



Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

“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

“Prelude In Classic Style”

By Gordon Young

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is doing a new thing! Do you not perceive it?

People: We open our eyes and our hearts to see God’s new creation taking shape.

Leader: The former things are passing away—sorrow and sighing shall flee.

People: We come with gratitude for what has been and hope for what will be.

Leader: Come, people of God—rejoice in what the Lord is creating!

All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN

“Morning Has Broken”

#145

PRAYER

Creating God, You spoke light into darkness and life into dust.

**You are still speaking—calling forth hope where there was once despair,
and building your people into a new creation.**

**As we gather in this sacred place, renew our faith, restore our joy,
and remind us that nothing in your hands is ever wasted.**

**Shape us by your Spirit, until our lives reflect your glory
and our church becomes a sign of your kingdom made new.**

Through Jesus Christ, who makes all things new. Amen.

*SECOND CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

#92

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

ANTHEM

“Lord of the Dance”

Chancel Choir

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

**Congregation please stand as able.*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:5-6

SERMON

“Rejoice In What I’m Creating”

Rev. Dr. Debbie Matthis

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

INVITATION

Christ calls us to leave behind what has crumbled and to step into God’s new creation.

Let us open our hearts to grace as we confess together.

CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess that we cling to what is familiar,
even when you are calling us into something new.**

We focus on what has been lost instead of rejoicing in what you are creating.

**Forgive us when fear outweighs faith, when nostalgia overshadows hope,
when we forget that you are the Builder, not us.**

Renew us by your Spirit, that we may see your hand at work

in this church, in our families, and in our world.

Through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: The One who makes all things new has already begun that work in you.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

OFFERING

(please bring your offerings to the front when you come to receive the elements)

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 the One 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 is 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.

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"/ "Holy, Holy, Holy"

By William Sherwin/John Dykes; Arranged by Clarence Kohlmann/Kurt Kaiser

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God,
we thank you for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
By your grace,
make us living signs
of your new creation—
people of courage and compassion,
builders of hope, and bearers of peace.
Send us now into the world,
rejoicing in what you are creating,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*CLOSING CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

#577

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING.

*POSTLUDE

"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

By Peter Bilhorn; Arranged by Fred Bock

Hampstead United Methodist Church



**Sunday, November 16, 2025
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.

YMCA Family Bingo Night On Monday, November 17th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM, the YMCA is holding a Bingo Night for families and the community, located in the gym of the FLC. There will be different prizes for the bingo winners. Some of the kids in the YMCA program will be volunteering as helpers during the event. They'll help pass cards out, call numbers, and announce winners. This event is FREE for all to attend! We can't wait to see you there!

Christmas Poinsettias Let's fill our chancel with the beauty of white poinsettias this Advent, each one a heartfelt tribute to those we hold dear. For \$15, a 6 1/2-inch pot will grace our sanctuary while carrying your personal message of remembrance and honor. All dedications will be gathered and included in the December 14th and 21st bulletins. Feel free to purchase several—one for each name on your heart. After our Christmas Eve services, you're welcome to take your poinsettias home. Last Sunday to sign up is November 23rd.

Finance Committee Mtg. We will meet on Tuesday, November 18th at 5:30 PM in room 5/6.

Church Council Date Our regularly schedule Council meeting on November 18th has been cancelled. Mark your calendars for our next scheduled meeting on January 20th at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. We'll see you in the new year!

Advent Calendar of Devotions

The church is pleased to offer:

“Advent 2025: A Calendar of Devotions”

by Jan Turrentine. These booklets offer brief, heartfelt daily readings from the first Sunday of Advent (November 30) through Christmas Day—each including a Scripture verse, a short devotion, and a simple prayer or practice to nurture your spiritual preparation for Christ's coming.

These are perfect for personal or family use!

They will be available starting November 23rd.

Begin your Advent journey

and embrace the

season's themes of hope,

peace, joy, and love.



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given

By Tony & Sally Jo Capozio...

*“In celebration of our
9th wedding anniversary.”*

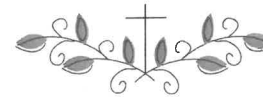


The flowers on the altar today are given

By Elaine Myers...

*“In celebration of Mal's 91st birthday on
November 11th.”*

~Prayer Requests~



Kathy Barnes	Bill Russell
Angie Bolin	Vicki Russell
Sally Jo Capozio	Dasha Sharp
Dot Cotman	Emily Skinner
Chris Gibson	Karen Smith
Judy Harrelson	Carolyn Southerland
John Harris	Dee Stolk
Gavin Johnson	Costas Tchouros
Laura Kiyabu	Jane Tchouros
Fred Phillips	Jean Withers
Buddy Rogers	Brian Wright
Peggy Rose	

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!

~ Contact Information~

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~Calendar of Events~

November 16, 2025—November 23, 2025

Sunday—11/16

10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday—11/17

8:30 AM ROMEOs (Library)

6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 1525 (Rm. 5/6)

Tuesday—11/18

9:00 AM Prayer Team (Library)

12:30 PM Books. Lunch. Talk (BLTs) (Library)

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

6:00 PM Divorce Care (Rm. 9)

7:00 PM AI-Anon (FLC)

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Wednesday—11/19

6:20 PM Bible Study Fellowship (Rms. 2, 3, 5/6, 9)

Thursday—11/20

9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Knitting Group (Rm. 9)

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

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanc)

Sunday—11/23

10:00 AM Worship Service

(Last day to purchase poinsettias.)

4:00 PM Power Kids (FLC)

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

Available Altar Flower Sponsorships

Thank you for volunteering to sponsor the beautiful flowers on the altar each Sunday!

We are now asking for sponsors for 2026.

It is never too early to sponsor a Sunday!

If you would like to sponsor an arrangement (\$50), contact the church office at 910-270-4648 or office@hampsteadumc.org. Flowers are on a first come-first served basis.