



Topsail Presbyterian Church
HAMPSTEAD, NORTH CAROLINA

AUGUST 31, 2025 | TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OUR MISSION

The beautiful story of Topsail Presbyterian is comprised completely in the unique make-up of the individuals who call Topsail Presbyterian their home. Although vastly different in their journeys, there are 3 cords that bind each of us together.

We Are...

We are real people infused with dynamic faith, committed to a common vision, joined together in the covenant love of our Creator.

We Used to Be...

We used to be completely broken but are now grateful for undeserved redemption, astonished by amazing grace, healed by forgiveness and humbled by the divine invitation to be included in the greatest cause on earth.

We Serve...

We serve a good and perfect God. The nations are His dwelling and our lives are His vessels. We have compassion for the poor, and our hearts are open to the rich.

COVER ART:

LIVING WATER part 2
by Marisa Jean

Welcome

May you truly sense God's Spirit at work in this place and in your life.

Greetings to everyone! We extend a warm welcome to those joining us in-person or for our live stream worship service this morning. As we celebrate together, we hope you will sense God's presence as we gather.

If you are a guest this morning, please fill out one of the visitor information cards located in the pew pockets so we can get to know each other better. Simply, hand your completed card to an usher or place it in the offering plate. In addition, we invite you to take a Guest Bag from the table in the narthex as you leave today. If you need assistance at any time, please feel free to ask someone seated next to you or one of the ushers.

Children are welcome to sit with their families during worship or attend Sunday School following the Children's Sermon. We have a nursery available for infants and our parlor is available for nursing mothers & parents in need of a quiet space with their children during worship. Restrooms are located through the door to the right of the chancel.

Sunday School Opportunities

Children's Sunday School

The children's Sunday school (ages 3 years to 5th grade) is held every Sunday during the 10:30am worship service down our Preschool hallway. Participants will be excused from the worship service following the Children's Sermon and will reconnect with their parents at the conclusion of the service. **First time visitors are asked to walk their child to their first session for instruction & to complete registration.**

Youth Sunday School

The middle and high school Sunday school class is held every Sunday during the 10:30am worship service in the Youth Building. Participants will be excused from the worship service following the Children's Sermon and will reconnect with their parents at the conclusion of the service. **The first Sunday of every month is Youth Sunday. There is no Youth Sunday School on these days.** Youth will assist in providing liturgy, ushering, & greeting guests and will remain seated with their families for worship. **This group will resume on Sunday, September 14th.**

The Present Word (Adult) Sunday School

This Adult Sunday School class regularly meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Parlor (across from the pastor's office). The adult Sunday School class based on the PRESENT WORD series will **resume Sept 7th at 9:30 a.m.**

The first Fall quarter will focus on the Kingdom of Judah- its' kings and the prophet- Isaiah. We look for relevance in the Word to our current lives and how it shapes our relationship with God. Join us, bring your ideas and insights and become a part of the conversation.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Stuart Link,

Interim Pastor

Kathy Crumpler, 8:15 Liturgist

Mike Steed, 10:30 Liturgist

Sharon Moore, Organist/Pianist

Dr. Rebecka Rose, Music Director

Russ Layman,

Elder of the Month

8:15am Worship

We hope you will sense our vision for Greater Faith, Deeper Relationships, and Stronger Community as you worship with us.

Words of Welcome

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" arr. Lyndell Leatherman

Call to Worship (Call & *Response*)

Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who delight in God's commandments.
They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright.
***Those who love God are gracious,
merciful, and righteous.***
They are generous,
sharing freely what they have received.
It is well with those who live in justice.
Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid.
Let us praise the Lord!

†Gathering Hymn #683 "Lord of All Hopefulness" vs. 1 & 4

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

***Merciful God,
in Jesus you show us a way that is humble
and that seeks the good of others.
We confess that we go our own way;
we elevate ourselves
and ignore the needs of others.
Free us from the temptation
to pursue our own pleasure only.
Help us to live in harmony
with all your people,
sharing one world
and eating around one table,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.***

Silent Confession

Promise of Forgiveness

†Response Hymn #582 "Glory to God"

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
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As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

†Please stand if able.



2025 Flower Calendar

The 2025 TPC Flowers for the Chancel is available on our website. Please sign up and donate flowers for our chancel each Sunday during worship.

Please call or email Aly with your dedications: (910)270-2312 or aly@topsailpres.org.

Sign-up calendar can also be found on our website at: topsailpresbyterian.org.

Click on the Flower Donations Sign up button to choose your date & be sure to add your dedication in the comments.

IMPORTANT! YOU MUST NOTE if you will be bringing your own flowers or if you will be purchasing from our florist.



Online Giving Platform

If you would like to donate to TPC, please scan the QR code to use our online giving platform.

You can also visit our website at topsailpresbyterian.org and click on "DONATE" in the dropdown menu at the top of the page.



†Passing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings OT: Jeremiah 2:4-13 NT: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon | Rev. Steuart Link

"Living Water"

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and promised coming of Jesus Christ
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in the common life of all people.
His service to men and women commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church
God's judgment on the inhumanity
that marks human relations,
and the awful consequences
of the church's own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ
and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern
in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.*

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33

Call for Offering

Offertory Music "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

†Doxology #581 "Glory Be to the Father"

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
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Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

†Closing Hymn #697 "Take My Life" vs. 1 & 6

†Benediction

Postlude "Arioso"

David Paxton (1975)



2025 Liturgist Calendar

We are in need of Liturgists to sign-up and fill the calendar for 2025.

Not sure if this is something you want to do?

Any questions, you can reach out to Nicole Demchok at (910)262-6992 or via email at ndemchok@outlook.com.

We will offer liturgy training if needed.

Sign-up calendar can be found on our website at:

topsailpresbyterian.org

Click on the Liturgist Sign-up button to choose your date and service time.



PRESCHOOL SCHEDULE CHANGE

9:00AM - MON -THUR

Please note that Preschool drop off and pick up have changed a bit this school year.

Drop off will be 9:00AM
and pick up will be at 12:30PM.

Please plan accordingly.



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Stay in Touch

Staying connected to faith is more important than ever. At Topsail Presbyterian Church, we strive to make sharing, and worshipping with us easy. We gather to encourage each other, connect with friends, & learn From God's Word through our website, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, email, newsletter and of course in-person. Connect with us, we're here for you!

Can't Worship in Person?

That's okay! We live stream our 10:30am worship service every Sunday. You can find us streaming on Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo, and of course, our website. So whether you're out of town or otherwise unable to be here in person, you can be with us in spirit while watching from the comfort of wherever you are.

TPC Directory: Photos Needed

Have you ever visited our digital directory? Tried to match a name with the face? We need a photo of everyone to make this a reality! If you are a member and your photo is not in the directory, please choose a photo of yourself or your family and email it to Tom Sidbury,

Digital Ministry Elder, at:
admin@topsailpres.org.

Access the TPC Directory by scanning this QR code with your phone. If prompted for the password, please call the church office at 910-270-2312.



Children's Sermon

Anthem "Festive Prelude on 'A Mighty Fortress is Our God'"

Martin Luther (1529)

arr. Victor C. Johnson (2014)

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Today is the Day!

Sunday School Move Up & Kickoff

Sunday, August 31st, 10:30 am Worship

Our TPC children and youth will move up and welcome each other to their new Sunday School classes today! Hooray for an exciting new year of growing together in Christ!

New Member Orientation

Sept 14 after 10:30 worship.

Lunch provided.

Contact Cheri Haight (203) 394-8304
or Pastor Steuart Link (910)685-2076



In observance of Labor Day, the Admin Office will be closed on Monday, September 1st.

Both the Pastor and the Administrative Assistant will be out of the office. The office will re-open on Tuesday, September 2nd. Please plan accordingly when scheduling or making requests.

Super Tuesdays Kids Club (STKC) – Fall Registration Now Open!

We're excited to announce that Super Tuesdays Kids Club's Fall registration is currently open to TPC church families and returning participants. STKC kicks off Tuesday, September 16 for ages Pre-K through 5th Grade, meeting Tuesday evenings from 5:30 – 7 pm. Each week includes a yummy, kid- friendly meal, weekly Bible lessons, crafts, games and automatic participation in the Joyful Noise Children's Choir.

We also have a variety of volunteer opportunities for adults and youth who want to be part of this exciting ministry! You may get involved by: leading or supporting in a classroom, helping in the kitchen or with special events, donating supplies and more!

To sign your child up or to become a part of our amazing STKC team, reach out to Dawn Frazier at christianed@topsailpres.org or 910-270-2312. Let's work together to make this year's STKC an incredibly fun and faith-filled experience for our STKC children!

Prayer Requests

Do you have a special prayer request that you would like the pastor to lift up during worship?

You can complete a prayer request card located in the pew pockets and give to the pastor prior to service or hand to an usher.

You can also add your prayer requests or praises to the prayer wall on our website at: topsailpresbyterian.org

Prayer Requests

Bobbie Ruegner, Bruce Filer, Bonnie Miller, Nancy Lockamy, Janice Thomas, Donna Kraynick, Ann Henry, Charlotte Kelly, Mary Anne Matherly, Sally Ferrante, Ken Rice, John Stillgebauer, Brian Jones, Mary Rogers-Ellsworth, Carolyn Rice, Sharon Egan, Theresa Allen, Deliah Sitorus, Marcia Caison, Tom & Sue Feller, Linda Blount, Marjorie Gulliksen, the family of Charlie & Ginger Hardee, Jacqueline Kirksey, the family of Luke Hanson, the family of Marie Hufham, Wiley Lewis, Carol Campbell, Lee Porrazzo, Jerrod Lowry, Reynolds Johnson, Martin Padgett, the family of Michael Daniel, Vicki Hufham, Ronnie Edens, June Crosby, Jeanne Rick, Jeffrey Smith.

Youth Director Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-2pm

Sunday 10am-12noon

Sunday evening 5pm-8pm

Choir & Handbells

Rehearsals for choir and handbells will resume on Monday, September 8th. Rehearsals will be scheduled for every Monday, handbells at 6:00pm and choir at 7:00pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Dr. Rebecka Rose & Shelly Aebi at music@topsailpres.org.

4C's Food Pantry Needs Your Help

4-C's Food Pantry is in need of these items:

condiments
diced tomatoes
plain potato chips
13 gallon trash bags
all purpose cleaner
toiletries
and pet food.

Donations may be placed in the Shepherd Boxes in the Narthex and Gathering Room.





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Presbytery of Coastal Carolina - www.presbycc.org

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Ms. Shelly Aebi

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Mr. Elmer Hewett

Custodian

elmerhewett@gmail.com

Members of Session

2026

Russ Layman - **Stewardship**
Jennifer Schwarz - **Christian Education**
Shona Talbert - **Personnel**

2027

Laurie Rucks - **Session Clerk & Preschool**
Nicole Demchock - **Worship**

2028

Stephen Polk - **Buildings & Grounds**
Cheri Haight - **Membership**
Tom Sidbury - **Digital Ministry-IT**
David Howard - **Finance**
Marcia Kissire - **Missions**

Deacons

Jay Heidel - **Chair**
Bryna Fair - **Secretary**
Jimmy Smith
Patty Bowdoin
Beth Garland
Dickie Grace
Rick Lamb
Kitty Lamb

Interested in Joining Our Church Family?

If you are not a member and would like more information or are ready to join, please contact Cheri Haight at (203)394-8304 or membership@topsailpres.org, Amy Coleman at 910 520-0446, or Pastor Steuart Link.