



Topsail Presbyterian Church  
HAMPSTEAD, NORTH CAROLINA

Communion Sunday  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 | 13TH 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.

# 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

This child centered 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. Walter Dinkins**, Guest Pastor  
**Tom Sidbury**, 8:15 Liturgist  
**Maddie Sutton**,  
10:30 Youth Liturgist  
**Shelly Aebi**, Organist  
**Dr. Rebecka Rose**, Music Dir.

**Jennifer Schwarz**,  
Elder of the Month

## Today's Guest Pastor

### Rev. Walter Dinkins

Rev Walter Dinkins is a retired USN Chaplain whose served thirty years and deployed in five combat campaigns. He has lived all over the world working with DoD and US Embassies. He is a Minister at Large and supplies PCUSA churches across our presbytery that have no pastor. He lives in Wilmington and has one son at UNCW graduating this spring, and two daughters who also graduated there.

## 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)

†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

## Call to Worship (Call & Response)

There is good and there is wicked in the world.

***Lord, help us find the good.***

The wicked are perishing.

Like chaff, they will not stand before the Lord.

***Lord, drive wickedness away with the wind.***

The good is like a tree,

planted by streams of sweet water.

***Lord, let goodness yield its fruit in every season.***

Our delight is in the law of the Lord.

***Let us meditate upon God's promises from morning into night.***

## †Gathering Hymn #718 "Take Up Your Cross"

## Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

***O God, you have given us a firm foundation  
in Jesus Christ,  
yet we have chosen to build on sinking sand.  
The works of our hands crumble around us,  
and our best efforts are not good enough;  
sin is real, and we are powerless before it.  
Forgive us for thinking we know best.  
Mend our broken values  
and create in us hearts  
that seek your purposes,  
so that what we build with our lives  
may give you glory.***

## 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.***

## †Passing the Peace

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Readings

**OT:** Psalm 146: 1-2, Proverbs 3: 5-7 **NT:** John 15: 5-6

**Sermon** | Rev. Walter Dinkins **"BEING AN OBEDIENT SERVANT"**



## 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 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

### LYRICS

*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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### †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 "Christ Be Our Light"

### †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 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

### Prayer of Commitment

### The Lord's Prayer

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

### †Benediction

### Recessional





## 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.



## Today's Anthem

Today's Anthem, "Sheep May Safely Graze" is performed by:

Tyson Jones, flute

Rebecka Rose, oboe

Shelly Aebi, piano

## 10:30am Worship

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### †Passing the Peace

### Children's Sermon

### New Acolyte Recognition

### Anthem "Sheep May Safely Graze"

J.S. Bach/Fritchie

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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!

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## 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.

#### Call for Offering

Offertory Hymn #314 "Christ Be Our Light" vs. 1, 2, & 5

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(*The prayer continues until all are invited to sing: {#552, vs. 1 & 2}*)

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#### Breaking the Bread & Sharing the Cup

Communion Hymn #525 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

#### Prayer of Commitment

#### The Lord's Prayer

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

†Benediction

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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



**Dear TPC family,**

*Anna Leigh and I are so appreciative of the outpouring of love from our church family. The cards, texts, and meals have helped soften the hurt we are feeling following Michael's passing. Most importantly the prayers have given us the peace and comfort we need during this time.*

**Love, Jodi Thomas Daniel**

## Super Tuesdays Kids Club (STKC) Returns September 16<sup>th</sup>

We are so excited to kick off our new STKC year Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7 pm. Registration is still open, but it is filling up quickly!

Our theme this year is "Digging into the Life of Jesus!" The children will spend the next 9 months immersed in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John enjoying weekly Bible lessons, crafts, games, music and praise! The children wrap up each evening in fellowship over a yummy kid friendly dinner – "Breakfast for Dinner" is a favorite! If you have any questions or are ready to sign your child up, please reach out to Dawn Frazier at [christianed@topsailpres.org](mailto:christianed@topsailpres.org) or 910-270-2312. We can't wait to get this incredibly fun and faith filled year started!

## 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.



## 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, Martin Padgett, the family of Michael Daniel, Vicki Hufham, Ronnie Edens, June Crosby, Jeanne Rick, Jeffrey Smith, Mary Gist, Brian Padgett, William Batchelor.

## Youth Director Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-2pm  
Sunday 10am-12noon  
Sunday evening 5pm-8pm

## Choir & Handbells

Rehearsals for choir and handbells will resume on Monday, September 8th. Rehearsals will be scheduled for every Monday, 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).

## 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.

**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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#### **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

### **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.