



Topsail Presbyterian Church
HAMPSTEAD, NORTH CAROLINA

FEBRUARY 8, 2026 | 5TH 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.

COVER ART:

SALT & LIGHT

by Julie Maida

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

Kathy Crumpler, 8:15 Liturgist

Nicole Moss, 10:30 Liturgist

Shelly Aebi, Organist

Dr. Rebecka Rose, Music Director

Nicole Demchock,

Elder of the Month

Flowers for the Chancel

The flowers for the chancel today have been given to the glory of God and in memory of our son by Ken and Leah Hemphill.

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.

SCAN HERE



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**)

We are salt for the earth.

We are a light for the world.

Just as no one hides a lamp away,

we will offer the world what only we can give.

In shining our lights, we will remember:

We are not the only ones with vital wisdom.

Grateful for mutual enlightenment,

we will not drown out another's beam with ours.

Gathering Hymn #702 "Christ Be Beside Me" vs. 1 & 2

†Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Patient God,

it is so easy for us to miss the point.

We know how to perform righteousness;
we go to church, we donate, we volunteer,
but we care more about how we are seen
than our faithfulness to you.

We show off our piousness,
instead of actually sharing our food,
our homes, our resources
with those in the most need.

Have mercy on us for the ways we serve ourselves,
and teach us your way,
the way that leads to justice and peace.

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

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: Psalm 112:1-9 NT: Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon I Rev. Steuart Link

“Salt and Light”

†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 “Leade Me, Guide Me”

†Doxology #609 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*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.
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Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*Unison*)

†Closing Hymn #757 “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

vs. 1 & 4

†Benediction

Postlude

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†Gathering Hymn #314 "Longing for Light" vs. 1, 2, & 5

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Children's Sermon

Anthem "Amazing Grace"

Newton/ arr W. Fritchie

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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 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 7th - 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. 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, 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.



PRESCHOOL Sunday
February 15 @10:30 worship

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.



TPC Youth Ministry

ELEVATE: Faith & Adventure Overnight Retreat

Calling all middle and high school students to come together for a time of fun, fellowship, and faith!

February 21-22, 2026

Saturday 9:00 AM – Sunday 11:00 AM

YMCA Camp Kirkwood

*To signup, please contact Leslie Blair at
youth@topsailpres.org*



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

SAVE
THE
DATE

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

MEN'S LUNCH

Come eat!

WEDNESDAY
FEB 11
1:00PM

JOIN
US!

AT THE
NEW

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Ms. Shelly Aebi

Organist/Pianist

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Mr. Elmer Hewett

Custodian

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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.