



# Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 12, 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

*“It is No Secret”*

By Stuart Hamblen; Arranged by Anthony Burger

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God, from every place and path.

**We come, carrying stories of exile and hope.**

The Lord says, “I know the plans I have for you —plans for a future filled with hope.”

**We come to trust in that promise, even when we cannot see the ending.**

Build houses. Plant gardens. Seek the shalom of the city.

**We will dig in, live faithfully, and pray for our neighbors.**

For in their well-being, we will find our peace.

**Let us worship the God who gathers us, redeems us, and sends us to be agents of shalom.**

### \*OPENING WORSHIP HYMN

*“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*

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### \*OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, You call us to live with hope, even in places that feel uncertain.**

**Your plans are not just for individuals, but for all your people.**

**Teach us to seek the good of our neighbors, to plant seeds of peace,  
and to trust your work among us.**

**Make us faithful where we are, until your shalom fills the whole earth.**

**Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

### \*WORSHIP HYMN

*“Lord of the Dance”*

#262

## WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

### PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 66:1-12

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

<sup>2</sup> **sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.**

<sup>3</sup> Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup> **All the earth worships you; they sing praises to your name.”**

<sup>5</sup> Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

<sup>6</sup> **He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.**

There we rejoiced in him,

<sup>7</sup> who rules by his might forever,

**whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let the rebellious not exalt themselves.**

*\*Congregation please stand as able.*

<sup>8</sup> Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

<sup>9</sup> **who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

<sup>11</sup> **You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;**

<sup>12</sup> you let people ride over our heads;

**we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.”**

### ANTHEM

*“Just a Little Talk with Jesus”*

Chancel Choir

### TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

*(At this time, all children may leave for Children’s Church.)*

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, 10-14

### SERMON

*“God Has Plans For Y’all!”*

Rev. Dr. Debbie Matthis

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

.....Lord in your mercy, **Hear our 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

*“Morning Has Broken”*

By Bunessan (Gaelic Tune); Arranged by F. Cramer/J. Coleman

### \*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER

#94

*“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!**

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed, Traditional Version

#881

### \*GLORIA PATRI

*“Glory Be to the Father”*

#71

## WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD

### \*CLOSING CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

*“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

#140

### \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

### \*POSTLUDE

*“Blessed Assurance”*

By J. Knapp; Arranged by R. Thygerson

~Prayer Requests~



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

**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~

**October 12, 2025—October 19, 2025**

**Sunday—10/12**

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

**Monday—10/13**

8:30 AM ROMEOS (Library)

**Tuesday—10/14**

9:00 AM Prayer Team (Library)  
10:00 AM UWIF Circle Group (Rm. 5/6)  
6:00 PM Divorce Care (Rm. 9)

**Wednesday—10/15**

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

**Thursday—10/16**

9:00 AM Bible Study "Luke in the Land" (Rm. 5/6)  
9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Quilting Group (Rm. 9)  
6:00 PM Handbell Practice (Sanc)  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanc)

**Saturday—10/18**

10:00 AM Bake Sale at the Pumpkin Patch

**Sunday—10/19**

10:00 AM Worship Service  
3:15 PM Connect Church Team Mtg. (Rm. 9)  
4:00 PM Power Kids (FLC)  
5:00 PM Jr.Sr. High Youth (FLC)  
6:00 PM Hymn Sing at the Fire Pit (HUMC)

***Available Altar Flower Sponsorships***

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

As the last few months of 2025 fly by, we will soon begin taking sponsors for 2026. It is never too early to sponsor a Sunday!

*If you would like to sponsor an arrangement (\$45), contact the church office at 910-270-4648 or [office@hampsteadumc.org](mailto:office@hampsteadumc.org). Flowers are on a first come-first served basis.*

~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](mailto:office@hampsteadumc.org).*

**Pumpkin Patch Volunteers Still Needed!!**

**We still need volunteers to man the Patch!**

We can't sell pumpkins without your help!

Shifts are 2 hours, each day of the week. Contact the church office, or scan the QR code to sign up. Thank you for supporting our Youth!



**Pumpkin Patch Hours** The Patch is open through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Patch hours of operation are **Monday through Thursdays, 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Friday and Saturdays 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM, and Sundays 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM.** Payment of pumpkins are accepted via Zelle, check, or cash only.

**UWIF Circle Meeting** The **October 14<sup>th</sup>**

United Women in Faith program will be presented by Michele Bennett with Lower Cape Fear Hospice Community Outreach. The meeting will begin at **10:00 AM** in room 5/6. Any questions please call or text Cheryle Shaffer at 910-620-5904.

**Bake Sale at the Patch** The United Women in Faith will hold a bake sale to benefit the youth on **Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM** (unless we sell out before). See you at the Pumpkin Patch!

**Quilting Group** Join us **Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.** All levels of quilters welcome!

**Campfire Sing-a-Long!** You are invited to join the choirs from HUMC and The Gathering, in a campfire sing-a-long at the Pumpkin Patch on **October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.** This will be a fun time of singing some hymns, making s'mores, and enjoying a time of fellowship. The fire pit is located at the open area close to the soccer fields behind the FLC.

**Charge Conference** Our 2025 Charge Conference is **Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM** at **Wesleyan Chapel UMC** (10255 US Hwy 17 N, Wilmington, 28411).

**Guest Speaker** On **Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**, Rev. Francis Daniel will join us for worship as our guest preacher, followed by a covered dish luncheon in the FLC.

**Nametags** If you don't have one, or need a replacement, please contact the church office to have one made ([office@hampsteadumc.org](mailto:office@hampsteadumc.org)).

***Altar Flowers***

The flowers on the altar today are given  
By Dianne McKagan...

*"In honor of my grandsons Jarret, Clay,  
and Christian on their birthdays."*