



Faith Forward

Growing our Faith Through Generosity



*It's wonderful to see the results of walking in faith.
Sanctuary renovation summer of 2025.*

We Walk by Faith, Not by Sight

Dear Congregation,

As we journey together, we are reminded that our path is guided by faith, not by sight. Each challenge we face is an opportunity to strengthen our resolve and confidence.

Reflecting on Our Successes

Over the past year, we have demonstrated remarkable resilience and faith. When our former pastor left, we didn't falter. Instead, we secured supply preachers, began searching for an interim pastor, and continued to develop our plan for 2025. Our kids' program, missions outreach, and youth programs thrived, and we completed our 2024 ministry and financial plan on schedule and on budget. We found a promising interim pastor who began his ministry in the first quarter of 2025. These milestones are a testament to our faith and dedication.

Looking Ahead with Faith

Now, it's time to focus on the road ahead. With prayer, gratitude, and a celebration of God's redeeming love, we look forward to the next steps in our journey. We are finishing our congregational survey, which will lead to an updated Vision document. This document will be crucial in our search for a new full-time pastor. Once complete, we will ask the congregation to approve a Pastoral Nominating Committee to find candidates that align with our vision and needs. It's an exciting time for Topsail Presbyterian Church.

Your Role in Our Journey

Our collective gifts of time, talent, and money will fuel our journey. As you read this brochure, prayerfully consider how God has blessed you and how you can contribute next year. Which programs will you serve in? How will you use your talents to enhance our witness to God's love in Jesus Christ? How much will you contribute financially to our ministry?

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

The Elders of Topsail Presbyterian Church

The Role of Volunteers in Our Church

We are blessed to serve the Lord Jesus Christ together as a community. As the body of Christ, we provide a place to worship, learn, minister, grow, and fellowship. Many in our community benefit from the services we offer.

Our church thrives on volunteerism. The time, talent, and financial contributions of our members support our ministries and congregation. Our dedicated church staff guide and teach us, helping us deliver meaningful Christian worship and learning experiences to the community.

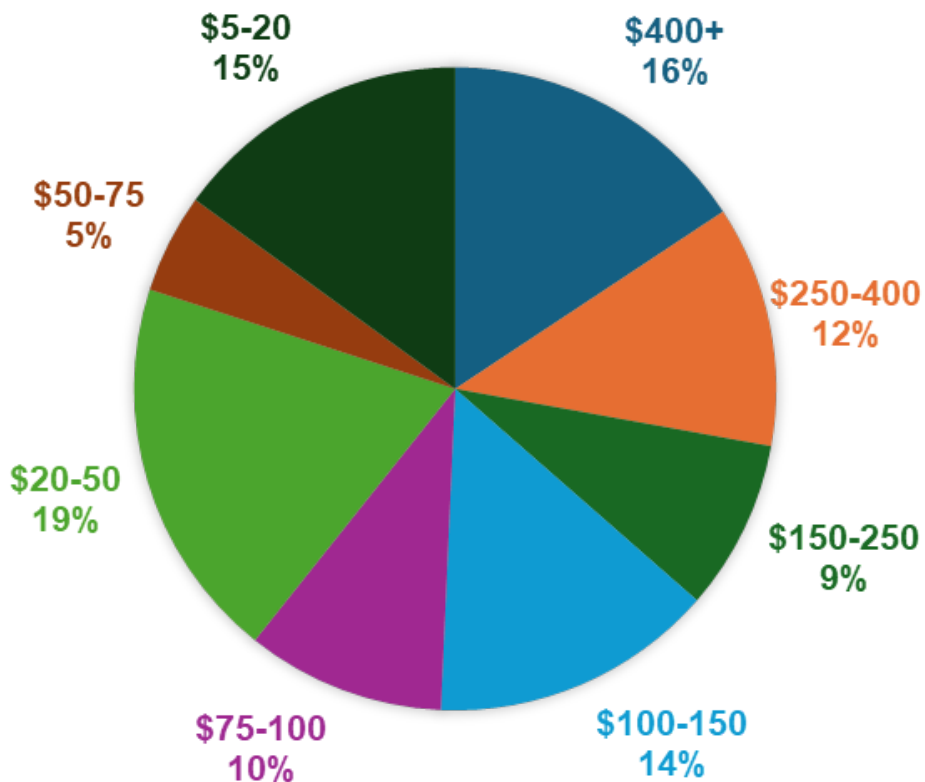
Every aspect of our work involves volunteers for planning, leadership, preparation, and execution. Annually, it takes about 8,000 hours of volunteer time to sustain our ministries. Your gifts of time and talent truly make a difference in people's lives.

How to Volunteer

- **Ask an Elder:** The list of Elders is printed on the back page of our weekly worship bulletin. They can direct you to the right person or project.
- **Online:** Visit our church website. From the Home page, select “Contribute” on the top banner. This will take you to the Stewardship landing page. Scroll down to find two graphics—one for volunteering and one for donating. Select "Volunteer" to see a menu of opportunities. Choose the ones you are interested in and provide your contact information. Each option is linked to the Elder responsible for that ministry. Once you submit your form, the respective Elder will receive an email with your contact info and will follow up to help you get involved.



Percent of Givers By Amount Given Per Month In 2024



This chart represents the distribution of givers broken down by the amount given to the General Fund. For example: 9% of the households contributing to the General Fund (the budget) gave between \$150 and \$250 per month in 2024.

The Role of Donations in Our Church

Everything we do costs money for building, supplies, and services. Some donations are designated for specific purposes and cannot be used for operating expenses. Our sole source of funding is through donations from our congregation.

2025: Where We Are

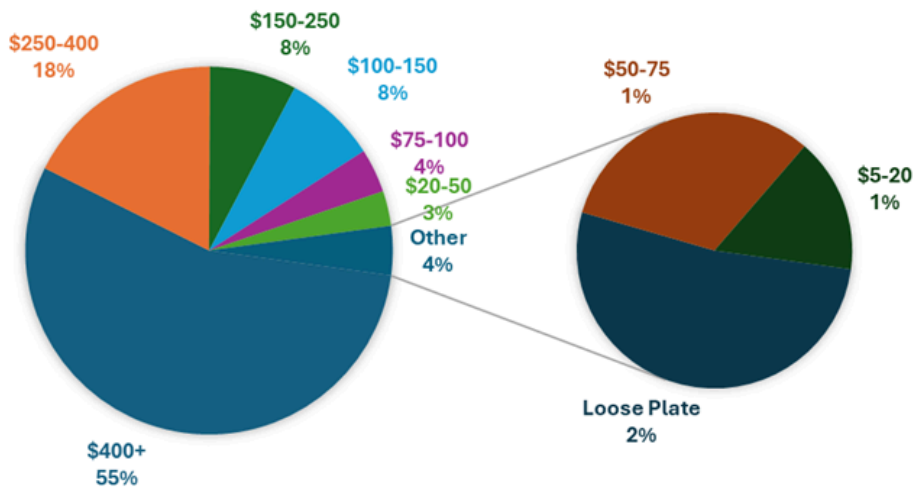
The budget to meet the mission of the church is \$374,406. About 55% of that will come from pledged giving (commitment cards), and 45% from non-pledged/other giving. This ratio is consistent with our historical experience. Our volunteer elders and deacons aim to increase the percentage of pledged giving for the 2026 budget. Pledge or no pledge, we need your commitment to financially support our mission.

2026: Where We Need to Be

We are a dynamic and growing congregation with energetic leadership. We are searching for a new full-time pastor and expanding our children/youth ministry. Many new members are drawn to our vibrant children's programs and high-quality music program. Generous giving will allow us to continue improving and expanding these vital ministries.

We live in one of the fastest-growing communities in North Carolina. Our mission ministry is expanding as our community grows. The budget projection for 2026 is \$405,000, an 8% increase. Consider this information as you reflect on God's generosity and your response by supporting His ministry through our church.

Percent of Total Giving by amount given per month



Using the same group of givers as the previous chart, this chart represents the percentage for the General Fund (the budget) supported by each group. For example: the total amount given by the households that contributed between \$150 and \$250 per month represented 8% of total contributions given to the General Fund in 2024.

Final Thoughts

Thank you for taking time to read this update and request for support. We ask that you take time to prayerfully consider your response to it.

As you look at this information, can you consider moving to a higher giving group? If you cannot, every gift is highly appreciated and needed. No gift is small.

May the Peace of Christ rule in your heart and mind through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Your Stewardship Team

Russ Layman, Elder

Mike Steed

Nick Ferrante

Don Campbell

Commitment Card



I/We commit to support the mission of our church:

☐ Spiritually, with prayer and dedication.

☐ Physically, with time and talents.

☐ Financially Pledge

\$_____ Weekly \$_____ Monthly \$_____ Annually

OR

☐ Financially, to help meet the needs of our mission.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Stewardship
a way of life

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