



Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church
Baptism of the Lord *January 11, 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

(Please be sure to print your name in the red attendance pew pads!)

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The voice of God is upon the water.

People: The Spirit of the Lord moves over the deep.

Leader: Jesus steps into the river with ordinary people.

People: And heaven opens—love speaks a name.

Leader: Come, Beloved of God—remember who you are.

People: We worship the God who calls us and claims us. Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER

**Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan,
the heavens opened, and the Spirit descended.**

**Your voice affirmed your love in Jesus
for the healing of the human race, and all creation.**

**By water and word, you lovingly invite us
into this same life-giving mission.**

**May your Spirit, moving like a stream of water
flowing from its source,
work in us to realize your vision. Amen**

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

#400

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 29

#761

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

**Congregation please stand as able.*

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON

“Beloved at the Water’s Edge

Rev. Dr. Debbie Matthis

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

(Insert)

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

INVITATION TO REMEMBER STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Shirleen Spencer

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

#399

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

**We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
Reject the evil powers of this world,
And repent of our sin!**

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

**We accept the freedom and power God gives us
To resist evil, injustice, and oppression
In whatever forms they present themselves!**

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

**We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior,
put our whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as our Lord,
in union with the church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races!**

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

**We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church
And serve as Christ's representatives in the world.**

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church
as we put our trust
in God, the Father Almighty.
in Jesus Christ, his only Son.
and in the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever.**

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Almighty God, the life you birthed in us
by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die.
Your justice never fails.
Your mercy is everlasting.

**Your healing river flows.
Your Spirit blows where you will.
We cannot stop you, God!**

But sometimes we try.

We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit,
or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream
that we do not hear its sound,
and we forget its power.

We parch ourselves.

**We are dry and thirsty, O God.
Come, refresh us!**

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these waters.

Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

Glory to you!

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

Glory to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

~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.

United Women In Faith Our first meeting is scheduled for **January 13th at 10:00 AM in room 5/6**. Dianne McKagan will be giving our devotional, and Peggy Harris will lead the program. All women of the church are invited. We look forward to seeing you there!

Bible Study Jennipher Burns is hosting a Bible study entitled “Anchored”, studying the life and letters of Peter. This is a 7 week study. We meet every **Thursday at 9:00 AM in room 5/6**. For more info contact: Jennipher Burns by email: jennipherlove09@gmail.com.)

Prayer Shawl Ministry Our next meeting is **Thursday, January 15th at 9:00 AM in room 9**. We meet every first and third Thursday of the month. All knitters/or those who like to crochet, are welcome!

Trustees Our next meeting is **Thursday, January 15th at 6:30 PM in room 9**.

2026 Calendar Reservations Reminder to submit your dates for the 2026 calendar. **Space is limited!** Dates need to be confirmed before publication.

Reminder: anything that needs to be scheduled in the **Family Life Center** must be requested through the church office in connection with the YMCA’s use of the building.

Become Part of Worship! We need several volunteers to serve as **Greeters, Ushers, Lay Readers, and Communion Servers** for every Sunday. **No experience needed!** Choose when you want to serve, and **no long-term commitment!** Contact the church office for information, or if you would like to volunteer. (office@hampsteadumc.org)

Altar Flowers

We need sponsors for altar flowers for the 2026 year. Each arrangement is \$50, one arrangement per Sunday. Dates are reserved first come, first serve. Contact the church office to sign up!
(office@hampsteadumc.org)

Available Dates:

January: 4, 18, 25

February: 1, 8, 15

March: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

April: 5, 19, 26

May: 10, 17, 24, 31

June: 7, 14, 21, 28

July: 12, 19, 26

August: 2, 9, 30

September: 6, 13, 20, 27

October: 4, 11, 18, 25

November: 1, 8, 15, 29

December: 6, 13, 20, 27

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

Staff Love Offering Thank You! The staff of HUMC sends a very big thank you to everyone for their generous contributions to this year’s Love Offering. Your kindness is heart-warming and greatly appreciated!

~Prayer Requests~



Kathy Barnes
Angie Bolin
Sally Jo Capozio
Dot Cotman
Chris Gibson
Judy Harrelson
John Harris
Gavin Johnson
Laura Kiyabu
Fred Phillips
Buddy Rogers
Peggy Rose
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

~ Contact Information~

Pastor **Rev. Dr. Debbie Matthis**
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~Calendar of Events~

January 11, 2026—January 18, 2026

Sunday—1/11

10:00 AM Worship Service

4:00 PM Power Kids (FLC)

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

Monday—1/12

8:30 AM ROMEOs (Library)

Tuesday—1/13

9:00 AM Prayer Team (Library)

10:00 AM UWIF Mtg. (Rm. 5/6)

Wednesday—1/14

6:20 PM Bible Study Fellowship (Rms. 3, 5/6, 9)

Thursday—1/15

9:00 AM Bible Study “Anchored” (Rm. 5/6)

6:30 PM Trustees Mtg. (Rm. 9)

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanc)

Sunday—1/18

10:00 AM Worship Service

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!