



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 23rd, 2025 | Christ the King Sunday

10:00 AM

Theme: Choosing Faith

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE "Thanks Be to Thee" G.F.Handel

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bless God, all people of faith and hope.

God has looked on us with great favor.

God is our refuge and strength in times of trouble.

God gives light to those who live in shadow.

Praise God for signs and wonders all around us.

Praise God for peace and reconciliation.

***OPENING HYMN** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" UMH 158

* CONGREGATION STANDS AS COMFORTABLE CONGREGATION RESPONSE IN **BOLD Italic**

Key to abbreviations: OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS: The Faith We Sing ++ Indicates Someone's Favorite Hymn

PRAYER OF CENTERING

All-knowing God, come once again and gather up your children: the oppressed, the sick, the lonely, the humble, and the rejected of the earth. Turn our hearts to the least, for if we lose them, we ourselves become lost. Reconcile us to you and to those we have hurt. On this Christ the King Sunday join us together with neighbors and strangers, and bring us to your light in our time of darkness, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 1:11-20 NT p. 200

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** A Modern Affirmation UMH 885

SERMON "Transcendent Faith"

ANTHEM "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" Lloyd Larson

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OFFERING & OFFERTORY "We Gather Together" Arr. Edward Kremser

***DOXOLOGY** "Give Thanks" TFWS 2036++

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Eternal God, for the saving faithfulness of Jesus Christ, we give you thanks. For the church that seeks to extend Christ's ministry into the world, we give you thanks. For all good gifts which we receive in abundance from your generous hand, we give you thanks. We dedicate ourselves with our offerings, in humble gratitude, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "For the Beauty of the Earth" (verses 1,2,& 6) UMH 92

***BENEDICTION**

For all that has been...*Thanks!*

For all that will be...*Yes!*

***SENDING FORTH**

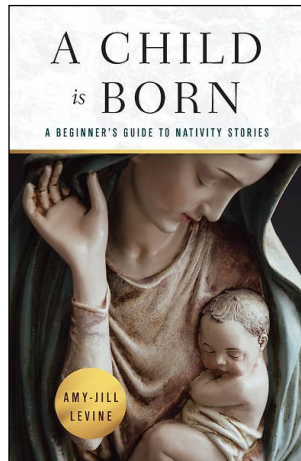
***POSTLUDE** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" harm. William Sterndale Bennet

GREETERS | Joan Arlequeeuw **LITURGIST** | Gregg Rhodes

NURSERY | Linnea Geno **FELLOWSHIP** | Nominations Committee

NEXT SUNDAY—
Noisy Offering will
go to Shared Ministry

Why a Noisy Offering? The practice is considered a "joyful noise" to the Lord, echoing the sentiment of Psalm 66:1. The noise is a visual and auditory representation of giving with generous and joyful hearts.



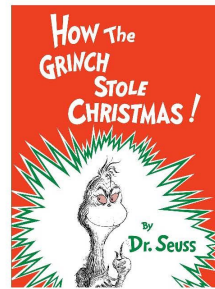
Advent Video Study and Soup Supper
Mondays at 6:00pm

*Longest Night Taize
Service & Vigil*

followed by Soup Fellowship

Sunday, December 21st 5PM

Join us for a special service of shadow & light on the longest night of the year, afterwards we will come together in a candlelight vigil to support those who may be unhoused or at risk to be. We will have soup, sandwiches, and fellowship. Donations for the Tri-State Warming Station Welcome. Most Needed women's underwear, as well as socks and gloves. All are welcome.



Join us on **Saturday, December 6th** at 2:30 pm in the Sanctuary for a dramatized reading of Dr. Seuss' *"How The Grinch Stole Christmas!"*

Presented with musical accompaniment by members of our Adult Choir and Bell Choir.

This family friendly event is open to the entire community! *Spend the day in Milford enjoying festive activities, culminating in the Tree Lighting at the Visitors Center.*

**Sing Along with
Santa &
Community Dinner**

*** Saturday, December 13th**

4:00 PM - Sing Along with Santa

5:00 PM - Lasagna Dinner

FREE EVENT - All Are Welcome!

Come celebrate the joy of the season with community, music, and delicious food. Bring your holiday spirit and singing voice - Santa will be there to join in!

Milford United Methodist Church
206 E. Ann St., Milford, PA



IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE (NURSERY LOCATED AT END OF HALL IN EDUCATION WING)

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS 10:15 IN EDUCATION WING

(CHILDREN WILL BE ESCORTED TO CLASS AFTER CHILDREN'S MESSAGE)

- **CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Sunday at 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary
- **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Sunday at 11:30 AM in Sanctuary
- **CRAFTY LADIES:** Thursdays 9:30 AM

MEETING SCHEDULE and MEETING ZOOM LINK: bit.ly/MUMCZoom

- Today, November 23rd 4:00PM— Community Thanksgiving Service (Milford Borough Building)
- Monday, November 24th 6:00PM—Advent Study and Soup Supper
- Sunday, November 30th—NOISY OFFERING (Bring your change to make a change in the world!)
- Monday, December 1st 6:00PM—Advent Study and Soup Supper
- Friday, December 5th—Ecumenical Food Pantry @Good Shepherd
- Saturday, December 6th 2:30PM—"How The Grinch Stole Christmas"
- Monday, December 8th 6:00PM—Advent Study and Soup Supper
- Wednesday, December 10th— 6PM—Combined Finance & Church Council Mtg.
- Friday, December 12th—Pizza and Game Night (RSVP to church office by 12.11)
- Saturday, December 13th 4:00PM—SingAlong with Santa

5:00PM Community Dinner (Lasagna)

PRAYER LIST: Marshall Cooper, Mark Geleyn, Carolyn Grossmann, Linda Ryder, Derrick White, Breanna Lubrano, Marie Fornoff, Scott Seltzer, Barbara Cooper, Beth Klopfleisch, David Scheer, Mike St. Jean, Joanne Green, Sue Rhodes, Jacob Hernandez, Rebecca Suarez, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, Dianne Siconolfi, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, The Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Richard Holt, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Armando Avila, Agnes Halsey, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Jim Lordi

WE WELCOME ALL! Visiting with us today? Please fill out a Visitor Card found in our pews and place in collection plate. Thank you.



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