

**TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH**

*"The Church by the Side of the Road"*

Fully Accessible; Scent-Free Environment

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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.*

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**NOVEMBER 7, 2021  
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**WELCOME AND SHARING TIME**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

Loving God, accept the gifts which we bring to you; accept us, who we are and who we hope to be. Help us to embrace your vision for justice and peaceful living, in what we say and in what we do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

**NATIONAL ANTHEM:**

O Canada, our home and native land  
True patriot love in all of us command  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise  
The true north strong and free  
From far and wide, O Canada,  
We stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

**WREATH LAYING** Anne & Ralph Parmiter

**THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE:**

**Time of Silence**

They shall not grow old, as we that are left to grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

**We will remember them.**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

There is a time for remembrance.

**There is a time for vision.**

There is a time for peace.

**There is a time for allegiance.**

There is a time for pride.

**There is a time for hope.**

There is a time for worship and renewal.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**ACT OF PRAISE: #7 Hope is a Star (vs. 2)**

*Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,  
Giving the promise of safety and worth.  
When God is a child there's joy in our song.  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,  
And none shall be afraid.*

### **THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

### **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (unison)**

**Generous God, give us the courage to believe in your peace. As we listen to your Word may we receive fresh insights about our role in your hopes for a peaceful creation. Amen.**

**RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 90, VU#805**

Phyllis Davis

**Response: In every age, O God, you have been our refuge.**

God, you have been our refuge in every generation.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

Before earth and world were formed.

**From age to age everlasting, you are God.**

You turn frail humans back to dust saying, "Return, you mortals."

**For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday,**

**A day that is past, a watch in the night.**  
You sweep them away like a dream, like grass that is fresh in the morning.  
**Like grass which in the morning is green,**  
**But in the evening is dried up and withered. R**

Your anger consumes us; your wrath overwhelms us.  
**You set our misdeeds before you,**  
**Our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**  
All our days pass away under your anger;  
Our years come to an end like a sigh.  
**The days of our life are seventy years, even eighty, if we are strong;**  
But all that the years bring is toil and trouble;  
**They are soon gone, and we fly away.**  
Yet who understands the power of your anger?  
Who considers the fierceness of your wrath?  
**Teach us to count our days**  
**That we may apply our hearts to wisdom. R**

Turn back, O God! How long? Have compassion on your servants.  
**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,**  
**That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**  
Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,  
As many years as we have suffered adversity.  
**Show your servants your work, and let their children see your glory.**  
Let the favour of our God be upon us, and prosper the work of our hands.  
**Prosper the work of our hands. R**

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 5:1-12

**REFLECTION**

**WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION**

**HYMN:** #457 As We Gather at Your Table  
As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word.  
Help us know, O God, your presence, let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life.  
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive and you forgave;

May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share the feast  
Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,  
As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Spirit of God be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts;

**We lift them up to God.**

Give thanks to our God!

**All our thanks, all our praise.**

It is right... proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;**

**Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy God, source of life... proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Send, O God... God most holy, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **BREAKING THE BREAD AND FILLING THE CUP**

This bread which we break

**Is a sign of our sharing in the life of Christ.**

This cup for which we give thanks,

**Is a sign of our sharing in the life of Christ.**

#### **SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: (unison)**

**Companion God, we have eaten heavenly bread, and we have drunk the cup of promise. We commit ourselves to a life of fellowship. Sustain us on the road that in partnership with all who seek justice, we may travel on to eat and drink in peace in your eternal realm. Amen.**

**HYMN: #44 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**

It came upon a midnight clear that glorious song of old  
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all  
From heaven's all gracious King!"  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled;  
And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel strain have rolled ten thousand years of wrong;  
And warring humankind hears not the love song which they bring.  
O hush the noise, and cease your strife to hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,  
When with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold.  
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling.  
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

**BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

**ODE TO NEWFOUNDLAND**

When sun rays crown thy pine clad hills and summer spreads her hand  
When silvern voices tune thy rills, we love thee, smiling land  
We love thee, we love thee, we love thee smiling land

As loved our fathers, so we love  
Where once they stood we stand  
Their prayer we raise to heaven above  
God guard thee, Newfoundland  
God guard thee, God guard thee  
God guard thee Newfoundland.

**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN**

God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen  
God save the Queen.

Send her victorious, happy and glorious  
Long to reign over us, God save the Queen.

## IN MEMORIAM

We gratefully acknowledge donations to the Glory of God  
In memory of my parent's, Arthur & Ethel Brett, anniversary and in celebration of  
Rev. Pearce Penney who married them

In loving memory of Grandfathers *Ellis Powell & Raymond Cummings*  
who both served their country in WWII from Andrea

## LIFE AND WORK OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

*In keeping with our COVID-19 protocols, we still require pre-registration for  
worship & Sunday School.*

*Please contact the Office by phone or email to pre-register.*

## UPCOMING WORSHIP

**NOVEMBER 14:** The Sacrament of Baptism

**NOVEMBER 21:** Reign of Christ Sunday & Youth Service

**NOVEMBER 28:** 1st Sunday of Advent: Hope

**DECEMBER 5:** 2nd Sunday of Advent & Sacrament of Baptism

## DONATE YOUR RECYCLING & SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

Topsail United Church has an account at the CBS recycling depot. All proceeds go to our youth programs. Just label your bags "TUC 834-4567" and drop them off! Labels are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your support!

## NEW SOUND SYSTEM FOR THOSE WITH HEARING LOSS!

We are pleased to announce that a new FM transmitter system has been installed in the sanctuary for those who experience hearing loss. Please ask an usher about this new service. Thank you to the Hard of Hearing Association of Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador for partnering with us!

## FALL LEARNING EVENT

The First Dawn Eastern Edge Region's Fall Learning event will take a lunch and learn approach through a series of presentations via Zoom. The event is open to all members of Pastoral Charges in our Regional Council at no cost at all.

Schedule of Workshops

November 18, 2021

The Forest Church- Presenter: Susan Sheppard

November 25, 2021

New study Immersion

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Richard Bott (The United Church of Canada Moderator)

### **THE HEALING FUND OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

We have been shocked and saddened by the discovery of the remains of children at the sites of former Indian Residential Schools. Many people across our denomination have been wondering what we can do. First of all we can pray for healing and justice for those most affected and allow them to grieve. We can read and educate ourselves more about the residential school experience across Canada, including Newfoundland and Labrador.

We can also donate to the Healing Fund, this is a fund of our United Church established in 1994 to support healing initiatives for survivors of the Residential School System and its ongoing intergenerational impacts. To give please visit the Healing Fund Website

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### **GIVE THROUGH PRE AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE (PAR)**

During these times, we would encourage members of the congregation to consider making monthly givings through PAR.

It is an easy and contact free way to support your church. Envelopes are still available for special occasions and givings.

Contact the office at 834-4567 or [office@topsailunited.ca](mailto:office@topsailunited.ca) to set up your pre authorized givings. It is quick, easy and worry free!

**If you or someone you know, would like to hear from Reverend Kathy, please contact the church office - Telephone: 834-4567 or 771-9779(cell) Email: [revkathy@topsailunited.ca](mailto:revkathy@topsailunited.ca)**