

# John McMillan Presbyterian Church

10:00 a.m. Worship
To Know, to Glorify, and to Serve God
August 17, 2025



## Welcome to John McMillan Presbyterian Church Sunday, August 17, 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

**Prelude** Kum Bah Yah Roger Wilson

## We Gather for Worship

#### Welcome & Announcements

Pam Dobos

## \*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.

#### \*Introit

## \*Call to Worship

We gather as God's own people,

Sitting beside believers and even among apostles,

Drawn together as disciples and as doubters,

Together we are the saints of God!

We look only to Jesus who is the perfector of our faith.

Let us worship God today.

## Hymn of Adoration #365

God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice

## We Are Called to Pray

## Call to Confession (Please be seated.)

## **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, with a gardener's tender touch, you planted us to bear good fruit, but often we become sour grapes instead.

With a welder's fire, you fashioned us to glorify you, but we are full of impure thoughts instead.

In your generous mercy, O God, tend the vine you planted: water us, save us, and restore us.

Give us life that with our whole being we may worship you. In Jesus' name, Amen

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

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Jesus endured the cross for the sake of the joy that was set before him.

That joy is our salvation.

Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

#### \*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.

#### Time With the Children

## 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.

#### **Anthem**

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. by Anna Laura Page Celebration Ringers

#### We Hear the Word

## **Indianapolis Youth Mission Trip Reflections**

Word for Today Matthew 14: 13-16

## Application of the Word

**Dust...Following Jesus Closely** 

## **Participants:**

Gigi DiMarco Alex Scott
Zachary Zunic Bryan Lucia
Jacob Danish Ben Price
Julia Danish Megan Sherry
Violet Betters Caitlin Smith
Ella Willison Steve Lucia
Owen Johnson

Lord I Want to be a Christian

#### Ordination and Installation of Officers

Officers being Ordained: Officers being Installed:

Caitlin Smith (elder)

Susan Baux (deacon)

Mary Jo White (deacon)

Chris Todd (elder)

Susie Burland (elder)

Sandy Nowak (deacon)

Elizabeth Todd (youth Deacon)

<sup>\*</sup>Hymn of Reflection #729

## We Respond in Faith

## Call for the Offering

## Collection of the Offering

**Offertory** In Christ Alone arr. by Lloyd Lardon Celebration Ringers

#### \*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!

## \*Prayer of Dedication

#### We Are Sent in God's Name

\*Hymn of Discipleship #295

Go to the World!

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude Legions For Christ Roger Wilson

Please stand if you are able.

## **Upcoming Events & Information**

#### **Flowers**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Linda and Jim Hinerman in honor of their 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

## SHIM Garden Update

On Monday evening the SHIM gardeners harvested 95 pounds of produce including 61 pounds of tomatoes, 30 pounds of green beans and 10 pounds of kale. Praise God for our bountiful harvest and thanks to our faithful gardeners for all of their hard work in the 90 degree heat.

## Calling all BAGettes!

The time is upon us to start thinking about The Christmas Affair. We are decorating 500 bags this year, so I need some BOW MAKERS to make 500 simple ribbon bows to decorate the bags - ribbon and pipe cleaners are ready and waiting. I would like to have these done by September when we'll join again in some fun bag decorating workshops. If you can help out, contact Cheryl Davies.

#### New Addition to the Narthex

We are receiving some beautiful furniture from the Steptoe & Johnson law firm at the end of August. We still need a few helping hands on Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> as we load and unload the U-Haul with furniture. Please let us know in the office if you are available to help.

#### Fall Kick-off!

Come join us on September 7th for a morning of fellowship, education, and worship! We will be starting the day with a pancake breakfast, serving from 8:30am-9:30am. Adult education class will resume in the Library from 9-9:45am. Children's church will resume following the children's sermon and worship with their families. Communion will be served and the choir will be back. We look forward to seeing you!

#### **Adult Christian Education**

As a new program year is coming up fast, we are pleased to announce that we have heard your call for adult education and are responding. The following class will start September  $7^{th}$ :

"Living the Word", an informal discussion group in the library Sunday mornings from 9-9:45AM and facilitated by Toni Shute, Toni Sulkowski, and Dan Zearley. The session will be 8 weeks long and the conversation will be based on Pastor Emily's message from the prior week. Please join us for lively conversation, education, and fellowship.

## This Week at JMPC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17	
10:00 am	Worship
11:00 am	PNC Meeting
3:00 pm	Passion Twirl & Poms
7:00 pm	Reflections Group

MONDAY,	AUGUST 18
1:00 pm	Pickleball

6:00 pm Yee Twirlers

AUGUST 19
Women's Breakfast
Ladies Pickleball
Passion Twirl & Poms
Session Meeting
Private Pickleball - Knopp

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20		
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	
4:30 pm	South Hills Flute Studio	

THURSDAY,	AUGUST 21
1:00 pm	Pickleball
4:30 pm	South Hills Flute Studio
4:45 pm	Yee Twirlers
7:00 pm	Line Dancing - Krissie Brown

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22			
4:30 pm	South Hills	Flute	Studio

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23		
8:00 am	South Hills Flute Lessons	
8:00 am	Passion Twirl & Poms	
11:30 am	Yee Twirlers	
1:00 pm	Mon Valley Staff Mtg	

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24		
10:00 am	Worship	
11:00 am	PNC Meeting	
3:00 pm	Passion Twirl & Poms	
7:00 pm	Reflections Group	

# This Week's Birthdays



8/17 Paul Chenevert
8/18 Rachelle Edwards
8/20 Rhiannon Bair
Jennifer Zunic
8/21 James Braden
Gary Cartwright

8/22 Halle Harbison
Julie McGuire
Ella May Given
Mary Robbins
8/23 Mary Beth Deckard
Alexander Volow

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, August 14, 2025)

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

## **Prayer Requests**

- Prayers for Karen, Kathleen Mazzola's sister who was taken to the hospital for heart issues.
- Prayers for Linda Hinerman recovering at home after stay at hospital. She is appreciative of all the thoughts, prayers and get well cards.
- Prayers for the family of David Fassinger, the son of Valene Scalise's friend, who passed away after hernia surgery at age 51.
- Prayers for Sarah Douglas and her children Lindsay and Jim on the death of Sarah's ex-husband, Ron Douglas.
- Prayers for Corrine, the daughter in-law of Nancy Page's neighbor. She was just diagnosed with invasive breast cancer. They have two little boys 2 and 4.

## **Previous Prayers Requested**

Prayers for Cody the grandson of Martha and Don Sauter and the husband of Kristine Sauter, who was in an auto fire.

## **Pastor Nominating Committee**

Please keep the PNC and the church in your prayers as we discern God's call for the next Pastor of JMPC.

<u>PNC Members</u>: Grace Bogdon, Mary Cullison, Jim Ellis, Betsy Gilbert, Doug Mickey, Megan Sherry, Joe Smith, Laura Waterstram, Ella Willison

## This week, please pray for:

John & Kathleen Mazzola Jim & Linda McCalmont Julie & Michael McGuire Phyllis Mellor Sandie & Ed Mialki

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, September through May.

On Wednesday Nights 5pm - 7pm (September through May), we gather for Kids Klub (ages 9-12, 3rd- 6th grade) and Youth Group (ages 12-18, 7th-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 <a href="mailto:jmpc@johnmcmillanpc.org">jmpc@johnmcmillanpc.org</a>
Visit our website: <a href="mailto:www.johnmcmillanpc.org">www.johnmcmillanpc.org</a>
Visit us on Facebook or our YouTube channel.

#### JMPC STAFF

Ministers: All People of JMPC

Music Director: Carolyn Brow

Organist: Elisabeth Jeffries

Pastor: Rev. Emily Miller

Office Manager: Alicia Kesneck

Tech/AV: Jackie Druga

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

August Deacon of the Month: Judy Willison

She can be reached at 412-835-0718 or willisonj0303@gmail.com

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