



Topsail Presbyterian Church
HAMPSTEAD, NORTH CAROLINA



VBS Sunday/Communion Sunday
AUGUST 3, 2025 | 8TH 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.

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

This child centered 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

This middle/high school centered 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 is currently on hold for the summer season.**

The Present Word (Adult) Sunday School

This Adult Sunday School class regularly meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Parlor or Fellowship Hall. However, **this group will be on hiatus for the summer quarter.** For those who would like to continue their studies independantly, we have summer quarter study guides available in the Admin office.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Stuart Link, Interim Pastor
Betsy Fischer, 8:15 Liturgist
Lily Consey & Peyton Link,
10:30 Youth Liturgists
Shelly Aebi, Organist
Dr. Rebecka Rose, Music Dir.

Russ Layman,
Elder of the Month

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

†Please stand if able.

8:15am Worship

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Words of Welcome

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

E. T. Childs

Call to Worship (Call & Response)

Gathered in from many lands,
***we come from east and west,
from north and south.***
Some of us have wandered through deserts.
Some of us are hungry and thirsty.
But the Holy One heard our pleas
and has delivered us from our distress.
So we come with prayers of thanksgiving,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

†Gathering Hymn #612 "We Praise You, O God" vs. 1 & 3

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

***Faithful God,
we confess our faithlessness.
Our hearts are fickle,
our eyes wander,
and we trick ourselves
into serving other gods.
We speak lies, accept lies, live lies,
destroying others
and ourselves along the way.
Forgive our waywardness
and lead us back to you.
Embolden our trust in your faithfulness
and settle your truth in our hearts.***

Silent Confession

Promise of Forgiveness

†Response Hymn #447 "We Are Forgiven"

***We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
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†Passing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

NT: Matthew: Selected verses & Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2

Sermon | Rev. Stuart Link "Can I get a witness?"



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.



Doxology "Glory Be to the Father"

LYRICS

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, amen.*

†Affirmation of Faith (*Unison*)

*The life, death, resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church
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 "All Who Love and Serve Your City"

†Doxology #581 "Glory Be to the Father"

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of the Great Thanksgiving

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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and our praise.

(The prayer continues until all are invited to recite:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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, hosanna in the highest.*

Breaking the Bread & Sharing the Cup

Communion Music "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Prayer of Commitment

The Lord's Prayer

†Closing Hymn #643 "Now Thank We all Our God" vs. 1 & 3

†Benediction

Recessional



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 Demchuck at (910)262-6992 or via email at ndemchuck@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.



VBS Sing - Song Titles

1. *Let's Trust in Jesus*
2. *This is the Day*
3. *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

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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!

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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.

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Breaking the Bread & Sharing the Cup

Communion Hymn #525 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

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Cookies and Lemonade Sign-up

Kindly sign up in the narthex to join in the fun of providing Cookies and Lemonade. An email will be generated during the week you sign up for to provide directions and instructions for this event. If you have any questions, please contact Leah Hemphill at hemphilleah@gmail.com. Thank you.

Choir & Handbells

Rehearsals for choir and handbells have come to a conclusion for the season. They will regroup in late summer. If you would like to be a part of our choir or handbells, send a message to our Music Director, Dr. Rebecka Rose, at music@topsailpres.org.

Men's Fellowship Lunch

Men's Lunch is on summer hiatus. We will not be meeting during the summer months. Look for our next get together this October. Enjoy your summer!

HOMECOMING SUNDAY

SUNDAY AUGUST 24, 2025

One Service at 10:30 with our guest speaker Jay Bender. Pot Luck Side Dish, Salad and/or Dessert. FRIED CHICKEN is our main entree compliments of the Fellowship Committee and Lowes Foods.

PLAN TO ATTEND!!

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.

Prayer List: 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, the family of Michael Daniel.

Deployed: Mark Rohlfing



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.

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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.



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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