



Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

When we wonder where God is—

We remember: we can trust Jesus.

When we feel alone or afraid—

We trust the One who is always with us.

When we turn away, God calls us home.

God's love roars louder than our fears.

Let us worship the Holy One in our midst—

Who loves us, who leads us, and who brings us home.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God,

You are our Creator and our compass.

You speak in love,

You call us by name,

You wait for us when we wander.

Thank you for this church,

for the joy of children,

for the hands that served this week,

and for the message that never changes—

that in every time and season, we can trust Jesus.

Pour out your Spirit in this hour.

Tune our hearts to your voice.

Let everything we say and do

reflect your love.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

***OPENING WORSHIP SONG**

***SECOND WORSHIP SONG**

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSONS

“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise.” (Mt 7:24)

**Congregation please stand as able.*

“Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” (Mt 11:28)

“Don’t be afraid,” he said. “Take courage. I am here.” (Mt 14:27)

“And his name will be the hope of all the world.” (Mt 12:21)

“I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Mt 28:20)

ANTHEM

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VIDEO

GOSPEL LESSON

Hosea 11:1-11

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Debbie Matthis

“When Love Roars”

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

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.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY & PRAYER**

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“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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!

“Glory Be to the Father”

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD

***CLOSING CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

***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.

Vacation Bible School Thank You! This past week approximately 200 children learned about all the ways that God is a faithful friend we can always trust, serving as our “True North” in a wild and confusing world! Thank you to all of the volunteers, contributions, donations, and prayers! Without you VBS could not have been a success!

Blood Drive Tomorrow, **Monday, August 4th** the American Red Cross will be at HUMC for a blood drive, from **1:00 PM to 6:00 PM** in the **FLC**. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter **HAMPSTEAD** to reserve your time to donate.

Staff Parish Committee We meet on **Monday, August 4th** at **6:30 PM** in **room 9**.

Ice Cream Social Join us for the UWIF Ice Cream Social on **Tuesday, August 12th** in the **FLC**.

Upcoming Bible Study Mark your calendar for **Thursday, September 11th**! Jennipher Burns will begin a 7-week Bible study, “Luke in the Land”, at **9:00 AM** in **room 5/6**. Books are \$25.00. For more information contact Jennipher, 910-206-1903; or jennipherlove09@gmail.com.

Project AGAPE Shoebox gift deadline is **September 21st**! Shopping lists are in the narthex for new items for a boy or girl, packed in a 6-quart container. Include \$5 per box for shipping. This ministry supports the children in Armenia with care and development. Questions? Contact Peggy Harris: little1952@gmail.com, 910-520-4042.

Divorce Care HUMC invites you to our Divorce Care Support Group, starting **Tuesday, September 9th**, at **6:30 PM** in **room 9**. Find healing through a 13-week, Christ-centered program with videos, confidential discussions, and personal exercises addressing topics like grief, anger, forgiveness, and brighter days. Contact Sylvia Waterston at swaterdivorcecare@outlook.com. Take the first step toward hope and healing.

HUMC Audio Visual Team Needs Volunteers!
Enhance our Sunday worship services by joining our Audio Visual team! We welcome volunteers of all experience levels with quick, easy training provided.

Opportunities Include:

Basic: Operate sanctuary TV monitors or live stream services for ROKU and our website.

Intermediate: Adjust the sound board for clear audio during worship.

Advanced: Create ProPresenter playlists and explore further tech roles.

Serve your community, gain skills, and earn service hours for youth! All ages welcome. No experience needed! Contact Sylvia Waterston at needleworkdisc@gmail.com and join today!

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given
by Linda Taylor...

*“In loving memory of my mother,
Florine Howard, for her birthday
on August 4th.”*

~Prayer Requests~

Angie Bolin	Peggy Rose
Claudette Brown	Bill Russell
Arlene Caffrey	Vicki Russell
Sally Jo Capozio	Conne Schwarz
Dot Cotman	Dasha Sharp
Chris Gibson	Emily Skinner
Judy Harrelson	Karen Smith
John Harris	Carolyn Southerland
Barbara Jeffrey	Dee Stolk
Gavin Johnson	Costas Tchouros
Laura Kiyabu	Jane Tchouros
Laurie Monnier	Jean Withers
Fred Phillips	Brian Wright
Milo Pickett	
Buddy Rogers	

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~

August 3, 2025 —August 10, 2025

Sunday—8/3

10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday—8/4

8:00 AM ROMEOs (Library)

1:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive (FLC)

6:30 PM Staff Parish Committee (Rm. 9)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts (FLC)

Tuesday—8/5

9:00 AM Prayer Team (Library)

7:00 PM AI-Anon (FLC Rm. 1)

Wednesday—8/6

6:30 PM Choir Practice (Sanc)

Friday—8/8

10:00 AM Meals On Wheels Prep (FLC)

Saturday—8/9

8:00 AM Meals on Wheels Delivery (FLC)

Sunday—8/10

10:00 AM Worship Service

Available Altar Flower Sponsorships

August: 31

September: 7, 14, 21

October: 12, 19, 26

November: 2, 9, 23, 30

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

Each arrangement is \$45 and is due before the sponsorship date.

Thank you!