

Topsail Presbyterian Church  
HAMPSTEAD, NORTH CAROLINA

FEBRUARY 1, 2026 | 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## 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

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

**Diane Hughes**, 8:15 Liturgist

**Youth**, 10:30 Liturgist

**Shelly Aebi**, Organist

**Dr. Rebecka Rose**, Music Director

**Nicole Demchock**,

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 "Prelude on 'St Denio"**

R. Lau/arr. J. Roberts

### Call to Worship (Call & *Response*)

In a world that rewards selfishness,

***it is wise to hoard resources,***

***foolish to share.***

In a world built on violence,

***it is wise to be suspicious,***

***foolish to risk compassion.***

But God's wisdom is not the wisdom of the world:

***Greed will not serve us in heaven.***

***Self-preservation will not save us in the end,***

***so we will choose to be foolish;***

***we will choose the way of love.***

***Let us worship God.***

### †Gathering Hymn #298 "Lord, You Give The Great Commission"

Sung to the tune of "Hyfrydol" vs. 1 & 4

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

***Merciful God,***

***we fail to do what is right.***

***Instead, we pursue evil***

***and do not speak the truth.***

***Even when we try our best to be faithful,***

***still we turn away from you.***

***Forgive us, accept us, and redeem us,***

***that we may seek to do what you call good.***

### 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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### †Passing the Peace

†Please stand if able.



## Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings OT: Micah 6:1-8 NT: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon I Rev. Steuart Link

**"Blessed to be a Blessing"**

### †Affirmation of Faith (*Unison*)

*God's sovereign love is a mystery  
beyond the reach of the human mind.  
Human thought ascribes to God  
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.  
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ  
by showing power in the form of a servant,  
wisdom in the folly of the cross,  
and goodness in receiving  
sinful men and women.  
The power of God's love in Christ  
to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer  
is the Lord and Creator who made all things  
to serve the purpose of God's love.*

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15

## Doxology # 609

*Praise God, from whom all  
blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high  
and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

### Call for Offering

Offertory Music "Be Thou My Vision"

†Doxology #609 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"  
The Sacrament of Communion  
Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of the Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***  
Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them up to the Lord.***  
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.*

The Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

Breaking the Bread & Sharing the Cup

Communion Music "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Prayer of Commitment

†Closing Hymn #754 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

Sung to the tune of "Ellecombe" vs. 1 & 4

†Benediction

Recessional

# 10:30am Worship

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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!

## Children's Sermon

**Anthem "Amazing Grace"**

W. Fritchie

**Prayer for Illumination**

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**Call for Offering**

**Offertory Hymn #450 "Be Thou My Vision" vs. 1 - 3**

**†Doxology #609 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"**

**The Sacrament of Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**

**The Prayer of the Great Thanksgiving**

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*(The prayer continues until all are invited to sing: #552, vs. 1 & 2)*

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Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
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**The Lord's Prayer (Unison)**

**Breaking the Bread & Sharing the Cup**

**Communion Hymn #523 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"**

**Prayer of Commitment**

**†Closing Hymn #754 "Help Us Accept Each Other"**

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# Announcements

## Mission Trip Meeting

**Sunday, February 15**

### Immediately Following 10:30 Worship

Steve Fitzgerald, pastor of Sneads Ferry Presbyterian Church, will present information on a mission trip to Western North Carolina after the 10:30 service in the Fellowship Hall. The trip will be May 31-June 6. Lunch is provided, reservations required for lunch. There are 6 spaces available for Topsail Presbyterian Church. Contact Marcia Kissire at [tpcmission@topsailpres.org](mailto:tpcmission@topsailpres.org) if you have any questions or want to reserve your space at the meeting or the trip. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

## Join Us for Boy Scouts Sunday! FEBRUARY 22ND

**SAVE THE DATE!**

## Kirkwood Creation Camp

GET READY FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE  
WEEK OFF FAITH, FRIENDS, AND FUN!

JUNE 7TH THRU 11TH, 2026



### Kirkwood Creation Camp News...

2026 camp dates are officially on the calendar, and we are looking forward to another incredible year at Kirkwood Creation Camp, Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, June 11th! Please note, this announcement is a “save the date” only. We will keep you posted in the weeks ahead for when registration opens, the cost, volunteer opportunities and more! Stay tuned!

### Join Our Children's Ministry Team!

It's a new year, and we are so excited about all that's in store for 2026! If you've ever been interested in getting involved with our Children's Ministry team, now is the perfect time. We are busily preparing for the season of Lent and will soon be full steam ahead with VBS planning. In addition, we are always growing our incredible team of Sunday School and Super Tuesday Kids Club teachers and volunteers.

You do not have to be in a classroom to make a difference! We are always grateful for help with preparing craft supplies, help with bulletin boards, donating supplies and so much more. If you'd like to learn more, please see Dawn Frazier, Children's Ministry Director or Cheri Haight, Christian Ed Elder, after the service or reach out to [christianed@topsailpres.org](mailto:christianed@topsailpres.org). We would love to talk to you!

## 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, Carol Campbell, 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, David Askins.

**No Youth Sunday School Today!** This Sunday is Youth Sunday. Students will remain in service with their families this week and will have the opportunity to participate in communion. Youth Sunday School will resume next week.

### Safety Survey - We Need Your Input

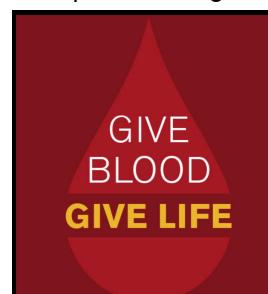
We seek your input to help shape the work of our Safety & Security Committee. Please complete the survey found on our website or through the link sent to you by email. Paper copies are available in the Narthex.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:hemphillleah@gmail.com)



### Blood Drive

**Fri. Feb. 6th**

**1:00 - 6:00PM**

**Walk-ins are welcome.**



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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](mailto:membership@topsailpres.org) or Pastor Steuart Link.