



# Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church

Second Sunday After the Epiphany

January 18, 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 you have all the answers,  
but because you are searching.

**People: We come with questions, hopes, and open hearts.**

Leader: Jesus asks us, “What are you looking for?”

**People: We are looking for grace, truth, and new life.**

Leader: Jesus invites us, “Come and see.”

**People: We come to draw near, to listen, and to abide.**

Leader: Come and see what God is doing among us.

**People: We come to worship the One who meets us here.**

**Amen.**

#### \*OPENING WORSHIP HYMN

*“Come Christians, Join to Sing”*

#158

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

Holy and gracious God, you meet us not only in certainty, but in our questions and longings.

You call us by name, you invite us to draw near, and you welcome us into your presence.

As we worship today, open our hearts to hear your voice,

steady our spirits to follow where you lead, and help us abide in your love.

Show us again who you are, and who we are becoming in you.

We offer you our praise, our trust, and our desire to live as your people.

In the name of Jesus, who invites us to come and see.

**Amen.**

#### \*SECOND WORSHIP SONG

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

#451

## WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

### PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 27 (Selected Verses)

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**People: One thing I asked of the LORD,**

**that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD**

*\*Congregation please stand as able.*

**all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD**

**and to inquire in his temple.**

Leader: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me.

**People: “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, LORD, do I seek.**

Leader: Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

**People: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**

Leader: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

**People: We will seek the LORD and trust in God’s mercy. Amen.**

### ANTHEM

*“The Goodness of God”*

Chancel Choir

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES *(At this time, all children may leave for Children’s Church.)*

### GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:35–42

### SERMON

“Come and See”

Rev. Dr. Debbie Matthis

## WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Linda Dunn

### INVITATION

.... Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you ask us what we are looking for,**

**and too often we do not know how to answer.**

**We confess that we look for security more than trust, comfort more than courage,**

**and certainty more than faith.**

**We follow at a distance instead of drawing near.**

**We settle for familiar patterns instead of abiding in your love.**

**Forgive us when we are hesitant to stay, slow to listen, and resistant to change.**

**Turn our hearts again toward you. Teach us to seek your presence, to trust your goodness,**

**and to follow where you lead.**

**We come as we are, still learning, still longing, still becoming.**

**Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news: Jesus does not turn away those who seek him.

He invites us to come and see, to abide in grace,

and to live as forgiven people. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**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 offer 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.**

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 and faithful God, we thank you for meeting us at this table,  
for feeding us with your grace, and for drawing us into the life of Christ.  
You have given us more than bread and cup—you have given us your presence,  
your forgiveness, and your promise to remain with us.  
As we leave this place, keep us abiding in your love.  
Open our eyes to see where you are at work, strengthen our hearts to trust your goodness,  
and guide our hands to serve with joy.  
Send us out as people who have seen your grace and tasted your mercy,  
ready to follow where you lead.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, who invites us to come and see. Amen.**

#### WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD

\*CLOSING WORSHIP HYMN

#593

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

# Hampstead United Methodist Church



January 18, 2026  
10:00 AM Worship Service

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## ~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](mailto:office@hampsteadumc.org).

### HUMAN RELATIONS DAY OFFERING,

one of six UMC Special Sunday offerings, is being collected today. The offering gives the UMC the opportunity to make an impact in communities that do not have resources or tools to reach their God-given potential. Gifts will fund faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens. If you wish to contribute, make your check payable to HUMC, and write "Human Relations" in the memo line. If giving by cash, offering envelopes are available in the narthex or from an usher--write your name and "Human Relations" on your envelope. You may give online (see the church website under the "Worship Through Giving" tab).

**Finance Committee** Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30 PM in room 5/6.

**Church Council Meeting** Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary.

**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.

### 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](mailto:office@hampsteadumc.org))

#### Available Dates:

**January:** 25  
**February:** 1, 8  
**March:** 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
**April:** 5, 19, 26  
**May:** 10, 17, 24  
**June:** 7, 14, 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.*

### Altar Flowers

The January 11th altar flowers were given by Twila Jones...

*"In celebration of Charli's 1st birthday."*



Today's flowers on the altar are given by Debbie Musolino...

*"In loving memory of Tony, and our 46th wedding anniversary."*

## ~Prayer Requests~



The family of Peggy Rose

Kathy Barnes

Angie Bolin

Sally Jo Capozio

Dot Cotman

Chris Gibson

Glen Pettygrove

Judy Harrelson

John Harris

Gavin Johnson

Laura Kiyabu

Fred Phillips

Glen Pettygrove

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

### ~ Contact Information ~

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## ~Calendar of Events~

**January 18, 2026—January 25, 2026**

### Sunday—1/18

10:00 AM Worship Service

4:00 PM Power Kids (FLC)

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

### Monday—1/19

8:30 AM ROMEOs (Library)

### Tuesday—1/20

9:00 AM Prayer Team (Library)

5:30 PM Finance Committee Mtg. (Rm. 5/6)

6:30 PM Church Council Mtg. (Sanc)

### Wednesday—1/21

6:00 PM Bible Study Fellowship (Rms. 3, 5/6, 9)

### Thursday—1/22

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

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanc)

### Sunday—1/25

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!