

WORSHIP OF GOD
Milford Hills United Methodist Church

January 18, 2026 | 10:00am
Second Sunday after Epiphany

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 *"Look at the World"* by John Rutter

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

PASSING OF THE PEACE

†HYMN OF PRAISE *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* 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 *"Hymn of Promise"* by Natalie Sleeth

†OFFERTORY RESPONSE

†SCRIPTURE Matthew 3:18-23

SERMON Stewardship as Hospitality

Rev. Jim Parsons

†APOSTLES' CREED

†HYMN *"I Surrender All"*

UMH #354 (v. 1-4)

†BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"*

UMH #673

†POSTLUDE *"Majestic Voluntary in C"*

by Michael Canales

"Hymn of Promise"

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

SERVING THIS WEEK (1/18)

Lay Reader

Paul Hoben

Children's Moment

Vera Smith

Trustee

Trudy Walker

AVL

Chris Preslar, Grayson Gusa,
Jonathan Brentnell

SERVING NEXT WEEK (1/25)

Lay Reader (9am)

volunteer needed

Lay Reader (11am)

Laura Preslar

Children's Moment

Betty Jo Hardy

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Rob Beecham, Chris
Preslar, Grayson Gusa

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Preslar, Lucas Knight

SERVING IN JANUARY

CrossTalk Sunday School Class will help with
communion, greeting, and ushering.

Acolytes

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

Sunday, January 18

9:00am.....Adult Sunday School
9:50am.....Fellowship Time
10:00am.....Worship
11:00am.....Adult/Youth/Children SS
5:00pm.....Youth

Monday, January 19

Office Closed

10:00am.....Morning Book Study

Tuesday, January 20

10:00am.....Knit & Nibble
5:00pm.....Church Women United
7:00pm.....Finance

Wednesday, January 21

7:00am.....Prayer Breakfast (Hendrix BBQ)
6:15pm.....Handbells
7:00pm.....Choir

Thursday, January 22

10:00am.....CheerGivers

Sunday, January 25

9:00am.....Traditional Worship
9:50am.....Fellowship Time
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!



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LOVE, SERVE, AND LIVE AS CHRIST.



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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