



Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 8, 2026

"Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

*Order of Worship
10:00 in the Morning*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, people of God—not because we have perfected our faith, but because God has already named us.

People: We come as those called salt and light.

Leader: We come as those who long to bring flavor where life has grown bland, and light where shadows linger.

People: We come to be shaped by grace, not hidden away, but poured out for the life of the world.

Leader: Come, worship the One who calls ordinary people essential and sends us out to shine.

People: We come to worship God, whose love makes all things new.

Amen.

*OPENING WORSHIP HYMN

"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

#57

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, You have called us salt and light before we have done anything to earn it. You have named us precious before we felt worthy. Shape us in this hour. If our faith has grown dull, renew its depth and flavor. If our love has grown cautious, teach us how to pour ourselves out wisely. If our light has been hidden by fear, set us again on the lampstand of your grace. As we listen to your Word and gather at your Table, form us in to people through whom your life can flow—for the life of the world. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Light of the world. Amen.

*SECOND WORSHIP HYMN

"As A Fire Was Meant for Burning"

(On Screen)

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-12

**Congregation please stand as able.*

ANTHEM

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

(At this time, all children may leave for Children's Church.)

Matthew 5:13-16

GOSPEL LESSON

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Debbie Matthis

"Pass the Salt"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

INVITATION

....So therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always lived as the salt and light you call us to be. You have named us precious, yet we have doubted our worth and held ourselves back from others. You have given us faith meant to be poured out, yet we have kept it safe and contained. We have spoken of love without practicing mercy. We have honored you with our lips while turning away from human need. Forgive us, we pray. Renew in us the wisdom to live our faith well, the courage to shine without fear, and the grace to offer ourselves for the life of the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news....

....In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. All: Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

WE CELEBRATE AT THE TABLE OF GOD

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your heads / **We lift them up to God**

Lift up your hearts / **We lift them up to the Lord**

Lift up your hands

We dedicate our heads, our hearts, and our hands to the worship of God.

It is right and a good and joyful thing...

....and all the company of heaven, we join their unending hymn.

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.

Chancel Choir

Holy are you, and blessed is your son, Jesus the Christ...
...proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

Holy God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here.....
....all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Please bring your offering to the front when you come to receive the bread and wine.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Gracious God, we thank you for meeting us at this Table and nourishing us with grace that
we did not earn. You have fed us with the bread of life and filled us with the cup of salvation.
Now send us out as salt and light—seasoned by your mercy, ready to be poured out for the
life of the world. May the strength we receive here become compassion in our living, justice
in our choices, and love in all we do. Through Jesus Christ, who goes with us still, we pray.
Amen.**

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD

***CLOSING WORSHIP HYMN**

"Pass It On"

#572

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

Hampstead United Methodist Church



**February 8, 2026
10:00 AM Worship Service**

~Announcements~

First Time & Frequent Visitors, we welcome you!

For information about Hampstead UMC, please see our greeters in the Narthex (lobby). If this is your first worship experience here, please let the ushers or greeters know, so we can better assist you!

A nursery is provided for worship services, located in the main building—see an usher for assistance.

If you wish to receive additional weekly updates or be contacted, please print your contact information in the red attendance pew pads or you may email the church office at office@hampsteadumc.org.

Consecration Sunday Next Sunday, February 15th is Consecration Sunday, when we focus on God's call to generous, faithful stewardship as disciples of Christ, asking "What is God calling me to do?" Immediately following our worship service, everyone is invited to attend a catered luncheon in the Family Life Center. Reservations are helpful for planning—please complete one of the reservation cards in the narthex. These can be turned in to our Stewardship Chair Greg Gibson, or placed in the offering plate. You may also fill out a form from the narthex and place it in the offering plate. All are welcome!

United Women In Faith Circle All women of the church are invited to attend our next Circle meeting on Tuesday, February 10th at 10:00 AM in room 5/6.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Tuesday, February 17th at 5:00 PM, join us for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper in the FLC. The HUMC Youth will help serve. There is no charge but donations are welcome. Come celebrate Fat Tuesday before the season of Lent begins!

Ash Wednesday Service The Ash Wednesday service will be held on February 18th at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.

UWIF Game-a-Rama The United Methodist Women In Faith will host their annual Game-a-Rama, Wednesday, March 18th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the FLC. Tickets are \$15 each. Contact Twila Jones for tickets (910-270-9888).

~February Calendar Dates ~

UWIF Circle Mtg. Tuesday, February 10th at 10:00 AM in room 5/6.

Connect Club First meeting is Wednesday, February 11th at 3:45 PM in the FLC.

Meals On Wheels Program: (Meal prep) Friday, February 13th at 10:00 AM in the FLC.

Saturday, February 14th at 8:00 AM (meal pack and distribution) in the FLC.

Consecration Sunday & Luncheon: February 15th at 10:00 AM, followed by luncheon.

Shrove Tuesday: February 17th at 5:00 PM.

Ash Wednesday: February 18th at 7:00 PM.

Divorce Care Ministry: Begins Tuesday, February 24th at 6:30 PM in room 9.

Altar Flowers

We need sponsors for altar flowers for the 2026 year.

Each arrangement is \$50, Dates are reserved first come, first serve. Contact the church office to sign up! (910-270-4648 or office@hampsteadumc.org)

Available Dates:

March: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

April: 5, 19, 26

May: 10, 17, 24

June: 7, 21, 28

July: 12, 19, 26

August: 2, 9, 30

September: 6, 20, 27

October: 11, 18, 25

November: 8, 15, 29

December: 6, 13, 20, 27

Thank you for sponsoring these beautiful flowers that adorn our altar each worship service.

~Prayer Requests~



The family of Jerry Smals

Kathy Barnes

Angie Bolin

Sally Jo Capozio

Dot Cotman

Chris Gibson

Judy Harrelson

John Harris

Gavin Johnson

Laura Kiyabu

Glen Pettygrove

Fred Phillips

Buddy Rogers

Bill Russell

Vicki Russell

Conne Schwarz

Dasha Sharp

Emily Skinner

Karen Smith

Carolyn Southerland

Dee Stolk

Costas Tchouros

Jane Tchouros

Hiram Williams

Jean Withers

Brian Wright

Rodger Wyland

~Calendar of Events~

February 8, 2026—February 15, 2026

Sunday—2/8

10:00 AM Worship Service

4:00 PM Power Kids & Jr./Sr. High Youth (FLC)

Monday—2/9

8:30 AM ROMEOs (Library)

Tuesday—2/10

9:00 AM Prayer Team (Library)

10:00 AM United Women In Faith circle (Rm. 5/6)

7:00 PM Al-Anon/Al-Ateen (FLC)

Wednesday—2/11

3:45 PM Connect Club with the YMCA (FLC)

6:00 PM Bible Study Fellowship (Rms. 2, 5/6, 9)

Thursday—2/12

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanc)

Friday—2/13

10:00 AM Meals On Wheels Prep (FLC)

Saturday—2/14

8:00 AM Meals on Wheels Pack and Delivery (FLC)

Sunday—2/15 Consecration Sunday

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Consecration Celebration Luncheon

4:00 PM Power Kids (FLC)

5:00 PM Jr./Sr. High Youth (FLC)

Online Giving Made Simple:

We're excited to offer a new way to give! You can now support our church by scanning the QR code below with your smartphone or tablet's camera. It will take you directly to our secure online giving page.



If you need help, our greeters or office staff are happy to assist you. Thank you for your generosity!

~Contact Information~

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