



Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 29, 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: Open the gates of righteousness,
that the King of glory may enter.

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: The crowds once shouted “Hosanna!”

People: Save us, Lord! Save us now!

Leader: Let us welcome Christ our King.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

*OPENING PRAYER

**Humble and gracious God,
On this day long ago
your Son entered Jerusalem
not with armies or power
but with gentleness and peace.
As we worship today,
open our hearts to welcome him.
Teach us the way of his kingdom,
a kingdom of humility and love.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#278

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

“A King Came Riding By”

**Congregation please stand as able.*

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Read by Ari & Lumen Finch

HYMN

#278, vs. 3

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Debbie Matthis

“Two Kingdoms, One King”

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

#95

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

#881

The Apostles’ Creed

GLORIA PATRI

#70

“Glory Be to the Father”

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

#261, vs. 1-3

“Lord of the Dance”

*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.

Holy Week Services:

Good Friday Service, April 3rd 7:00 PM
(No Maundy Thursday Service)

Easter Sunrise Service, April 5th 7:00 AM
(Breakfast provided after sunrise service.)

Easter Egg Hunt, April 5th 9:00 AM

Worship Service, April 5th 10:00 AM

Easter Sunday is April 5th!

Come celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the victory of life over death and the promise of hope renewed!

Join us for a beautiful morning of worship and fellowship:

- * We begin with a reflective **Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM**, followed by a **heartly breakfast** hosted by the United Methodist Men. Everyone is welcome!
- * Then, at **9:00 AM**, bring the kids (and invite friends & neighbors!) for a joyful **Easter Egg Hunt**—fun for all ages.
- * Our special **Easter Worship Service** starts at **10:00 AM**, filled with music, Scripture, and the triumphant message: He is risen indeed!

Come experience the joy of Easter with our community. All are warmly invited!

~ Contact Information ~

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

Church Council & Finance Committee We will meet on **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.

United Methodist Men In lieu of our regular meeting on April 4th, we will be providing breakfast for Easter Sunday morning, after the Sunrise Service and before the Easter Egg Hunt. All are welcome!

Prayer Shawl Ministry We will meet on **Thursday, April 2nd** in **room 9**. All are welcome!

Missions Team Mtg **Tuesday, April 7th** at **10:00 AM** in **room 5/6**.

**Flowering the Cross –
A Joyful Easter Tradition!**

On Easter morning, we will transform our bare wooden cross into a vibrant symbol of resurrection and life by adorning it with fresh-cut flowers.

Please bring stemmed cut flowers from your yard or garden (any color, variety, or size!) to help decorate the cross. Flowers like lilies, tulips, daffodils, roses, azaleas, or any blooming beauties are perfect.

Bring your flowers with you to the Easter service and place them on the cross as part of our celebration of Christ's victory over death. Together, we'll create a stunning display that proclaims: He is risen!

Thank you for helping make our Easter morning even more beautiful and meaningful!

Flowers may be placed on the cross before our time of worship at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary.

~Prayer Requests~



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

~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: 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

Church Office Information

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. (Time availability made in advance after 2:00 PM.) Contact: office@hampsteadumc.org, or 910-270-4648.

~Calendar of Events~

March 29, 2026—April 5, 2026

Sunday—3/29 ** Palm Sunday**

10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday—3/30

8:30 AM ROMEOs (Library)

Tuesday—3/31

9:00 AM Prayer Team (Library)

6:00 PM Divorce Care (Rm. 9)

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

Wednesday—4/1

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

6:00 PM Bible Study Fellowship (All Rooms)

Thursday—4/2

9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Rm. 9)

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

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanc)

Friday—4/3

7:00 PM Good Friday Service (Sanc)

Sunday—4/5 **Easter Sunday**

7:00 AM Sunrise Service (HUMC Front Lawn)

8:00 AM Breakfast Provided by the UMMen (FLC)

9:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 AM Worship Service

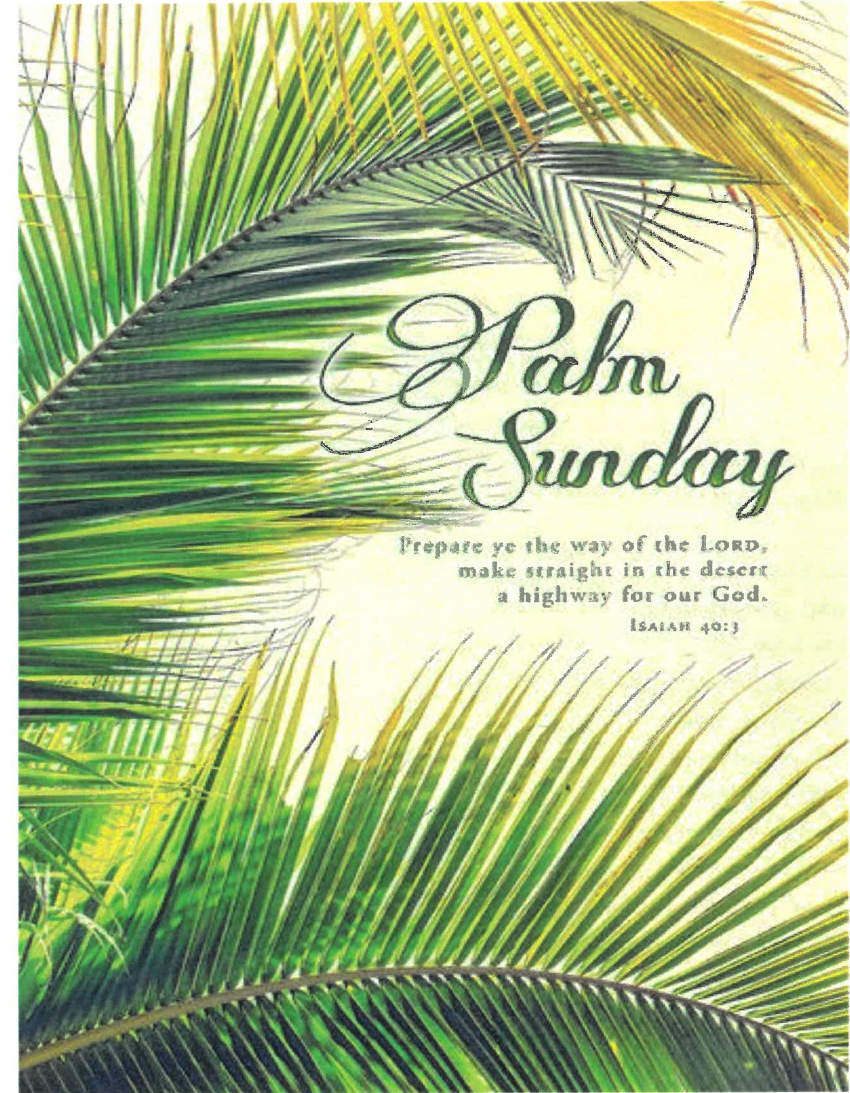
HUMC Online Giving Made Simple:

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!

Hampstead United Methodist Church



March 29, 2026
10:00 AM Worship Service



Hampstead United Methodist Church
Rev. Dr. Debbie Matthis, Pastor
910.578.5905 (Cell)
15395 US Hwy 17 N
Hampstead, NC 28443
910.270.4648 (Office)
www.hampsteadumc.org

15395 Hwy 17 N • Hampstead, NC 28443 • (910) 270-4648
www.hampsteadumc.org