

**Jesus is the Question:
Important Questions for our Life of Faith and our
Pastoral Search**



John McMillan Presbyterian Church
10:00 a.m. Worship
To Know, to Glorify, and to Serve God
March 9, 2025



Welcome to John McMillan Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 9, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

We're glad you are here today. We are a community of people who are disciples of Jesus Christ, and it is our mission to provide a way for this community and the communities around us to know, glorify and serve God. It is our hope that our worship and fellowship today will allow us all to feel God's presence.

If you have any questions about the church, or if there is any way we can help you or pray for you, please let us know.

The Service of the Lord's Day

The Prelude

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Arr. by Jack Schrader

We Gather for Worship

The Welcome & Announcements

Joe Smith

*The Passing of the Peace

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

*The Introit

*The Call to Worship

Remember the story of our faith.

We are the people God has delivered.

Rejoice in the hope of our faith.

God goes with us, step by step, on our Lenten journey.

Cling to the promises of our faith.

God will not abandon us. Let us worship God.

The Hymn for Adoration #627

I Love You, Lord

We Are Called to Pray

The Call to Confession *(please be seated)*

The Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, as Lent unfolds before us, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are many, and our burdens are heavy. We can't imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with poor choices and failed efforts. Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sin. Bring us to Jerusalem at last, where we will see a love that is stronger than death, a love that no tomb can hold. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The Time for Silent Confession *(A time of silence for personal confession)*

The Assurance of Pardon

Walking this earth, facing temptation, defeating sin. Jesus has done for us what we could never do for ourselves. This is the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

***The Gloria Patri #581** *(Please stand.)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

The Anthem

I Will Serve the Lord All My Days

Arr. By Don Besig
Flutist, Marielle Brown
Chancel Choir

Each day I live, I will walk with the Lord. I will follow Him wherever He may lead. He will take my hand, He will understand; His grace is all that I need. Each day I live, I will talk with the Lord. I will come to Him in worship and in prayer. He will hear my plea, He will comfort me; His love will always be there. Alleluia, alleluia! My heart sings with glory and with praise. Alleluia, alleluia! I will serve the Lord all my days. Each day I live, I will sing to the Lord. I will lift my voice to glorify His name. Singing clear and strong, I will raise my song. His wondrous love, I'll proclaim! I will serve my Savior and my Lord all my days!

We Hear the Word

The Word for Today

John 1:35-42

Rev. Emily Miller

The Application of the Word

“Longing - What are you looking for?”

*The Hymn of Reflection #726

Will you Come and Follow Me

We Respond in Faith

Call for the Offering

The Collection of the Offering

The Offertory

If with All your Hearts from “Elijah”

Mendelson/Johnson
Flutist, Marielle Brown

*The Doxology #609

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***The Prayer of Dedication**

***Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen

We are Sent in God's Name

***The Hymn of Discipleship #739**

O For a Closer Walk with God

***The Charge and Benediction**

***The Postlude**

Allegretto

Beethoven/Blake

**Please stand if you are able.*

Upcoming Events & Information

Flowers

The flowers today are given by Douglas Till, with love, for Walter Till.

Holy Cow! Thank you for your participation in our Church Assessment Tool Survey. YOUR input will pave the way for our PNC to begin its work towards finding our next head pastor. JMPC...you are AWESOME!

Celebration Ringers Fundraiser

The Celebration Ringers are raising money to purchase another octave of chimes to complete the set we have. We currently have three octaves of bells but only two octaves of chimes so all the bell ringers don't have chimes to ring. Many of the songs we play require three octaves and when we reach the notes we do not have we have to switch from chimes to bells. This sounds awkward when we are in the midst of a sweeping melody.

We need your help to reach our goal. You can donate a quarter note for \$25, a half note for \$50 or a whole note for \$100.

Our progress will be recorded on the musical staff which is on the wall above the coat rack in the narthex. We need to complete 16 bars of music to reach our goal of \$1600. I hope we can count on you to make our ringers happy. Just be sure specify BELLS on your check or online giving.

Blessing Bags

Join us on Sunday, March 16, after church to assemble Blessing Bags for our neighbors in the Pittsburgh metro area who may need a moment of kindness. An email went out this week with details on how to prepare for this event. Please sign up with what you can donate. There is a bin in the Narthex to collect items. For questions see Lynn Willison, Cheryl Davies or Michelle Chenevert.

Kids Club & Youth Group

If you are in the 3rd to 6th grade, you are invited to join us at Kids Club from 5-7pm on Wednesdays. Bring \$3 and join us for supper, arts/crafts, games, music and more! Contact person: Linda Pelan at linpel@verizon.net or 412-527-9755. Youth Group (grades 7-12) also meets on Wednesdays.

Greeters

We are looking for friendly faces to welcome all who come through our doors on Sunday mornings. Please scan your calendar and pick a Sunday that works best for you. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. As the Greeters are the “first impression” of the John McMillan congregation, it is our hope that we make all visitors and members feel welcome with a warm handshake, a smile, and the message that we are glad they are here. If you have any questions, contact Suzie Burland.



Sarris Easter Candy Sale



Easter candy orders will be taken Feb. 12-March 16, 2025

Order forms will also be available on Sundays on the table in the narthex.

This fundraiser is very important to our preschool. The preschool profits 35% of every order by the attached form.

We highly encourage you to order by the form. Orders will be sent to the church.

Online orders generate 25% for every online order. We are excited to offer this so that our fundraiser can be shared with family and friends that may be out of state. Online orders will be sent directly to recipient. Online code is 10-1292

Sarris candy will again be available at the same prices as in stores.

Please consider ordering your Sarris Easter candy at JMPC, as all proceeds will benefit our Preschool.

Candy will be **delivered on Thursday April 10, 2025**

Thank you!



875 Clifton Road
Bethel Park, PA 15102

It is time for Preschool Registration at John McMillan.
We are excited to offer the following Preschool classes for the 2025-2026 school year:

Pre-Kindergarten AM or PM: For children age 4½ as of September 30, 2025, this class meets Monday-Thursday and fosters the development of specific skills that are essential for success in kindergarten. Each day will include free play and gross motor time.

4-Year Olds AM or PM: For children age 4 as of September 30, 2025, this class meets three days per week and lessons are designed to prepare children for kindergarten. Each day includes free play and gross motor time.

3-Year Olds AM or PM: For children age 3 as of September 30, 2025, 2-day (Tuesday & Thursday) or 3-day (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday) classes are offered. Children must be toilet trained. The focus of our 3's curriculum is socialization and learning through play.

Young 3 Year Olds AM: For children turning age 3 June- Sept. 30, 2025, 2-day (Tuesday & Thursday) classes are offered. Children must be toilet trained. The focus of our 3's curriculum is socialization and learning through play.

Registration is now open for all.

Please contact Kim Doughty for a form or to learn more about our program.

412-833-4704 or preschool@johnmcmillanpc.org.

This Week at JMPC

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

10:00 am Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
3:00 pm Passion Twirl & Poms
7:00 pm Reflections Group

MONDAY, MARCH 10

1:00 pm Pickleball
7:30 pm Community Band South

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

9:00 am Ladies Pickleball
3:00 pm Passion Twirl & Poms
8:00 pm Pickleball (Knopp)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

10:00 am Staff Meeting
4:00 pm South Hills Flute Studio
5:00 pm Kids Club & Youth Group

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

10:00 am Girl Scouts - Osleger
1:00 pm Pickelball
4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio
4:45 pm The Yee Twirlers
6:00 pm Celebration Ringers
7:00 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm Line Dance (Brownlee)

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio
6:00 pm Private - Deanna Kovell

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 am Passion Twirl & Poms
11:00 am Private Event (Mon Valley)

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

10:00 am Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Blessing Bag Workshop
3:00 pm Passion Twirl & Poms
7:00 pm Reflections Group

This Week's Birthdays

3/11 Joseph Kwak
Douglas Froelich
3/12 Colton Cartwright
3/14 Justin Gaudelli
Betty Dillon
Barbara Friday
3/15 Noah Shinton
Suzanne Ellis



If we've missed your birthday, please contact the church office as we may not have it on file. Thank you!

JMPC Prayer Concerns
(As of Thursday, March 6, 2025)

(Please contact the Church Office with any Joys & Concerns)

Prayer Requests

Prayers for a family friend of the Bair's, Rick Focht, who is scheduled for surgery April 1st for oral cancer. (Good news: lymph nodes are clear!) Please pray for Nicole Rice, a close family friend of the Bair family, who suffered a setback in recovery from brain aneurisms and was moved back to the hospital.

Previous Prayers Requested

Prayers for the Kovell family upon the death of Jerry.
Prayers for Linda Arnold's friend, Colleen's brother, Ed, who has suffered a heart attack and stroke recently.
Please pray for Debbie Yankowski's friend, Donna. She is in desperate need of a kidney transplant. *Specific contact information is available upon request for anyone interested in being a donor.*
Ricky Cohen, Betty Dillon's cousin's husband, who has been on the prayer concern list, passed away from lung cancer.
Prayers for Betty Dillion's best friend, Cindy, who is being treated for blood clots, one of which was in her lung and symptoms mimicked a heart attack.
Prayers for Randy and Elisabeth Jeffries upon the passing of Randy's mother, Leona Jeffries.
Prayers for Mary and Chuck Cullison on the death of Mary's mother, Giacinta Cipollone, on February 2.
Prayers for Grace Bogdon, she underwent surgery to have kidney stones removed.
Carol Church, a college friend of Toni Sulkowski, who is battling advanced stages of cancer; prayers for comfort and strength
Lynn Willison's friend Gary Marshal, who has been diagnosed with melanoma.
Ciretta Mickey's coworker's niece Denise, who has been diagnosed with Mucosal Carcinoma and is undergoing Immunotherapy.

Welcome Visitors

We are grateful to have you join us in worship this morning and ask you to please register your name in the Friendship Pads.

Our Nursery is available during worship for children up to 3 years old in room 7. Sunday School is available during worship in room 16/18 for children 3 years old to 3rd grade, September through May.

On Wednesday Nights, we gather for Kids Klub (ages 9-12, 3rd- 6th grade) and Youth Group (ages 12-18, 8th-12th). We learn about God, have dinner, and join in fellowship. Bring \$3 for dinner and friends are always welcome!

To learn more about our programs, church activities & missions, we invite you to also:

Pick up a copy of our newsletter, *The Interface*, in the Narthex (Lobby).

Contact the church office 412-833-4704 or jmpc@johnmcmillanpc.org

Visit our website: www.johnmcmillanpc.org

Visit us on Facebook or our YouTube channel.

This week, please pray for:

Felicia, David, Vivian and Everett Woessner
Alexandra, Nathaniel and Maeven Rayne Wolfe
Jeff, Jen, Addison, Ellianna and Ryder Wolstoncroft
Judy Woods
Debbie, Jack and Tom Yankowski

JMPC STAFF

Ministers: All People of JMPC
Music Director: Carolyn Brow
Office Manager: Catherine Sams
Tech/AV: Jackie Druga

Pastor: Rev. Emily Miller
Organist: Elisabeth Jeffries
Preschool Director: Kim Doughty

JMPC SESSION - Clerk: Cindy Fast

Spiritual Development: Suzie Burland, Kathleen Mazzola, Joe Smith
Outreach: Michelle Chenevert, Cheryl Davies, Lynn Willison
Resources: Bryan Durkin, Sam Page, Chris Todd

JMPC DEACONS

Class of 2025: Jeanie Bonnewell, Toni Sulkowski, Laura Waterstram
Class of 2026: Joann Bair, Bob Burland, Judy Willison
Class of 2027: Scott Nowak, Zach Smith, Paul Zandhuis

Our partners in ministry

The staff of Pittsburgh Presbytery; Congregations in the South Branch of Pittsburgh Presbytery; First Presbyterian Church of Duquesne and Pastor Judi Slater; The Chigumula Church in Malawi Africa; South Hills Interfaith Movement; World Vision; Hebron USA, Chiapas Partners

In the Event of an Emergency

March Deacon of the Month: Jeanie Bonnewell
She can be reached at (412) 216-8066
Pastor Emily Miller (412) 519-4274
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You can also call the church at 412-833-4704.

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