



# Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church

Youth & Graduation Sunday

May 17, 2026

*“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”*

10:00 in the Morning

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ari Finch

God calls us from many places and many paths.

**Yet we are one in Christ.**

We've been taught, loved, encouraged, and challenged here.

**Now God sends us into the world with purpose.**

We are not sent alone.

**Christ goes before us, besides us, and within us.**

Wherever we go, God's spirit will guide us.

**We'll carry God's love into our schools, communities, and future.**

Come, let us worship the One who calls and sends us.

**We come, ready to worship, ready to serve, and ready to be sent out. Amen.**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

Ari Finch

Gracious and loving God,  
today we gather with thankful hearts.

Thank you for every lesson learned, every prayer prayed, every friendship formed, and every life changed within this church family.

As we celebrate this Youth Sunday, remind us that you have called each of us for a purpose.

Though seasons may change and journeys may lead us in new directions, your presence remains constant.

Give us courage to step into the future with faith.

Give us wisdom to follow where you lead.

Give us compassion to serve others in the name of Christ.

Send us out as lights in the world, grounded in your love, guided by your spirit, and strengthened by your grace.

We offer this worship to you with joyful and thankful hearts.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

*\*Congregation please stand as able.*

### \*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

#451

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

## WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Kevin McNeill

### PRAYER FOR BLESSINGS

Lillian Alberti

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES *(At this time, any children not participating in the rest of service may leave for Children's Church.)*

### PSALTER LESSON

Psalms 103:1-6

Lumen Finch

### SERMON

*“Counting Blessings”*

Jack Cockrum

### RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Chris Baines

Halley Bellamy

Jack Cockrum

Camren Grace Reaves

## WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lilly Zsadanyi

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

## 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 he 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 has risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit ....

...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.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#11

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

#593

*"Here I am Lord"*

#### \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

#### \*POSTLUDE

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

**Youth & Graduation Sunday** Today we celebrate our Youth and recognize our graduates!

Congratulations to:

- Chris Baines
- Halley Bellamy
- Jack Cockrum
- Camren Grace Reaves

May God bless you with wisdom, direction, and his continued presence as you step into this next season. We are so proud of you!

**Pentecost Sunday** Join us next Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday—the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. Please wear red in acknowledgement of the Holy Spirit’s fire. All are welcome!

**UMCOR School Supplies Collection** The NC Annual Conference of the UMC will take place June 18, 2026. Our mission project this year is to help provide school supplies for students in need through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). We are collecting supplies to take to Annual Conference. *A list of supplies is available in the narthex (look for the yellow colored list!).*

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** We will meet on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM in room 9.

*Altar Flowers*  
 Today’s altar flowers were given by  
 Drew & Lacy Quehl...  
*“In celebration of our 21st  
 wedding anniversary on May 21st.”*

**HUMC has a new Community Database!  
 Welcome to Realm!**

An email was recently sent this week as an invitation to join Realm.

**So what is Realm?**

Realm is our church’s new online community platform designed to help us stay connected, informed, and engaged—anytime, anywhere. It’s more than just a database; it’s a tool that strengthens relationships and keeps our church family organized and connected.

With Realm, church members can:

- Update their personal and family information securely
- View and register for events and classes
- Connect with groups, ministries, and other members
- Give online and track their giving history
- Communicate easily with leaders and group members

Realm helps us simplify communication, support one another, and grow together in faith. Whether you’re signing up for an event, joining a small group, or staying in touch with your church family, Realm makes it easy to be involved.

*Users of Access ACS* will find that this is the same type of database, just with more involvement and greater communication. If you have any questions please contact the church office. (Because this is a new system, please be patient with us as we continue to learn and use all that Realm has to offer!)

**~Prayer Requests~**



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

**~Altar Flowers~**

*We still have openings left for 2026!!*

- June: 7
- July: 12, 19
- August: 2
- September: 20, 27
- October: 11, 18
- November: 29

Each arrangement is \$50. Dates are reserved first come, first serve. Contact the church office to sign up! [office@hampsteadumc.org](mailto:office@hampsteadumc.org)

**~ Contact Information~**  
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**~Calendar of Events~**

**May 17, 2026— May 24, 2026**

- Sunday—5/17**  
 10:00 AM Worship Service  
 4:00 PM Power Kids (FLC)  
 5:00 PM Jr./Sr. High Youth Group (FLC)
- Monday—5/18**  
 8:00 AM ROMEOs (Library)
- Tuesday—5/19**  
 9:00 AM Prayer Team (Library)  
 6:00 PM Divorce Care (Rm. 9)  
 7:00 PM A1-Anon/A1-Ateen (FLC)
- Wednesday—5/20**  
 3:45 PM Connect Club With the YMCA (FLC)
- Thursday—5/21**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study “Angels” (Rm. 5/6)  
 9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Rm. 9)  
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanc)
- Sunday—5/24**  
 10:00 AM Worship Service  
 4:00 PM Power Kids (RLC)  
 5:00 PM Jr./Sr. High Youth Group (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. 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!