

| WORSHIP OF GOD <i>Milford Hills United Methodist Church</i> January 18, 2026 10:00am Second Sunday after Epiphany | | |
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| Listening Assistance Devices are available at the Sound Booth or from one of the Ushers. Nursery is available during the service for children under 4 years. †All who are able may stand | | |
| CHIMING OF THE HOUR | | |
| PRELUDE | <i>“Look at the World”</i> | by John Rutter |
| LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES | | |
| WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER | | |
| PASSING OF THE PEACE | | |
| †HYMN OF PRAISE | <i>“For the Beauty of the Earth”</i> | UMH #92 (v. 1-2, 4, 6) |
| SCRIPTURE | Matthew 13:1-9 | |
| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | | |
| CHILDREN'S MOMENT | | |
| PRAISING GOD THROUGH TITHES & OFFERINGS | | |
| ANTHEM | <i>“Hymn of Promise”</i> | by Natalie Sleeth |
| †OFFERTORY RESPONSE | | |
| †SCRIPTURE | Matthew 3:18-23 | |
| SERMON | <u>Stewardship as Hospitality</u> | Rev. Jim Parsons |
| †APOSTLES' CREED | | |
| †HYMN | <i>“I Surrender All”</i> | UMH #354 (v. 1-4) |
| †BENEDICTION | | |
| BENEDICTION RESPONSE | <i>“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”</i> | UMH #673 |
| †POSTLUDE | <i>“Majestic Voluntary in C”</i> | by Michael Canales |

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| <i>“Hymn of Promise”</i> by Natalie Sleeth |
| In the bulb, there is a flower In the seed, an apple tree In cocoons, a hidden promise Butterflies will soon be free In the cold and snow of winter There's a spring that waits to be Unrevealed until its season Something God alone can see |
| There's a song in every silence Seeking word and melody There's a dawn in every darkness Bringing hope to you and me From the past will come the future What it holds, a mystery Unrevealed until its season Something God alone can see |
| In our end is our beginning In our time, infinity In our doubt, there is believing In our life, eternity In our death, a resurrection At the last, a victory Unrevealed until its season Something God alone can see |

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| SERVING THIS WEEK (1/18) |
| <u>Lay Reader</u> Paul Hoben |
| <u>Children’s Moment</u> Vera Smith |
| <u>Trustee</u> Trudy Walker |
| <u>AVL</u> Chris Preslar, Grayson Gusa, Jonathan Brentnell |

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| SERVING NEXT WEEK (1/25) | |
| <u>Lay Reader (9am)</u> volunteer needed | <u>Lay Reader (11am)</u> Laura Preslar |
| <u>Children’s Moment</u> Betty Jo Hardy | <u>Children’s Moment</u> Betty Jo Hardy |
| <u>Trustee</u> Trudy Walker | <u>Trustee</u> Trudy Walker |
| <u>AVL (9am)</u> Rob Beecham, Chris Preslar, Grayson Gusa | <u>AVL (11am)</u> Rob Beecham, Chris Preslar, Lucas Knight |

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| SERVING IN JANUARY |
| CrossTalk Sunday School Class will help with communion, greeting, and ushering. |
| <u>Acolytes</u> Campbell Parsons Kate Preslar |

Want to volunteer to be a Lay Reader or do a Children’s Moment? Scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin and click “Volunteer Sign Up”.

Want to stay in the loop? Text **IN PERSON** to 833-264-3866 to let us know you’re here today!

THIS WEEK AT MILFORD HILLS

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| Sunday, January 18 | Wednesday, January 21 |
| 9:00am.....Adult Sunday School | 7:00am.....Prayer Breakfast (Hendrix BBQ) |
| 9:50am.....Fellowship Time | 6:15pm.....Handbells |
| 10:00am.....Worship | 7:00pm.....Choir |
| 11:00am.....Adult/Youth/Children SS | |
| 5:00pm.....Youth | |
| Monday, January 19 | Thursday, January 22 |
| Office Closed | 10:00am.....CheerGivers |
| 10:00am.....Morning Book Study | |
| Tuesday, January 20 | Sunday, January 25 |
| 10:00am.....Knit & Nibble | 9:00am.....Traditional Worship |
| 5:00pm.....Church Women United | 9:50am.....Fellowship Time |
| 7:00pm.....Finance | 10:00am.....Sunday School for All |
| | 10:50am.....Fellowship Time |
| | 11:00am.....Modern Worship |
| | 6:00pm.....Building Team Meeting |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The rose on the altar is in honor of Campbell Lee Browning born December 31, 2025 to Clay, Brianna, and big brother Brady Browning. Butch and Beth Browning are thrilled to welcome a granddaughter to the family.

- **BBQ** | Want to volunteer to help with the BBQ? There are many opportunities to do so for the entire BBQ week! Just scan the QR code below and click “BBQ Volunteer Sign Ups” to see all the different options. Want more info about each job? See our Weekly eNews or Jan/Feb newsletter, which has a breakdown of exactly what happens during BBQ week and how volunteers will be utilized.
- **Worship Volunteers** | If you’d like to be a lay reader or do a children’s moment, please scan the QR code below and select “January/February/March Volunteer Sign Ups,” depending on which month you’re interested in. For the next few months, we are going to try letting the Sunday School classes rotate between being ushers, greeters, and helping with communion.
- **Office Closed** | The office will be closed on Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- **Journey Groups** | Groups will officially start back up the first week in February (Monday, 2/2/26) and follow the same schedule as they did last year: Mondays at 7pm, Tuesdays at 8:30am, and Thursdays at 2pm.



Give + Sign Ups + More!



JANUARY 18, 2026

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Pastor: Rev. Jim Parsons
Music Director & Organist: Dustin Shelton
Director of Youth, Young Adult, & Children’s Ministries: Vera Smith
Administrative Assistant: Blake Kehr

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