Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost ***November 15, 2026***

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

10:00 in the Morning

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please be sure to print your name in the red attendance pew pads!)

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Come, let us worship God, the giver of life.
People: We come with thankful hearts to offer our praise.
Leader: Come, let us follow Jesus Christ, who welcomes us in grace.
People: We come to hear his word and grow in love.
Leader: Come, let us welcome the Holy Spirit, who gathers and renews us.
People: We come to be strengthened for lives of faithful service.
Leader: Let us worship the triune God.
People: With grateful hearts and joyful voices, we praise God together!

*HYMN #98

"To God Be the Glory"

*OPENING PRAYER
**Gracious God,
we give you thanks for the gift of this day
and for the joy of gathering in your presence.
Through Jesus Christ, draw us closer to you
and to one another.
By your Holy Spirit, quiet our distractions,
open our hearts to your word,
and renew our love for our neighbors.
Receive our worship
and shape our lives by your grace.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

* HYMN #369

"Blessed Assurance"

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Peter 2:9-10

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may
proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
10 Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people
Once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Congregation please stand as able.

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 19:3-6

3 Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house
of Jacob and tell the Israelites:
4 "You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagle's wings and brought
you to myself.
5 Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out
of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mind,
6 but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall
speak to the Israelites."

SERMON Rev. Brooks Anderson

"Seeing Our Own Journey"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (Traditional Version) #881

*GLORIA PATRI *"Glory Be To the Father"* #70

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 #380

"There's Within My Heart a Melody"

*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.

Special "Kidsgiving" Service We invite you to a special worship service **"Kidsgiving"** on **Sunday, November 22nd** at **10:00 AM**. Children from our congregation will lead us in worship as we come together to celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving. Please note, **there will be a combined Children's Choir practice and Kidsgiving rehearsal this evening from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the sanctuary.** Join us for this meaningful service filled with gratitude, joy, and the blessings of our youngest members!

Finance Committee & Church Council
We will not have our regularly scheduled Finance and Church Council meetings on November 17th. Our next meeting will be in the new year.

Christmas Poinsettias Advent begins Sunday, November 29. You're invited to help make our chancel beautiful with 6½-inch white poinsettias ($15 each). Each plant may be dedicated in loving memory or honor of someone special. Order forms are available and due by **December 6th**—please return them with payment to the office, drop box, or offering.

Advent Calendar of Devotions Pick up a free booklet with daily scriptures, a short devotion, and a simple prayer to prepare your heart for Christ's coming. Available from the ushers or in the narthex—take one for yourself, your family, or a neighbor, and share in the season's hope, peace, joy, and love!

Volunteers Needed For Advent Worship
Advent begins November 29th, a special and busy season that includes decorating our Chrismon tree. If you'd like to help bring our sanctuary to life, please reach out to the church office or contact Dee Colenda at deecolenda@gmail.com or the church office. We'd love to have you join us!

The Alternative Gift Market Returns!

This is a wonderful way to honor someone you love this Christmas season with a gift to one of the following missions:

Table of Grace serving good food and good news to the needy in our community.

Four C's Food Pantry offering food and assistance to the needy in the name of Jesus.

Rotifunk Missions of Hope Funding hospital/school operations in Sierra Leone.

HUMC Preschool will use these gifts for scholarships and/or supplies.

MUNCH a weekend food take home from school program.

Madonna Project Provides prenatal and delivery care in Rotifunk Sierra Leone Hospital.

WARM whose mission is to repair, rebuild and make homes accessible to all family members.

Connect Club The goal is to build trust and meaningful relationships between adult volunteers and children.

Yellow AGM slips will be available in the narthex beginning **November 22nd**. These may be placed in the offering plate with your payment, or submit them to the church office. Thank you for your support!

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given by
Donna Walker...
"In honor of my granddaughter Thaya Rae Walker on her 13th birthday."

~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 15, 2026 —November 22, 2026

Sunday—11/15
10:00 AM Worship Service
12:45 PM Cantata Choir Practice @ Wesleyan Chapel
5:00 PM Children's Choir/Kidsgiving Rehearsal (Sanc)

Monday—11/16
8:00 AM ROMEOs (Library)

Tuesday—11/17
9:00 AM Prayer Team (Library)
7:00 PM Al-Anon/Al-Ateen (FLC)

Wednesday—11/18
6:20 PM Bible Study Fellowship (Rms. 2, 5/6, 9, Sanc)
7:00 PM High School Youth (FLC Rm. 2)

Thursday—11/19
3:30 PM "Connect Club" (FLC)
7:00 PM Choir Practice (Sanc)

Sunday—11/22 **"Kidsgiving" Special Service**
10:00 AM Worship Service
4:00 PM Power Kids (FLC)
5:00 PM Middle School Youth (FLC)

Church Office Note Please note that the HUMC Church Office will be closed for the **Thanksgiving holiday** on Wednesday, **November 25th** and Thursday, **November 26th**, so our staff can enjoy a well-deserved break with family and friends.

If you need to connect with a member of the staff or the pastor, we kindly ask that you reach out or schedule a time before then. We're happy to help and look forward to seeing you soon!

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!