



TOPSAIL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

Topsail Presbyterian Church  
HAMPSTEAD, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 | 14TH 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:

### ALWAYS ROOM AT THE TABLE

by Joseph Bradley

# 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. **This group will resume on Sunday, September 14th.**

### 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 adult Sunday School class based on the PRESENT WORD series will **resume Sept 7th at 9:30 a.m.**

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

**Jennifer Schwarz,** 10:30 Liturgist

**Shelly Aebi,** Organist/Pianist

**Dr. Rebecka Rose,** Music Director

**Jennifer Schwarz,**

Elder of the Month

## Flowers for the Chancel

Today's flowers are given in loving memory of my brother & sister-in-law, Billy & Lorraine Smith by Jimmy Smith.

# 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 "Meditation"

R. Cundick

## Call to Worship (Call & Response)

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,  
***that Christ Jesus came into the world  
to save sinners.***

Though the strong wind of judgment blows,  
all is not ended.

God will renew stubborn hearts  
and soften stiff necks,

***for Jesus welcomed sinners  
and ate with them,***

so we boldly come to make an offering of worship to the  
God of mercy,  
who seeks and saves the lost.

***Let us rejoice in the grace of our Lord!***

†Gathering Hymn #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" vs. 1 & 3

## Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

***Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
cast out any transgression you find there—  
ransack, renovate, redecorate!  
Deep in our hearts,  
remove fearful features  
and restore your original design.  
The old lamps are dim;  
bring new light into the darkness.  
Make your dwelling place deep in our hearts,  
and teach us wisdom,  
so the hearts you transform may rejoice.***

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

†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](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.



## 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.



## †Passing the Peace

### Prayer for Illumination

**Scripture Readings** NT: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 NT: Luke 15:1-10

**Sermon** | Rev. Steuart Link

**"There is room at the table"**

## †Affirmation of Faith (*Unison*)

*The life, death, resurrection,  
and promised coming of Jesus Christ  
has set the pattern for the church's mission.  
His human life involves the church  
in the common life of all people.  
His service to men and women commits the church  
to work for every form of human well-being.  
His suffering makes the church sensitive  
to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ  
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.  
His crucifixion discloses to the church  
God's judgment on the inhumanity  
that marks human relations,  
and the awful consequences  
of the church's own complicity in injustice.  
In the power of the risen Christ  
and the hope of his coming,  
the church sees the promise  
of God's renewal of human life in society  
and of God's victory over all wrong.  
The church follows this pattern  
in the form of its life  
and in the method of its action.  
So to live and serve  
is to confess Christ as Lord.*

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33

## Call for Offering

### Offertory Music "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

## †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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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

## †Closing Hymn #435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

## †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](mailto:ndemchuck@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.



## 10:30am Worship

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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.



## 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](mailto: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.**



## Children's Sermon

### Anthem "I am His, and He is Mine"

Mountain/Robinson arr. W. Fritchie

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# Announcements

## New Member Orientation

Sept 14 after 10:30 worship.

Lunch provided.

Contact Cheri Haight (203) 394-8304  
or Pastor Steuart Link (910)685-2076



## Super Tuesdays Kids Club (STKC) is Back!

We're excited to kick off a new year of Super Tuesdays Kids Club starting this Tuesday, September 16th from 5:30-7:30 PM! STKC is for children ages PreK through 5th grade and is packed with weekly fun, faith, and fellowship. Registration is required. It's not too late to register—please reach out to Dawn Frazier, Children's Ministry Director, at [christianed@topsailpres.org](mailto:christianed@topsailpres.org) or 910-270-2312 to get signed up. Please keep our STKC children and their families, as well as our devoted STKC team in your prayers as we begin this new season of ministry together!

## Youth Group Returns September 14<sup>th</sup>

Youth Group will resume on September 14<sup>th</sup>! We will meet in the youth building on Sunday evenings this semester from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Each week, our youth will enjoy a night of fellowship, dinner together, games, and a Bible lesson. Please contact Leslie Blair at [youth@topsailpres.org](mailto:youth@topsailpres.org) if you would like to receive more information or have any questions.

## 4C's Food Pantry Needs Your Help

4-C's Food Pantry is in need of these items:

condiments  
diced tomatoes  
plain potato chips  
13 gallon trash bags  
all purpose cleaner  
toiletries  
and pet food.

Donations may be placed in the Shepherd Boxes in the Narthex and Gathering Room.

## 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)

## 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, the family of Luke Hanson, Wiley Lewis, Carol Campbell, Lee Porrazzo, Jerrod Lowry, Reynolds Johnson, the family of Michael Daniel, Vicki Hufham, Ronnie Edens, June Crosby, Jeanne Rick, Jeffrey Smith, Mary Gist, Brian Padgett, the family of William Batchelor, Martin Padgett.



**Join the Choir...**

**You'll Be Glad  
You Did!**

## 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. Rebecca Rose & Shelly Aebi at [music@topsailpres.org](mailto:music@topsailpres.org).

## PRESCHOOL SCHEDULE CHANGE

**9:00AM - MON -THUR**

Please note that Preschool drop off and pick up have changed a bit this school year.

Drop off will be 9:00AM  
and pick up will be at 12:30PM.

Please plan accordingly.



**WE LOVE  
OUR NEWLY RENOVATED  
SANCTUARY!**

**PLEASE REFRAIN FROM BRINGING  
BEVERAGES INTO THE SANCTUARY  
WITHOUT A SPILLPROOF TOP  
ON THE CONTAINER.**



**WE ALSO REMIND YOU TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES  
AS WE WORSHIP GOD.**



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#### **Ms. Shelly Aebi**

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#### **Mr. Elmer Hewett**

##### **Custodian**

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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](mailto:membership@topsailpres.org), Amy Coleman at 910 520-0446, or Pastor Steuart Link.