

# TOPSAIL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## WORSHIP SERVICE



**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**March 3, 2024**

**First time guests...Welcome!** Please be sure to ask an usher for any assistance you may need. Restrooms are located through the door to the right of the chancel. Church Parlor available for nursing mothers & parents in need of a quiet space with their children during worship.

\*Please stand as you are able.

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## Words of Welcome

## Opening Prayer

## Prelude

**8:15 - “Prelude on ‘Olivet’ (My Faith Looks Up To Thee)”**  
**10:30 - “It is Well with My Soul” TPC Handbell Choir**

K. Osterland

## Announcements

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

We gather in the season of Lent,  
a time to examine our hearts and our lives  
***and journey with Christ through the suffering  
of the world***

Let us pick up our crosses and follow Christ  
***on a path that is lined with God's love.***  
God has marked us as beloved dust  
***and called us together to worship.***

### \*Gathering Hymn #718

# **“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”**

vs. 1, 3, 4

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## Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

*O God, you have made us your covenant people,  
marked us as your own, and charged us for lives of service.  
Forgive us when we live as if success were the worthiest aim  
or independence the highest virtue.  
Call us once more to take up our crosses,  
and show us how to follow you.  
Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy.  
Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.*

## Silent Confession

## Hymn #698

## **“Take, O Take Me As I Am”**

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## Promise of Forgiveness

\*Passing the Peace

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Exodus 20:1-7

John 2:13-22

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

**"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

Watts/Fritchie

TPC Handbell Choir

Sermon

**"A New Purpose in Christ"**

Rev. Cam Thomas

Affirmation of Faith

*To be reconciled to God  
is to be sent into the world  
as God's reconciling community.  
This community, the church universal,  
is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation  
and shares God's labor of healing the enmities  
which separate people from God  
and from each other.  
Christ has called the church to this mission  
and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
The church maintains continuity  
with the apostles and with Israel  
by faithful obedience to his call.*

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31

Call for Offering

Offertory Hymn #211

**"Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice"**

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Doxology

**"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

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*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.*

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 sing: {#552, vs. 1 & 2})

**1-Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full  
of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**2-Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.**

(The prayer continues.)

Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup

Communion Hymn #498   **“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”**

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Prayer of Commitment

The Lord's Prayer (**Unison**)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, the power, the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn #826

**“Lift High the Cross”**

vs. 1, 3, 4

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\*Benediction

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
***And also with you.***

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**Worship Led By:** Reverend Cam Thomas;  
**Music Director:** Dr. Rebecka Rose;  
**Organ/Piano:** Shelly Aebi

# Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718

1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if  
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill  
 3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and  
 4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and

you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
 your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your  
 let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -  
 calm - ly ev - ery dan-ger brave: it guides you to a -

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
 spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.  
 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
 bun-dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

Written by a nineteen-year-old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza and by the appropriately stark shape note tune.

# 698 Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The brevity of this text and tune invite repeated singing, either as a sustained chain of sound or as a sung response in a series of prayers. It offers a more reflective approach to the same theme of self-dedication evident in older hymns such as "Just as I Am" (see no. 442).

TEXT and MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1995  
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TAKE ME AS I AM  
7.7.7.4

# Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice 211

(Psalm 17)

1 Hear, O Lord, my plea for jus - tice; lis - ten  
2 Test my heart for its af - flic - tion; pu - ri -  
3 Keep me, Lord, in sure pro - tec - tion, as the  
4 In its wake, send vin - di - ca - tion; to its  
to my heart - felt prayer. In your just de -  
fy my soul with fire; let my mor - tal  
ap - ple of your eye. Shel - ter me be -  
dark - ness, show your face. Bring me to my  
lib - er - a - tion may I find re - demp - tion there.  
tongue speak wis-dom, righ - teous-ness be my de - sire.  
neath your shad-ow when my hour of death draws nigh.  
res - ur - rec - tion clothed in gar - ments of your grace.

This paraphrase emphasizes the prayerful qualities of Psalm 17 by keeping the focus on the relationship between the psalmist and God, rather than denouncing the faults of the enemy. This is a helpful reminder that our prayers need to be grounded in honest and unpretentious faith.

# Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

498

Capo 3: (D)

F

(Bm)

Dm

(G)

B<sup>b</sup>

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we  
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D)

F

(Bm)

Dm

le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their  
room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you  
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am  
name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G)

B<sup>b</sup>

(D)

F

(A)

C

food for - ev - er - more.

came as Light from Light.

with you; do not fear!"

By your bod - y bro - ken

tell your love and care.

(Bm)

Dm

(F<sup>#</sup>m)

Am

(Bm)

Dm

(G)

B<sup>b</sup>

(A)

C

(D)

F

for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm)

Dm

(G)

B<sup>b</sup>

(D)

F

gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.

Refrain  
Descant

# Lift High the Cross

826

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim  
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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.  
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

*Fine*

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

to Refrain  
the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

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CRUCIFER

10.10 with refrain

**Worship Led By:**  
Reverend Cam Thomas  
**Music Director:**  
Dr. Rebecka Rose  
**Organ/Piano:**  
Shelly Aebi

**Chancel Flowers**  
Today's flowers are given to the glory of  
God and our parents: Eunice & Glen  
Davis and Barbara & Earl Foster by  
Joanne & John Foster.

**Liturgists:**  
8:15am - Diane Hughes  
10:30am - Kathy Tobin  
**Elder of the Month:** Chris Thomas

### Announcements

**Prayer List**—Bobbie Ruegner, Bonnie Carpenter, Glenn Piver, Carolyn Rice, Sue Newton, Bruce Filer, Fleur McKnight, Tom Lowell, Mary Anne Matherly, Christine Sanders, John DiBiase, Judy Graves, Ginger & Charlie Hardee, Austin Padgett, Ricky Hurst, Ann Rogish, Bonnie Miller, Sandy Minnich, Nancy Lockamy, Joseph Rogish, Betty Anzalone, Janice Thomas, Tom Berry, Tom Feller, Brian Jones & family, Sharon Egan, Ruth Best, Jack Crouch, the family of Dixie Britton, Kristina Polk, Donna Kraynick.

**Choir & Handbells Rehearsals**— Choir rehearsals are held every Monday at 7:00pm and Handbells rehearsals will be held every Monday, at 6:00pm. **Exception:** Rehearsals for both will NOT be held if there is a Session meeting scheduled. Session is typically the 2nd Monday of the month.

**Elijah Bible Study** - The Elijah Bible study meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 2:30pm in the Youth Building. The next meeting will be held on March 28th. Please see Laurie Rucks or stop by the admin office if you are in need of a study guide.

**Present Word Sunday School** —The Present Word bible study class meets at 9:30am every Sunday morning. The Spring Study will be held from March to May. The spring quarter will explore the fullness of faith as a response to God's desire to be in relationship with us. Study guides are in the admin office.

**Meals on Wheels**—If you would like to help prepare meals for seniors in need one Saturday per month, contact Kathy Tobin, at 401-309-9563 or email – kath2357@aol.com.

**2024 Flower Calendar:** Help us fill our 2024 flower calendar, located in the overflow room. Approx. \$60 per arrangement. **Be sure to complete a dedication card (hanging near the calendar) and return to the admin office. You can also sign up online by following the link on our website. Please be sure to leave your dedication in the Comment section.**

**Youth Bible Study:** Every 1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday at 10:30am in the Parlor. (The 2nd Sunday of every month is Youth Sunday where our youth will assist with 10:30am service.) Grow in faith at our youth tailored Bible study led by our TPC Youth Director, Andrew Kallquist!

**Coffee Hour Intermission:** Every Sunday we will host a Coffee Hour Intermission in the Gathering room between the 8:15am and 10:30am services. Get your caffeine boost and a tasty treat while sharing time with your church friends. Join us for some post/pre-service fellowship hosted by the TPC Congregational Life Committee. **Sign up to donate treats! Sign-up sheet located in the narthex.**

**Camp Kirkwood 2024-SAVE THE DATE:** Topsail Presbyterian Church's children and youth will be headed to Kirkwood June 2nd through June 6th. Registration opens March 17th. The deadline for registering is April 28th. This is open to children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th Grade, Youth Leaders (Middle & High School). \$20.00 registration fee.

**Preschool Registration:** Get ready for preschool! Registration for preschool school year 2024-25 is now open to all. Call Marissa at (910)270-2315 for more information or to schedule a tour.

**One Great Hour of Sharing - Now until Easter** - Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

**Monthly Giving Report** - Monthly income goal to meet our operating budget in 2024 is \$31460. January income for budget was \$40622—Great start! Special gift was received in January from the estate of Frances Musser in the amount of \$25,000. This has been put into the Memorial fund and will be put to good use in special projects at the discretion of the Session.

**New Membership Directory** - The TPC Digital Ministry team is pleased to announce a new online TPC membership directory. The new online directory will allow members of the congregation to search for other members, update their personal information, and control what personal information is displayed in the directory. For more details and information on how to create an account visit our church website at <https://www.topsailpresbyterian.org/ministries/digital-ministry>. Feel free to reach out to Dickie Grace at [amazng\\_grace@yahoo.com](mailto:amazng_grace@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

**Chili Cook-off-March 16th** - The TPC Youth group will host a Chili Cook-off on Saturday, March 16th from 5:00 - 7:00pm. Bring your best chili, or just come to judge and enjoy a variety of chilis. Vote on your favorite, and the winner will take home a trophy and, more importantly, bragging rights! Cornbread, toppings, and beverages will be provided. Purchase tickets to vote for your favorites. 1 Ticket = \$1, 6 Tickets = \$5

## **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

**March 4-7** - Preschool Spring Break

**March 5** - NO Kids Club & Youth Group

**March 10** - Guest Preacher - Scott Anthony

**March 11** - Priority Registration opens for Preschool Summer Camps

**March 17** - Camp Kirkwood Registration opens

**March 23** - TPC Easter Egg Hunt

**March 24** - Palm Sunday with Palm Parade

**March 28** - Maundy Thursday worship service (7:00pm)

**March 31** - Easter Sunday - Worship services at 7:00am & 10:30am - Easter Breakfast between services

Join us for our

# PALM SUNDAY PARADE

March 24, 2024  
10:30 AM Worship Service



All are invited to join our Sunday School & Super Tuesday Kids Club  
children and youth as they wave their palm branches high  
welcoming Jesus the King singing "Sing Hosanna!"

Those participating will assemble on the front porch immediately before the service.

TOPSAIL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDAR!

# EASTER

• EGG HUNT •



SATURDAY, MARCH 23 AT 10AM

THE EASTER BUNNY WILL BE HERE!

ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS

PLEASE SEE OUR CLOTHESLINE FOR DONATIONS NEEDED

YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER? CONTACT  
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# Kirkwood CREATION CAMP

WATHA, NC

## COUNTING ON JESUS

JUNE 2 - 6

REGISTRATION OPENS

MARCH 17

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

APRIL 28

KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE

(GRADE COMPLETED)

YOUTH LEADERS

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

**\$20 REGISTRATION FEE**

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#### 2024

Sally Ferrante - **Clerk of Session**  
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#### 2025

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Chris Thomas - **Congregational Life-Membership**  
Richard Grace - **Digital Ministry-IT**  
Beverly DeLuise - **Christian Education**  
Mike Steed - **Finance**

#### 2026

Russ Layman - **Stewardship**  
Jennifer Schwarz - **Digital Ministry-Data**  
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Kathy Tobin - **Missions**

### Deacons

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