



Topsail Presbyterian Church  
HAMPSTEAD, NORTH CAROLINA

Communion Sunday/Youth Sunday  
OCTOBER 5, 2025 | 17TH 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.

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# 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 10:30am worship service in the Youth Building. 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. **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  
**Diane Hughes**, 8:15 Liturgist  
**Matthew Polk & Peyton Link**,  
10:30 Youth Liturgists  
**Shelly Aebi**, Organist/Pianist  
**Dr. Rebecka Rose**, Music Director

**Tom Sidbury**,  
Elder of the Month

## Flowers for the Chancel

"Happy Anniversary, Jamie Tyson"  
Today's flowers are given in loving  
honor of our wedding anniversary  
by Nicole Moss.

## 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.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and  
ever shall be. Amen.*

†Please stand if able.

## 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 "Toccatina on 'Azmon'"

arr. A. Fedak

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

Through desolation and weeping,  
through bitterness and fear,  
through anguish and suffering,  
through destruction and violence,  
this we will remember:

***The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
God's mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is God's faithfulness.***

So we will not despair, we will keep hope alive.

***The Lord is my portion, says my soul,  
therefore I will hope in God.***

Trust in the Lord, and do good;  
take delight in the Lord,

***Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust God, who will act.***

### †Gathering Hymn #634 "To God Be the Glory"

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

***God of grace,  
we confess that the seed  
of faith within us is small.  
Hope is often absent.  
Love is frequently inconvenient.  
Our sin keeps us from responding to you.  
Tend to us in mercy,  
so that we may grow in the ways  
of faith, hope, and love,  
after the example of Jesus Christ.***

### Silent Confession

### Promise of Forgiveness

### †Response Hymn #582 "Glory to God"

### †Passing the Peace

### Prayer for Illumination



## 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](mailto:aly@topsailpres.org).

Sign-up calendar can also be found on our website at: [topsailpresbyterian.org](http://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.



## 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.***

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

**Scripture Readings NT:** 2 Timothy 1:1-14 **NT:** Luke 17:5-10

**Sermon I** Rev. Steuart Link

**"Increase our faith!"**

## †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 "My Life Flows On"

## †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.***

## Breaking the Bread & Sharing the Cup

## Communion Music "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

## Prayer of Commitment

## The Lord's Prayer

## †Closing Hymn #821 "My Life Flows On" vs. 3 & 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 Demchok at (910)262-6992 or via email at [ndemchok@outlook.com](mailto:ndemchok@outlook.com).

We will offer liturgy training if needed.

Sign-up calendar can be found on our website at:

[topsailpresbyterian.org](http://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,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

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# 10:30am Worship

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## Children's Sermon

## New Acolyte Recognition

## 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.

## Doxology #609 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

**Anthem "Crown Him with Many Crowns"** G. J. Elvey/Arr.W. Fritchie

Tyson Jones, flute; Rebecka Rose, oboe; Shelly Aebi, piano

**Prayer for Illumination**

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**Sermon** I Rev. Steuart Link **"Increase our faith!"**

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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 Hymn #821 "My Life Flows On"** vs. 1 & 2

*(Please join the choir on the 2<sup>nd</sup> verse.)*

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**The Sacrament of Communion**

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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 (Hymn #552, vs.1&2):**

***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.***

**Breaking the Bread & Sharing the Cup**

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

**Prayer of Commitment**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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

†**Benediction**

**Postlude**

# Announcements

## Trunk or Treat - Tuesday, October 28, 5 - 7 pm. Help Needed!

Thank you so much to everyone who has already 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 are halfway to our goal, yet our event will be here before we know it! We are still in need of more trunks and helping hands to make this a joyful evening for all. We're also looking for more volunteers to help 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!

To register your trunk (plan for treats for approximately 300), please sign up in the Narthex or online at [www.topsailpresbyterian.org](http://www.topsailpresbyterian.org). We also encourage you to stop by our donations clotheslines in the hallways and Narthex to grab a pumpkin tag for items and supplies needed. For questions or more info, contact Dawn Frazier at [christianed@topsailpres.org](mailto:christianed@topsailpres.org) or Leslie Blair at [youth@topsailpres.org](mailto:youth@topsailpres.org).



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.

The American Red Cross logo, consisting of a red cross inside a white circle, with the words "American Red Cross" to its right.

**Blood Drive**  
**Fri. Oct. 10th**  
**1:00 - 6:00PM**  
**Sign up online.**  
**Walk-ins are welcome.**

**GIVE BLOOD**  
**GIVE LIFE**

## 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), Amy Coleman at 910 520-0446, or Pastor Steuart Link.

## 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.

## 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](http://topsailpresbyterian.org) and click on "DONATE" in the dropdown menu at the top of the page.

## 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](http://topsailpresbyterian.org)

## 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](mailto:music@topsailpres.org).

## 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!



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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

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Beth Garland

Dickie Grace

Rick Lamb

Kitty Lamb