



Topsail Presbyterian Church  
HAMPSTEAD, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 | 16TH 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:  
THE LORD IS MY  
LIGHT AND MY  
SALVATION**

# 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. Jonathan C. Watson,**

Guest Pastor

**Jay Heidel,** 8:15 Liturgist

**Tom Sidbury,** 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 son Timmy Smith,  
Love Mom & Rick.

## 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.*

## 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 "Chorale Prelude on 'Der du bist drei in Einigkeit'"**

("O Trinity of Blessed Light")

H. Colvin

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

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
say to the Lord:

***My refuge and my fortress; my God,  
in whom I trust.***

The Lord executes justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry,  
sets the prisoners free,  
opens the eyes of the blind,  
lifts up those who are bowed down,  
watches over those who are estranged,  
and upholds the orphan and the widow.

***The Lord loves the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked  
God brings to ruin.***

Come, people of God,  
***let us pursue righteousness, godliness,  
faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.  
Let all generations praise the Lord!***

†Gathering Hymn #475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" vs.1&3

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

***God of justice and righteousness,  
you lift up the lowly and fill the empty;  
yet we adore the high and the mighty.  
You reach out to the poor;  
yet we ceaselessly pursue wealth.  
You talk about treasure in heaven;  
yet we want dollars  
in our accounts right now.  
Correct our misguided ways.  
Forgive our lack of generosity.  
Free us from striving for more and more.  
Change our hearts so that we can tend  
to things that matter  
and find our life in Jesus Christ.***

### 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](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** OT: Psalm 27 NT: Luke 12:32-34

**Sermon** I Rev. Jonathan C. Watson

### "Faith Over Fear"

## †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 "Christ Be Beside 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

## †Closing Hymn #697 "Take My Life" vs. 1 & 5

## †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.



### Response Hymn #582

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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.**



## †Passing the Peace

**Anthem "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"**

H.Lemmel/arr. R. Mauldin

**Prayer for Illumination**

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***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 #702 "Christ Be Beside Me"**

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# Announcements

## Trunk or Treat Volunteers Needed!

Our Annual Trunk or Treat is Tuesday, October 28, from 5-7 PM, and we need your help to make it a joyful, family-friendly evening for all! We're looking for volunteers to host decorated trunks (with treats for approximately 300 children), as well as help with concessions, parking, and raffle tables. Trunk setup begins at 4 PM in the church parking lot. Costumes and decorations should be kid-friendly.

We're also accepting donations of themed gift baskets, prizes, or services for our raffle. Raffle ticket sales go to fund our Youth's '25-'26 trips. This is such a fun evening of fellowship with our TPC family and community, and we hope that you will be a part of it! To participate, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or go to the Signup Genius at [www.topsailpresbyterian.org](http://www.topsailpresbyterian.org). Questions or need more information? Reach out to Dawn Frazier, [christianed@topsailpres.org](mailto:christianed@topsailpres.org) or Leslie Blair, [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.

## 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).

## 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.

## Session Highlights - September 2025

- Approved blood drive for Boy Scouts, November 22
- Approved vacation for Rev. Link October 20-28
- Approved continuing Ed for Rev. Link October 10-26
- Approved vacation for Rev. Link November 24-30
- Changed next Session meeting to October 13
- Approved Annual Meeting January 25, 2026
- Approved BG&T to supply go bags/basic first aid kits.
- Angel Tree to be placed in Narthex in November
- Session to approve Mission Study/Survey October 13 meeting
- Safety and Security Committee forming under BG&T

### Blood Drive

**Hampstead Community Blood Drive**  
**Topsail Presbyterian Church - Downstairs entrance at portico**  
16249 US Hwy 17  
Hampstead, NC 28443  
**Friday, October 10, 2025**  
**1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**



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[www.topsailpresbyterian.org](http://www.topsailpresbyterian.org)

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina - [www.presbycc.org](http://www.presbycc.org)

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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.