

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Welcome to the public worship of God on this Second Sunday of Easter!

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 12, 2026 | 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE | BELL CHOIR *Theme From the Ninth Symphony* LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

CALL TO WORSHIP

KEN NAEGELI

Great is the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

**The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

\* HYMN No. 245

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

LLANFAIR

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Let us confess our sin before God and one another, trusting in God's gracious promise of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ. Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead never to die again, we pray. Amen.**

\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The scriptures teach: "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

**We confess that Jesus is Lord and we believe and celebrate the good news that God raised him from the dead. (continued)**

Trust in this promise: In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

\* ALLELUIA No. 240

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (refrain only)*

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

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

MOMENT FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

KEN NAEGELI

Almighty God, we know that all Scripture is inspired by you and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to you may be proficient, equipped for every good work. As we hear the good news this Easter season, may we come to believe more and more that Jesus is the Messiah, your Son and that through believing we may have life in his name.

**Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

*Psalms 16*

KEN NAEGELI

NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Acts 2: 14, 22-23*

REV. RICK UPCHURCH

SERMON

*"now what?"*

REV. RICK UPCHURCH

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

HYMNAL NO. 35

\* HYMN No. 231

*Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*

SUO GAN

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

*He Shall Feed His Flock*

GEORGE FREDERIC HANDEL

## SENDING FORTH WITH THE WORD

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

\* **CLOSING HYMN No. 254** *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

## \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \* POSTLUDE

*There In God's Garden*

SHADES MOUNTAIN

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

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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES

**TODAY: 04.12.26**

*Second Sunday of Easter*

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

### MONDAY:

- Deacons Meeting | 5:00 pm
- N. A. Meeting | 7:00 pm

### TUESDAY:

- Handbell Choir | 6:00 pm
- Session Meeting | 7:00 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: 04.19.26**

*Second Sunday after Easter*

- Adult Sunday School | 9:30 am
- Worship | 11:00 am
- Youth/Children's SS | 11:15 am
- Luncheon | 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: Dickie Burgess | Liturgist: Ken Naegeli  
Videographer: Sarah Huntzinger/Mark Huntzinger

### STAFF:

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

### NEXT WEEK:

Ken Naegeli | David Touart | Sarah H./Mark H.

### ***First Presbyterian Church of Milford***

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### WORSHIP SERVICES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE:

On our Facebook page, on YouTube, and on our website.

### CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2026 - 2027:

Contact Pastor Rick for application packet. Due May 1.

# *First Presbyterian Church*

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



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*April 12, 2026*