

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Welcome to the public worship of God on this Eighth Sunday after Pentecost!

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

JULY 19, 2026 | 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE

His Name Is Wonderful

Audrey Mieir

CALL TO WORSHIP

GAIL BURGESS

Surely the Lord is in this place, and we did not know it.

We do not know when and where God's glorious presence will show up.

Surely we are the Body of Christ.

We cannot say to one another, "I have no need of you."

Surely our God is a mystery that cannot be contained.

Let us worship our unpredictable and uncontrollable God!

* HYMN No. 386

Come, Worship God

O QUANTA QUALIA

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Before a word is on our tongue, God knows it completely. Before we ask for forgiveness, God is at work to set things right. Let us therefore confess our sin and the sin of the world together:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you have searched us and found us wanting. You have known our inmost thoughts and called us to better things. You have set us in this world to love and serve you by loving and serving one another, to worship you by tending to those most vulnerable among us. When we fail, do not abandon us. When we go astray, call us back home.

Search us O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our thoughts. Root out the wicked ways in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Where can we go from God's spirit, or where can we flee from God's presence? Even if we take the wings of the morning or settle at the farthest limits of the sea, God's hand will find us and hold us fast. Proclaim the good news with me:

Our God does not abandon us to sin or brokenness. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called back home. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

* GLORIA PATRI No. 581

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

* 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC | Vocal Soloist: Kelly Davis

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

YOUTH MOMENT

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GAIL BURGESS

Spirit who claims us and makes us your own, join us as we come to the Scriptures today. Reveal to us the Word within the words, that we might see Jesus and learn his way. **Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 44:1—8

GAIL BURGESS

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:24—30, 36—43

REV. RICK UPCHURCH

SERMON

"Sowing Our Own Weeds"

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. 346

For the Healing of the Nations

ST. THOMAS (Wade)

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 or by using the QR code on the cards found in your pew. Thank You!

OFFERTORY With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring ST. PETERSBURG

SENDING FORTH WITH THE WORD

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

- * CLOSING HYMN No. 403 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty UNSER HERRSCHER
- * CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- * POSTLUDE Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA
- * Congregation rise in body or in spirit | Congregational responses in bold.

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July 28 @ 10:00 am Holiday Stroll mtg. to inventory supplies for greenery baskets.
Ice Cream Social/Game Night Aug. 27th

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES

TODAY: 07.19.26

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

- Worship | 11:00 am
- Youth/Children's SS | 11:15 am
- Fellowship Luncheon 12 noon

MONDAY:

- N. A. Meeting | 7:00 pm

TUESDAY:

- N. A. Meeting | 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY:

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

NEXT SUNDAY: 07.26.26

- Worship | 11:00 am
- Youth/Children's SS | 11:15 am

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Kristin Williams, Colton Hunt,
Colleen McCann, Nancy Gabel

FOOD PANTRY:

Please place items in basket at Front Doors

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Head Usher: Dickie Burgess | Liturgist: Gail Burgess
Audio Visual/Videography: Sarah H./Mark H.

NEXT WEEK:

Ken Naegeli | Dickie Burgess | Mark H./Sarah H.

STAFF:

Ann Whitman | Organist & Music Director
Ruth Mikalonis | Interim Admin/Bookkeeper
Rev. Rick Upchurch | Pastor

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On our Facebook page, on YouTube, and on
our website: www.fpcmilford.org

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER
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