

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Welcome to the public worship of God on this Fourth Sunday in Eastertide!

We gather for worship each Sunday at 11:00 am. All are welcome!

Worship begins with God. God takes the initiative and calls the Church into being.

In the name of Christ, we heed God's call and gather as the community of faith.

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

APRIL 26, 2026 | 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE

*I Will Come to You*

YOU ARE MINE

CALL TO WORSHIP

JUDY ADAMS

Siblings, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

**For many signs and wonders are being done among us.**

Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

**Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people,  
no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.**

Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

**For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.**

\* HYMN No. 327

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, in as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray. Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness and brought back into the safety of God's fold, Receive the good news, Children of God, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!**

\* RESPONSE No. 240

*Alleluia, Alleluia!* (refrain)

ALLELUIA NO. 1

\* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(From your place, share signs of peace with one another.)*

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Gathered in God's name, we now open ourselves to God's life-giving Word.*

ANTHEM | CHANCEL CHOIR

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

YOUTH MOMENT

*K-12th are invited to the 302 Room for Youth Sunday School and Children's Worship.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

JUDY ADAMS

Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it into eternal life. **Amen.**

PSALM READING

*Psalms 23*

JUDY ADAMS

GOSPEL READING

*Acts 2:42—47*

REV. RICK UPCHURCH

*John 10:1—10*

SERMON

*"devoted."*

REV. RICK UPCHURCH

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Having heard God's life-giving Word, we are led to responses and expressions of our faith.*

\* HYMN No. 435

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys and Concerns | Pastoral Prayer | The Lord's Prayer

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

*The gifts we share to support the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church of Milford may be placed in the offering plates at the Sanctuary entrance. Gifts may also be given online at [www.fpcmilford.org](http://www.fpcmilford.org) or by using the QR code on the cards in your pew.*

OFFERTORY

*God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

WINCHESTER OLD

## SENDING FORTH WITH THE WORD

*The God who calls us together in worship now sends us out in service.*

\* **CLOSING HYMN** No. 187      *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*      BRADBURY

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE**      *Crown Him with Many Crowns*      DIADEMATA

\* **Congregation rise in body or in spirit | Congregational responses in bold.**

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*The rose on the chancel is in celebration and honor of Ethan Frank Deming born April 22 to the proud parents, John and Jenna Deming, and big brother Elijah, and paternal grandparents, Frank and Dianne Deming!*

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES

**TODAY: 04.26.26**

*Fourth Sunday in Eastertide*

- Worship | 11:00 am
- Youth/Children's SS | 11:15 am
- Choir Rehearsal | 12:00 pm

### **MONDAY:**

- N. A. Meeting | 7:00 pm

### **TUESDAY:**

- Handbells | 6:00 pm
- N. A. Meeting | 7:00 pm

### **WEDNESDAY:**

- **Breakfast at Westside** | 9:00 am  
*ALL ARE WELCOME!*
- MAH "A Seat at the Table" | 5-7:00 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY: 05.03.26**

*Fifth Sunday in Eastertide*

- Adult Sunday School | 9:30 am
- Worship | 11:00 am
- Youth/Children's SS | 11:15 am
- Choir Rehearsal | 12:00 pm

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

Kristin Williams, Colton Hunt,  
Colleen McCann, Nancy Gabel

### FOOD PANTRY:

Please place items in basket at Front Doors.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Head Usher: Ken Naegeli | Liturgist: Judy Adams  
Videographer: Sarah Huntzinger/Mark Huntzinger

### NEXT WEEK:

Dickie Burgess | Dorothy Brown | Sarah H./Mark H

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On our Facebook page, on YouTube, and  
on our website: [www.fpcmilford.org](http://www.fpcmilford.org)

# *First Presbyterian Church*

*Sharing God's Love with All from the Heart of Milford*



**FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE**

*April 26, 2026*