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"The Church by the Side of the Road"  
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FEBRUARY 11, 2024

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

WE GATHER IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING TIME

INTROIT: #82 A Light is Gleaming (Refrain)

*A light is gleaming, spreading its arms  
throughout the night, living in the light.  
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love  
is burning bright, living in the light.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Here we gather as the faithful of God,

**The glory of God shines around us.**

Here, we gather as faithful followers of Jesus,

**May our lives reflect Christ to the world.**

Here, we gather as the Spirit's faithful children,

**Here, we gather to praise God's wondrous name.**

HYMN: #83(SOTG) Revive Us Again

*We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love,  
for Jesus who died, and is now gone above.*

***Hallelujah! Thine the glory, hallelujah! Amen!  
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, revive us again.***

*We praise thee, O God, for thy Spirit of light  
who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night. R*

*Revive us again, fill each heart with thy love;  
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above. R*

**PRAYER OF APPROACH: (unison)**

**Holy and mighty God, gather us among your faithful ones, the people of your covenant, to stand in the light of your glory and to witness to our faith as follows of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we are sometimes tempted to believe that we can bring you down to our limited understanding of the divine life.

**Forgive us for trying to put limits on your Creative and re-creative Spirit, which is more glorious than we can ever understand.**

God of great beauty sometimes we have reduced you to a list of rules which seem so important, that we fail to feel the grace of your presence.

**Forgive us and remind us of your Godliness.**

God of wonder we have limited the riches of your love for us and for all creation, refusing to set foot on the mountain of life, hardening our hearts to you and to others.

**Forgive us and set within us softened hearts to love you and your children more fully. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

**WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

**HYMN: #450 Here at This Font**

*Here at this font, source of all life,  
We bring a child for you to bless.  
Met in our worship may we know  
The gospel's way of happiness.*

*Pour out this water, fresh and clear.  
Make it a sign of life and love.  
Now, as at Jordan long ago,  
Show your approval, Holy Dove.*

*Embrace this child with gentle arms,  
As on that day in Galilee you called the young,*

*And showed to all the power of humility.*

*Guide church and parents in our task  
To teach each child to walk your way.  
May Christ's commandments be obeyed  
In all we think or do or say.*

## **PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM**

### **LETTER FROM THE FAMILY**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES OF PARENTS**

### **PRAYER FOR THE FAMILIES**

### **CONGREGATIONAL VOWS OF SUPPORT**

Let us pledge our support and care.

**Henry Michael Gillingham, as a baptized and baptizing people, 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 and live our commitment  
to this promise.

**Amen.**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: #918 A New Creed**

We are not alone. We live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created  
and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and  
make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are  
called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in  
Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim  
Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond  
death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

### **POURING OF THE WATER**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

### **ACT OF BAPTISM**

### **MARKING WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS**

## BLESSING & LAYING ON OF HANDS

### CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME:

Henry, into the household of faith we welcome you with joy and thanksgivings.

**Henry, we welcome you as members of God's family.**

**We welcome you with love that you may know Christ's love.**

**We welcome you with joy that you may learn of Christ's joy.**

**We welcome you by name that you may know who you are.**

**We welcome you in Christ's name that you may know whose you are.**

**You are a part of our family and will always find a welcome place here.**

PRESENTATIONS: Candle and Certificate

### BLESSING

### LEARNING TOGETHER

*#958 Halle, Halle, Halle*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: The Unclouded Day

### WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (unison)

**Speak to us, O Lord our God, and let the fire of your Spirit burn brightly in our hearts. Open our minds to receive the wisdom of the law, the hope of the prophets, and the life of the gospel; Jesus Christ, your living Word. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 50:1-6, VU#775

*The mighty one, God the Sovereign,  
Speaks and summons the earth.*

God, the Almighty, has spoken;

**and summoned the world**

**from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

God shines out from Zion, a city perfect in beauty.

**Our God appears, and will not keep silence. R**

Before you, God, runs a consuming fire,

And a mighty tempest rages above you.

**You call on the heavens above,**

**and on the earth below,  
to witness the judgement of your people:**  
“Gather my people before me,  
The people who made covenant with me by sacrifice.”  
**The heavens proclaim your justice,  
for you yourself are judge. R**

**EPISTLE READING:** 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 9:2-9

**REFLECTION**

**WE RESPOND TO THE LIGHT OF GOD**

**HYMN:** #341 Fairest Lord Jesus

*Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature  
O thou of God to earth come down:  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,  
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
who makes the troubled heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
and fair the twinkling, starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heaven can boast.*

*All fairest beauty heavenly and earthly,  
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;  
none can be nearer, fairer or dearer  
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.*

**MISSION AND SERVICE STORY**

## **PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS**

**SUNG OFFERTORY: #191 (MV) What Can I Do?**

*What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (unison)**

**Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us and the fire of faith within us. May these gifts reflect the light of hope and peace that are the gifts of Jesus' ministry. Amen.**

**SOLO: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" by George Jarvis**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **LORD'S PEOPLE**

**HYMN: #585 Jesus Bids Us Shine**

*Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,  
Like a little candle, burning in the night.  
In this world of darkness, so let us shine,  
You in your small corner, and I in mine.*

*Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;  
Well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:  
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,  
You in your small corner, and I in mine.*

*Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;  
Many kinds of darkness in the world are found:  
Sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine,  
You in your small corner, and I in mine.*

## **BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**



To the Glory of God, Today's Bulletin is a gift given

In Loving Memory of Father, Father in Law, Grandfather, ***Heber Bennett*** from Bob,  
Debbie, Sheri, Gregory, Christy and Brynn

In Loving Memory of Brother, Brother in Law and Uncle, ***Scott King*** from Debbie, Bob,  
Sheri, Gregory, Christy and Brynn

In Loving Memory of ***Louise Osmond***,  
Mother of Bob and Wife of Doug from the Men's Club

In Loving Memory of ***Vince Rodgers***,  
Brother of Rev. Bill Williams from the Men's Club

In Loving Memory of ***Ronald Ryan***,  
Brother of Tom from the Men's Club



## LIFE AND WORK OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sun, Feb 11	Aurora Choir	7-9pm (S)
	SIF Yoga	7:00pm (CH)
Mon, Feb 12	Tai Chi	9:00am (CH)
	Kingsway Chapel	10:30am
	Sparks	6:00pm (BR)
	<b>Men's Club Dinner Meeting</b>	<b>6:30pm (CH)</b>
Tues, Feb 13	Tai Chi	9:00am (CH)
	<b>Pancake Dinner</b>	<b>6:00pm (CH)</b>
	Embers	6:00pm (CH)
Wed, Feb 14	<b>Coffee Time</b>	<b>10:00am (CH)</b>
	<b>Inspiration</b>	<b>6:30pm (S)</b>
	CBSYC	6:30pm (CH)
Thurs, Feb 15	Parent/Tots, Family Resource	9-12pm (CH)
	<b>TUC Choir</b>	<b>7:30pm (S)</b>
	Winners in Sobriety	8:00pm (CH)
Fri, Feb 16	Tai Chi	9:00am (CH)
Sun, Feb 18	<b>Worship &amp; Coffee</b>	<b>10:30am</b>

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### **2024 CHURCH ENVELOPES**

2024 Envelopes are now available for pick up at church office, Mon to Fri from 9-12pm or before/after Sunday Worship. If you would like to receive envelopes or would like to go on PAR, please contact the office.

### **MEN'S CLUB DINNER MEETING**

The Men's Club Dinner Meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 12 at 6:30pm. New Members are always welcomed.

### **EAT IN PANCAKE DINNER**

Join us Tuesday, February 13th at 6pm for an *All You Can Eat* Pancake Dinner. Enjoy a variety of delicious pancakes (plain, blueberry, partridge berry and chocolate chip), baked beans, breakfast sausages, tea/coffee and dessert. \$12 adults and \$6 for children under 10. To reserve tickets please call the church office between 9 and 12 at 709-834-4567.

**2024 CHURCH CALENDARS:** If you ordered a calendar and have not picked it up, please drop by the office to collect your order.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING:** Topsail United Church's Annual Congregation Meeting will take place on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, following the morning service. All are welcome to attend. There will be a light lunch served in the Church hall after which the AGM will begin. Please mark this in your calendars. We would love to see a great turnout as the affairs of your church for the 2024 church year will be discussed with important decisions made on your behalf. Look forward to seeing you all.