



Topsail Presbyterian Church
HAMPSTEAD, NORTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 12, 2025 | 18TH 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.

**COVER ART:
GOD CALLED THE DRY
LAND EARTH AND THE
WATERS SEAS**

by Harris Gulko

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 first Fall quarter will focus on the Kingdom of Judah- its' kings and the prophet- Isaiah. We look for relevance in the Word to our current lives and how it shapes our relationship with God.

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

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Steuart Link, Interim Pastor
David Howard, 8:15 Liturgist
Erica Talbert, 10:30 Liturgist
Shelly Aebi, Organist
Dr. Rebecka Rose, Music Director
Deb Lutz, Piano

Tom Sidbury,
Elder of the Month

Flowers for the Chancel

Today's flowers for the chancel are
given in loving memory of George
"Mack" Bowdoin by Patty Bowdoin.

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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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 "Variation on 'Brother James Air'"

A. Fedak

Call to Worship (Call & *Response*)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

sing the glory of God's name;

give God glorious praise.

Say to God:

How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power,
your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you,

sing praises to your name.

Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

The fear of the Lord

is the beginning of wisdom;

all those who practice it have understanding.

God's praise endures forever.

†Gathering Hymn #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Compassionate Christ,

you send us to cure the sick,

but we blame the sick for their choices.

You ask us to restore the unclean,

but we separate them into high risk pools.

You compel us to raise the dead,

but we insist some are beyond help.

In your patient and persistent mercy,

forgive us, O Lord.

Teach us to heal without condition

and help without limitation.

Enable us to love one another as you love us,

that as recipients of unmerited grace,

we may freely shower care upon all people.

Silent Confession

Promise of Forgiveness

†Response Hymn #582 "Glory to God"

†Please stand if able.



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.



†Passing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings OT: Psalm 66:1-12 NT: Luke 17:11-19

Sermon | Rev. Steuart Link

"Where are the other 9?"

†Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed (*Unison*)

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call for Offering

Offertory Music "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

†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

†Closing Hymn #619 "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven" vs. 1 & 4

†Benediction

Postlude



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.



Response Hymn #582

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and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
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†Gathering Hymn #821 "My Life Flows On"

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Children's Sermon

Anthem "Oh, How He Loves You and Me" K.Kaiser/ arr.H. Colvin

Piano/Organ Duet: Deb Lutz, Piano; Shelly Aebi, Organ

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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!

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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Announcements

Trunk or Treat - Tuesday, October 28, 5 - 7 pm.

Thank you so much to everyone who has signed up to help with this year's Trunk or Treat - we are so grateful! Trunk registrations are going strong, but we still need your help! We need more trunks and helping hands with concessions, parking, raffle tables, set up and clean up. This is always such a fun night of fellowship with our TPC family and community, and we hope you'll consider being a part of it! Special note for our STKC & Youth families: raffle basket items are due Tuesday, October 14. Raffle ticket sales start next Sunday, October 19 and Sunday, October 26.

To volunteer or register your trunk (plan for treats for approximately 300), please sign up in the Narthex or online at www.topsailpresbyterian.org. We also encourage you to stop by our clotheslines in the hallway and Narthex for items and supplies needed. For questions or more information, contact Dawn Frazier at christiaed@topsailpres.org or Leslie Blair at youth@topsailpres.org.

Trunk or Treat Raffle Basket Fundraiser

TPC Youth will be hosting a raffle basket fundraiser again at this year's Trunk or Treat Event. Raffle ticket sales will begin next Sunday, October 19th, after the 10:30 worship service. Tickets are \$1 each, or you can purchase 12 tickets for just \$10. Please bring cash or check to support our Youth in their efforts to raise funds for future trips!

TPC Choir & Handbells

Rehearsals for choir and handbells are held every Monday evening. Handbells at 6:00pm and choir at 7:00pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Dr. Rebecka Rose & Shelly Aebi at music@topsailpres.org.

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.



Prayer Requests

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, Jacqueline Kirksey, Wiley Lewis, Carol Campbell, Vicki Hufham, Ronnie Edens, June Crosby, Jeanne Rick, Jeffrey Smith, Mary Gist, Brian Padgett, the family of William Batchelor, Martin Padgett, John Flowers, Adrianna Neely, Kaki Wall, Graycin Goesswein, Joey Scavone.



Rise Against Hunger
Sunday, October 26
Right after the 10:30
service, we should be
done by 1:30

We need 60 volunteers to help pack over 10,000 meals. Together we can help feed people around the world.

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

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.



Men's Fellowship Luncheon

The monthly Men's Fellowship Luncheon is back on the schedule! Our first meet-up following our summer hiatus will be held at the **Tidewater Oyster Bar in Porter's Neck at 1:00pm on Tuesday, October 14th**. Men of the church, come join us for some good food and fellowship.



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Members of Session

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

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.