

Topsail Presbyterian Church
HAMPSTEAD, NORTH CAROLINA

Preschool Sunday
FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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:
TRANSFIGURATION
OF JESUS** by Miroza

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 10:30 am worship service in the Youth Building. Participants will be excused from worship service following the Children's Sermon and will reconnect with their parents at the conclusion of the service. Our current Bible Study is God, Heroes, and Everyday Dragons: Finding Your Story in God's Story. In addition to studying the Bible, we also enjoy snacks & refreshments, fellowship, and games during Youth Sunday School. **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.

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 winter quarter will focus on the essential teachings of the Bible in relation to defining elements of our Christian faith. (Participant books are available in the Admin office.)

Join us, bring your ideas and insights and become a part of the conversation.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Steuart Link, Interim Pastor

Jay Heidel, 8:15 Liturgist

Tom Sidbury, 10:30 Liturgist

Shelly Aebi, Organist

Dr. Rebecka Rose, Music Director

Nicole Demchock,

Elder of the Month

8:15am Worship

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Words of Welcome

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude Prelude on "Nun danket all und bringet ehr"

J. Crüger/arr. R. Lau

Call to Worship (Call & Response)

Though finite human minds
cannot fathom God's fullness,

**God gives us glimpses of her glory every day
in the night sky's depths
and in the simplest flower,**

in shared meals, shared stories,
and shared struggles.

**In the face of every person made in her image,
God's beauty glows like sunlight behind clouds.**

We share God's sacred longing to be known,
to be truly seen and loved for all we are.

**But to be fully known,
we must risk vulnerability.**

When we dare to share ourselves with one another,
when we work to understand a friend or stranger,

**we come closer to catch a glimpse
of God's presence.**

Let us worship God together.

TGathering Hymn #662 "Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies" vs 1&4

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Magnificent God,
we cannot stand before the glory of your presence.
You shine with divine light,
and we are overwhelmed by your goodness.
Lift us in your mercy,
release us from our fear,
and fill us with your Spirit,
that we might reflect your light
and share your love,
for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.**

Silent Confession

Promise of Forgiveness

TResponse Hymn #582 "Glory to God"

TPassing the Peace

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 for Illumination

Scripture Readings OT: Exodus 24:12-18 NT: Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon I Rev. Steuart Link

"Transfiguration"

†Affirmation of Faith(*Unison*)

*In Jesus of Nazareth,
true humanity was realized once for all.
Jesus, a Palestinian Jew,
lived among his own people
and shared their needs, temptations,
joys, and sorrows.
He expressed the love of God
in word and deed
and became a brother
to all kinds of sinful men and women.
But his complete obedience
led him into conflict with his people.
His life and teaching judged their goodness,
religious aspirations, and national hopes.
Many rejected him and demanded his death.
In giving himself freely for them,
he took upon himself the judgment
under which everyone stands convicted.
God raised him from the dead,
vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.
The victim of sin became victor,
and won the victory
over sin and death for all.*

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.08

Call for Offering

Offertory Music "I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light"

†Doxology #606 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

†Closing Hymn #12 "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise" vs. 1 & 4

†Benediction

Postlude

10:30am Worship

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Prelude “Thanks Be To God” TPC Handbell Choir arr. W. Fritchie

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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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ever shall be. Amen.***

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Preschool Children Sing "B-I-B-L-E"

Children's Sermon

Anthem "The Promises of God"

Carter/Fritchie

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†Closing Hymn #821 "My Life Flows On" vs. 1, 3, & 4

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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.

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!

Announcements

PRE SCHOOL Sunday

Welcome TPP Families from Our Children & Youth Ministries!

We are thrilled to welcome our Topsail Presbyterian Preschool families to worship this morning! Siblings of TPP students are joyfully invited to attend Sunday School! Ages 3 through 5th Grade will gather downstairs in the Fellowship Hall and Middle and High School students will meet in the Youth Building. Our Nursery is available for children 2 and under. Please note that your TPP preschoolers will return to their classrooms with their teachers. If you have not already completed a visitor's registration form for this morning's service, please accompany your child/children to Sunday School to complete the form and meet their teachers. We are so happy that you all are here and we look forward to having your children participate in this very special day!



Join Us for Boy Scouts Sunday! FEBRUARY 22ND

 **TPC YOUTH TO HOST ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF**
BRING THE HEAT!
SUNDAY, MARCH 15
FOLLOWING SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE TPC YOUTH GROUP

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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Prayer Requests

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, Linda Blount, Marjorie Gulliksen, Wiley Lewis, Vicki Hufham, June Crosby, Jeanne Rick, Jeffrey Smith, Mary Gist, Brian Padgett, Martin Padgett, John Flowers, Joey Scavone, Alexander Marechal, Bonnie Carpenter, Carol Wilson, Bryant Smith, Jeffrey Smith, Don Howard, Brenda Lee, Kathy McCusker, the family of Michael Warren, Blair Mitchell, the family of Hugh Howard, the family of Ethan Stone, Shannon Padgett, Selma Jones, Chuck Hardee, Jessie Logue, Lani Abraham, Joey Lamb, Eddie Brown, Vickie Jackson, Carol Campbell, the family of David Askins.

Love Weddings? TPC is looking for a Wedding Point Person. TPC has few weddings, but this year we have 2. One is in March and the other is in May. This person would be present for the weddings and rehearsal to problem solve. The initial details have all been worked out already. Please contact laurie.rucks@gmail.com or Rev. Link if you are interested in helping with TPC's upcoming weddings.

Safety Survey - We Need Your Input

We seek your input to help shape the work of our Safety & Security Committee. Please complete the survey found on our website or through the link sent to you by email. Paper copies are available in the Narthex.

High School Seniors!

Presbyterian Women are accepting applications for the Lorena Clark Piner Scholarship through February 15. Applications for this \$1500 scholarship are available in our church office. If you have any questions, call or email Cheri Haight (203) 394-8304 calhaight@yahoo.com.

HOW ARE YOU SERVING JESUS?

Volunteers are needed to make up the Fellowship Committee. This Committee's Elder is Leah Hemphill. There are multiple ways to volunteer in this Committee. For more information, please contact Leah Hemphill hemphillleah@gmail.com

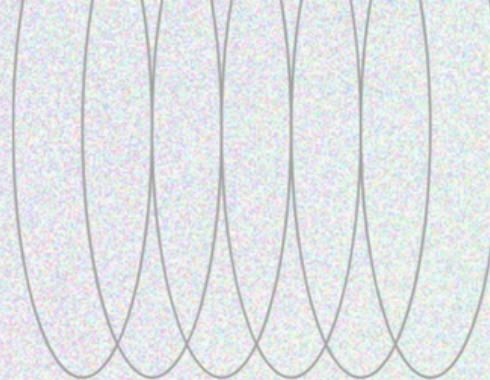
TPC ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 18, 2026

PANCAKE DINNER

Please join us from 5:15 to 6:45 PM
in the Fellowship Hall
prior to Ash Wednesday
Service at 7:00 PM

Pancakes, sausage, tangerines!
Choir is invited to
come early.

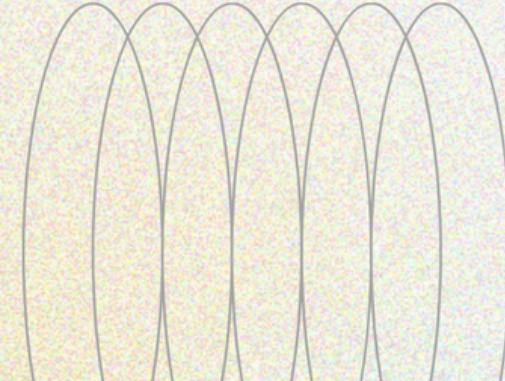




On behalf of the Nominating Committee, we want to provide an update on the formation of our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

Over the past several weeks, our committee has been in a season of deep prayer and discernment. We are currently in the phase of reaching out to prayerfully selected individuals to gauge their interest, and to discuss the significant commitment this role requires. We are encouraged by the passion we've heard so far and look forward to bringing a full, diverse slate to you for a vote in the coming weeks.

Blessings,
Nominating Committee
Shona Talbert, Wesley Thomas, Doris Bowman





Seeking Hands and Hearts: Become a Buildings and Ground Elder

Our church building is more than just a brick, mortar and land; it is a sacred space where worship happens, friendships are formed, and the Gospel is shared. Just as we care for our spiritual lives, we are called to be good stewards of the physical property God has entrusted to us.

As we look toward the future, our nominating committee is looking for someone with a passion for caring for our "house" to serve as the Building and Ground Elder.

We are looking for an individual who demonstrates:

- *A member with leadership skills.
- *A member that can problem solve.
- *A member with some experience with building maintenance.

We ask that you prayerfully consider who among our members, or even yourself, might be called to this service at TPC.

If you feel called to this ministry or would like to learn more, please contact a member of the nominating committee, a member of session or Pastor Link.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for the human master."
Colossians 3:23

TOPSAIL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S

'26 CHILDREN'S SUMMER CALENDAR

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS WEEKLY DURING 10:30 AM WORSHIP

JUNE



- 7th - 11th - Kirkwood Creation Camp
- 14th - Kirkwood Sunday - 10:30 am Worship
- 16th - Tuesday VBS Prep Days - 10 am - 12 pm
- 23rd - Tuesday VBS Prep Days - 10 am - 12 pm
- 30th - Tuesday VBS Prep Days - 10 am - 12 pm

JULY



- 7th - Tuesday VBS Prep Days - 10 am - 12 pm
- 14th - Tuesday VBS Prep Days - 10 am - 12 pm
- 21th - Tuesday VBS Prep Days - 10 am - 12 pm
- 23rd - 26th - VBS Decorating/Set Up - Times flexible as needed.
- 27th - 30th - Rainforest Falls VBS - 9 am - 12 pm Daily

AUGUST



- 2nd - VBS Sunday - 10:30 am Worship
- 3rd - Super Tuesday Kids Club '26 - '27 Registration Opens
- 9th - Blessing of the Backpacks - 10:30 am Worship
- 16th - Sunday School Move Up and Kick Off - 10:30 am Worship





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Members of Session

2027

Laurie Rucks - **Session Clerk & Preschool**

Nicole Demchock - **Worship**

2028

Stephen Polk - **Buildings & Grounds**

Cheri Haight - **Christian Education**

Tom Sidbury - **Digital Ministry**

David Howard - **Finance**

Marcia Kissire - **Missions**

2029

Shona Talbert - **Personnel**

Leah Hemphill - **Fellowship**

Deacons

Jay Heidel - **Chair**

Bryna Fair - **Secretary**

Jimmy Smith

Beth Garland

Rick Lamb

Kitty Lamb

Jacqui Kirksey

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 or Pastor Steuart Link.