act in our lives. (Ecumenical prayer calendar: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Iran, Iraq)

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: " I Know Your Word"

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive – Seasons of the Spirit)

One: A shining light has led us far –

All: we have found the child of peace.

One: Ancient songs have strengthened our spirits –

All: we have seen the child of love.

One: A gift of new life has dispelled our fears –

All: we have held the child of hope.

One: The cradle of straw has found our hearts –

All: we shall journey with this child of joy.

CONGREGATION SINGS: (Sing twice - Christ Candle is lit)

"I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!"

If you follow and love you'll the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (unison – Seasons of the S[pirit])

God of life, starlight is our night companion – a gift of wonder –
that helped direct ancient ones on their journey, and helps us
reflect upon our own. Amen.

HYMN: #91 "The First Nowell" (verses 3-6)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 60: 1-6 (Arise, shine; for your light has come)

Matthew 2: 1-12 (The visit of the Magi)

SERMON: "Precious Gifts"

ANTHEM: "Bread of Life Broken and Shared"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY

Praise God with songs that never cease,
Praise God who fills the Earth with peace.
Praise God for love and joy within,
the Holy child is born again.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

As the magi brought gold, so we bring these gifts. As the magi
brought frankincense, so we bring our prayers. As the magi
brought myrrh, so we bring our lives to you, O God. Amen.

HYMN: #74 "What Child Is This"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

Confession: #302 – Voices United (in unison)

Words of Assurance:

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercessions

Blessing the Bread and Cup

The Lord's Prayer:

(The Bread is broken & The Cup is lifted)

(Communion is shared)

HYMN: #81 “As With Gladness ...”

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

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

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

CHRISTMAS IN-MEMORIUM

late arrivals

In loving memory of my father & mother,

Mr. & Mrs. Allan Mercer

by R. Wilson Mercer

In loving memory of

George & Elizabeth Easton

In loving memory of

Mildred & Wallace Stratton

by Judy & Ed Stratton

In loving memory of my parents,

Albert & Beryl Thistle

by Marguerite Hillyard & family