



Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026

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

*Order of Worship
10:00 in the Morning*

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: When grief is heavy and hope feels distant,

People: God meets us even in the valley of sorrow.

Leader: When the tomb seems sealed and the future uncertain,

People: Christ calls life out of death.

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

People: Those who believe in him will live.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who brings life out of death.

People: We come to worship the living God.

*HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#384

*OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious and life-giving God,
you meet us in places of sorrow and doubt,
in moments when hope seems buried.**

**As we gather in this Lenten season,
breathe your Spirit into our hearts.**

**Open our ears to hear your Word,
open our eyes to see your glory,
and strengthen our faith in the One
who is the resurrection and the life.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

#420

**Congregation please stand as able.*

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 11:1-45

ANTHEM

"God of Wonders"

Chancel Choir

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Brooks Anderson

SERMON

Rev. Connie Belmore

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORDS 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.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

#881

GLORIA PATRI

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"Hymn of Promise"

#707

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

~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.

Church Council & Finance Committee Due to the inclement weather on March 16th it was decided to postpone our regularly scheduled meetings to **Monday, March 30th**. Meetings will begin at their normal times of 5:30 PM (Rm. 5/6) for Finance, and 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary for Church Council. Any questions please contact the church office.

Trustees Meeting We will meet **Thursday, March 26th** at **630 PM** in room 5/6.

Game-a-Rama Success! A tremendous “Thank You” to everyone who helped make this year’s Game-a-Rama such a success! Every table was full, and the energy was amazing. Thank you all who helped create a fun-filled day!

Worship Participation Looking to take part in our Sunday worship? Volunteers are needed as **Greeters, Ushers, Lay Readers, Communion Servers** and also **Acolytes**. If you want to know how to take part, contact the church office.

OPEN GYM “SPORTS PASSES”

The YMCA is offering a “SPORTS PASS” for those who wish to participate in “Open Gym” in the Family Life Center. Available times are:

Mondays through Thursdays, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM & 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 for more information and how to purchase a pass: 910-726-9847 Ext. 317; Lexi.Bennett@ymcasenc.org

~ Contact Information~

Pastor Rev. Dr. Debbie Matthis
Phone: 910-578-5905
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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.

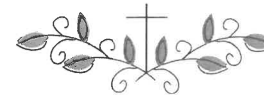
*****We need assistance with the Hunt!**
There are Bins in the Narthex—one for empty Easter Eggs and one bin for Candy drop off.**

Last day for drop off is TODAY!

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

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.

Church Office Information

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
(Appointments available in advance for after 2:00 PM.)
 Contact: office@hampsteadumc.org

~Calendar of Events~

March 22, 2026—March 29, 2026

Sunday—3/22

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

Monday—3/23

8:30 AM ROMEOs (Library)

Tuesday—3/24

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

Wednesday—3/25

3:45 PM Connect Club with the YMCA (FLC)
 6:00 PM Bible Study Fellowship (Rms. All Rooms)

Thursday—3/26

9:00 AM Bible Study “Live Free” (Rm. 5/6)
 6:30 PM Trustees Mtg. (Rm. 5/6)
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanc)

Sunday—3/29 ** Palm Sunday**

10:00 AM Worship Service
 (No Youth Group)

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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!