Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost ***November 8, 2026***

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

10:00 in the Morning

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Before we arrive,
God is already at work.
People: God's grace goes before us.
Leader: God sees those who suffer
and hears the cries of those in need.
People: God calls us to choose life
and join in the work of grace.
Leader: God speaks in expected places
and in places we might easily overlook.
People: Open our eyes to see,
our ears to hear,
and our hearts to respond.
Leader: Come, let us worship
the God who gives life
and calls us by name.
People: We come to worship God.

*HYMN #577

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*OPENING PRAYER
Gracious God, open our eyes
to see where you are at work.
Give us courage
to choose what gives life,
humility to recognize
the gifts of others,
and faith to follow
when you call.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

* HYMN #451

"Be Thou My Vision"

**Congregation please stand as able.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 1:15-22; 2:1-10; 3:4-10

SERMON Rev. Dr. Debbie Matthis

"Before Moses"

WE RESPOND TO GODS WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #593

"Here I Am, Lord"

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

*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.

Second Sunday Lunch Join us at Camino Real after worship today as we continue our monthly tradition of sharing a meal together. Enjoy good food and conversation with your church family—everyone is welcome!

Youth News & Thank You! The HUMC Youth are grateful to everyone who helped make this year's Pumpkin Patch a success! ***We will have a Patch Clean-Up Day TODAY*** beginning at 1:000 PM. The youth will be off to **Pilgrimage November 13th** through **November 15th**. For additional information contact Pastor Brooks TODAY (brooks.n.anderson@gmail.com).

United Women In Faith Our next meeting will be held at **10:00 AM** on **Tuesday, November 10th** in **room 5/6**. All women of the church are invited to attend. The **Executive UWIF** members will meet on **Monday, November 9th, 10:00 AM** in **room 9.**

Christmas Poinsettias The season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 29th. You are invited to help adorn our chancel with beautiful 6-1/2 inch white poinsettias, available for $15 each. Each plant may be dedicated with a heartfelt tribute or celebration in honor of those we hold dear. Order forms will be available beginning next Sunday**, November 15th, through December 6th**. Please join us in making our sanctuary a place of beauty and remembrance as we prepare for the coming of Christ.

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given by Elaine Myers...

"In celebration of Mal's birthday on November 11th."

Belk Charity Days **November 13th, 14th and 15th are the Belk Charity Days**. HUMC's Mission "Connect Club" is joining in on the fun. Your $5.00 donation gets you a coupon for $5 off one purchase during these dates as well as 25% off many designer brands. The five dollars goes directly to help fund our mission "Connect Club" on Thursdays. Coupons will be available in the narthex before and after each Sunday service. They may be used at any Belk department store.

Volunteers for the Season of Advent!
We are seeking volunteers to serve for Sunday worship. There are many ways to volunteer: Ushers, Greeters, Lay Readers, and Communion servers. **The upcoming Advent season, begins November 29th.**This is an especially busy time with many pieces that bring our sanctuary alive. This includes the **decorating of the Chrismon tree.** If you are interested in any aspect of worship preparation please contact Dee Colenda at deecolenda@gmail.com or the church office.

Advent Calendar of Devotions!
Devotionals are available for Advent. These are filled with brief, heartfelt, daily readings from the first Sunday of Advent through Christmas day. These include **daily scriptures, a short devotion, and a simple prayer to nurture your spiritual preparation for Christ's coming**. Ushers have booklets available, and are also available in the narthex throughout the season. Feel free to take one for yourself, your family, a neighbor—anyone who wishes to embrace the season's themes of hope, peace, joy, and love!

~Prayer Requests~

Beverly Batton
Dot Cotman
Darlene David
Larry David
Susan Forbes
Jim Godwin
Judy Harrelson
John Harris
John Haverkamp
Gavin Johnson
Laura Kiyabu
Bonnie Lewis
Clarence Lewis
Glen Pettygrove
Fred Phillips
Cynthia Pownall
Buddy Rogers
Bill Russell
Vicki Russell
Bill Shaffer
Dasha Sharp
Jane Smals
Karen Smith
Carolyn Southerland
Dennis Southerland
Dee Stolk
Jane Tchouros
Ann Todd
Rodger Wyland

~ Contact Information~

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~Calendar of Events~

November 8, 2026 —November 15, 2026

Sunday—11/8
10:00 AM Worship Service
(Second Sunday Lunch to follow at Camino Real)
1:00 PM Pumpkin Patch Clean-Up
4:00 PM Power Kids (FLC)
5:00 PM Middle School Youth (FLC)

Monday—11/9
8:00 AM ROMEOs (Library)
10:00 AM UWIF Executive Meeting (Rm. 9)

Tuesday—11/10
9:00 AM Prayer Team (Library)
10:00 AM United Women In Faith (Rm. 5/6)
7:00 PM Al-Anon/Al-Ateen (FLC)

Wednesday—11/11
6:20 PM Bible Study Fellowship (Rms. 2, 5/6, 9, Sanc)
7:00 PM High School Youth (FLC Rm. 2)

Thursday—11/12
3:30 Connect Club (FLC)
7:00 PM Choir Practice (Sanc)

Friday 11/13
10:00 AM Meals on Wheels Prep (FLC Kitchen)

Saturday—11/14
8:00 AM Meals on Wheels Pack & Distribute (FLC)

Sunday—11/15
10:00 AM Worship Service
4:00 PM Power Kids (FLC)
5:00 PM Middle School Youth (FLC)

HUMC Online Giving Made Simple:

You can now support our church by scanning the QR code below with your smartphone or tablet's camera.

If you need help, our greeters or office staff are happy to assist you. Thank you for your generosity!