



Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 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: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.”

People: Those who follow him will not walk in darkness.

Leader: Where once we were blind, Christ opens our eyes.

People: Where once we were uncertain, Christ leads us in faith.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who gives sight to our souls.

People: We come to worship the Lord of light and life.

*OPENING WORSHIP HYMN

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“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

*OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God,
you are the giver of light and life.
Open the eyes of our hearts
that we may see your truth,
recognize your grace,
and follow your Son, Jesus Christ.
Through him we pray.
Amen.**

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN SONG

#454

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:1-38

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

“I Was Glad When They Said”

**Congregation please stand as able.*

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

SERMON

“Two Heretics”

Rev. Dr. Debbie Matthis

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

INVITATION

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
the God who opens blind eyes
also opens our hearts to grace.

Trusting in God's mercy,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
we confess that we do not always see as you see.
We judge too quickly,
we cling to our certainty,
and we overlook the work of your grace.
Open our eyes again, O Lord.
Forgive us, renew us,
and teach us to walk in your light.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
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

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 praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,....
....we praise your name and 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 Christ....
....as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit
....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 this holy meal.
Open our eyes to see your grace,
and send us into the world
to love and serve as Christ has loved us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*CLOSING WORSHIP HYMN

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

#462

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Hampstead United Methodist Church



March 15, 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.

Special Offering TODAY IS UMCOR SUNDAY.

One of the six Special Sunday Offerings of the UMC, this is the only time during the year that contributions to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) go towards the administrative costs for UMCOR. The remainder of the year, contributions to UMCOR are 100% used for designated disasters. If you would like to contribute to UMCOR administrative costs, make your check payable to HUMC and write "UMCOR Sunday" in the memo line. If giving by cash, please write your name and "UMCOR Sunday" on your offering envelope (available in the narthex). You can give online by credit or debit card on HUMC website but be sure to select "UMCOR Sunday" from the drop-down box (a selection of "UMCOR" will continue to go to disaster relief).

Finance Committee Meeting Our next meeting is on **Monday, March 16th at 5:30 PM in room 5/6.** This is in lieu of our regularly scheduled meeting on March 17th.

Church Council Meeting Our next meeting is on **Monday, March 16th at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary.** This is in lieu of our originally scheduled meeting on March 17th.

Prayer Shawl Ministry We will meet on **Thursday, March 19th at 9:00 AM in room 9.** All quilters of any experience are welcome to join us!

~ Contact Information ~

Pastor Rev. Dr. Debbie Matthis
Phone: 910-578-5905
Email: Debbie.Matthis@nccumc.org

Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday Worship, **March 29th** 10:00 AM
(No Maundy Thursday Service)
Good Friday Service, **April 3rd** 7:00 PM
Easter Sunrise Service, **April 5th** 7:00 AM
Resurrection Sunday, **April 5th** 10:00 AM

Palm Sunday & Easter Celebrations!

Palm Sunday – March 29th

We celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with a joyful procession!

- All youth, Power Kids, and anyone willing are invited to join the service, wave palms.

Please contact Rev. Brooks in advance if your child(ren) would like to participate.

Call/text: 304-690-4660

Email: brooks.n.anderson@gmail.com

Easter Sunday Worship – April 5th 10:00 AM

A glorious day of resurrection and hope!

Our **Easter Egg Hunt** is **Easter Sunday April 5th**, and will be held between our breakfast (provided by the United Methodist Men) and the Easter worship service.

*****We need assistance with the Hunt!**

There are Bins in the Narthex—one for empty Easter Eggs and one bin for Candy drop off.**

We are asking for candy small enough to fill the eggs, preferably those that are not easily melted!

Last day for drop off is Sunday, March 22nd!

That way there is time to fill the eggs.

We will still need volunteers to help hide the eggs on Easter morning! Contact Rev. Brooks if you would like to help in any way!

~Prayer Requests~



Kathy Barnes	Bill Russell
Angie Bolin	Vicki Russell
Sally Jo Capozio	Conne Schwarz
Judy Clemmons	Dasha Sharp
Dot Cotman	Emily Skinner
Judy Harrelson	Karen Smith
John Harris	Carolyn Southerland
John Haverkamp	Dee Stolk
Gavin Johnson	Costas Tchouros
Laura Kiyabu	Jane Tchouros
Joanne Pearson	Hiram Williams
Glen Pettygrove	Brian Wright
Fred Phillips	Rodger Wyland
Buddy Rogers	

~Altar Flowers~

We still have a lot of openings left for 2026!!

April: 19
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, 29
December: 6, 13, 20, 27

Each arrangement is \$50. Dates are reserved first come, first serve. Contact the church office to sign up! office@hampsteadumc.org

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

~Calendar of Events~

March 15, 2026—March 22, 2026

Sunday—3/15

10:00 AM Worship Service
 4:00 PM Power Kids (FLC)
 5:00 PM Jr./Sr. High Youth (FLC)

Monday—3/16

8:30 AM ROMEOs (Library)
 5:30 PM Finance Committee Mtg. (Rm. 5/6)
 6:30 PM Church Council Mtg. (Sanc)

Tuesday—3/17

9:00 AM Prayer Team (Library)
 6:00 PM Divorce Care (Rm. 9)
 7:00 PM Al-Anon/Al-Ateen (FLC)

Wednesday—3/18

11:00 AM UWIF Game-a-Rama (FLC)
 3:45 PM Connect Club with the YMCA (FLC)
 6:00 PM Bible Study Fellowship (Rms. All Rooms)

Thursday—3/19

9:00 AM Bible Study "Live Free" (Rm. 5/6)
 9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Rm. 9)
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanc)

Sunday—3/22

10:00 AM Worship Service
 4:00 PM Power Kids (FLC)
 5:00 PM Jr./Sr. High Youth (FLC)

OPEN GYM "SPORTS PASSES"

The YMCA is offering a "SPORTS PASS" for those who wish to have access to an Open Gym. Times are **Mondays through Thursdays, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Saturdays 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.**

Cost for passes are: \$40/mo or \$10 for a 1 day pass.

Contact Lexi Bennett with the YMCA to purchase: 910-726-9847 Ext. 317; Lexi.Bennett@ymcasenc.org

HUMC 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!