

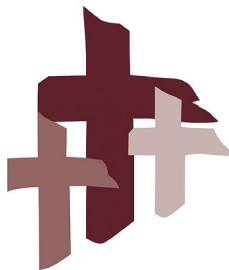


John McMillan Presbyterian Church

10:00 a.m. Worship

To Know, to Glorify, and to Serve God

September 7, 2025



Welcome to John McMillan Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 7, 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

Here The Bread and Wine is Offered

Hugh Livingston Jr.

We Gather for Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Doug Mickey

*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 (adapted from Psalm 8)

O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

When we consider all that you have made, we are in awe.

We worship your creative powers today.

Let us worship God.

Hymn of Gathering #393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

We Are Called to Pray

Call to Confession *(Please be seated.)*

Prayer of Confession

O lord, you have created this world and everything in it; all creatures reflect your creative touch. You called all that you made “good” and blessed us with immense resources for life. Yet often we disregard your gifts and take action to harm them and dismiss them. We act with selfishness toward all you have accomplished. We neglect our role as caretaker. Help us to reclaim our place as those who bear your image and to creatively restore the world. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

As God brings nature back to life every spring, so Christ brings us back to life from our sin. New life in Christ is possible because of what he has done for us on the cross. This is the good news of the Gospel.

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

***Anthem**

How Great Thou Art

Kline/Courtney

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: How great Thou art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my savior God, to Thee: How great Thou art! How great Thou art! And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. Then sings my soul...When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul...

We Hear the Word

Word for Today

Genesis 2:4-9, 15-24

Application of the Word

What is God Really Like?

Major Themes in Genesis: God is...Creative

***Hymn of Reflection #20**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

We Respond in Faith

Call for the Offering

Collection of the Offering

Offertory

***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 Share the Table of the Lord

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup

*We take the elements together as a reminder that we are all a part
of the body of Christ.*

Gluten-free wafers are available. They are in the wrapper on each tray.

Closing Prayer

We Are Sent in God's Name

***Hymn of Discipleship #714**

God of the Fertile Fields

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** *Praise! Praise! From the Oratorio "Solomon"*

George F Handel

** Please stand if you are able.*

Upcoming Events & Information

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Bob & Susie Burland in honor of their 49th anniversary.

SHIM Garden Update

Our gardeners harvested another 71 pounds of produce last week bringing our total harvests for the year to 600 pounds. That is a value of roughly \$2400 and we're not finished yet. We have beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, squash, kale and more still growing. Join us on Monday evenings at 6:00 as we continue to harvest.

Be a part of our PARTNERSHIP!

Kids Club at First Duquesne Presbyterian Church will help on October 20th, 27th, November 3rd, and 10th from 5-7:00 pm. Help is needed for meals for each night, game leaders, and game and craft helpers. This is an excellent way to jump into outreach here at JMPC. Teen and adult leaders are needed. Most of the young adults who are part of the congregation at Duquesne have come through this program. A Kids Carnival will also be on Sunday, September 21st, from 3:30 to 6:00 pm. The refugee children will be invited, so we will need LOTS of crowd control and game leadership. This is a crazy, fun event. Teens and adults are needed to help out. Please contact Cheryl Davies, Lynn Willison, or Caitlin Smith if you would like to be part of this mission opportunity.

Table Talk (formerly Brown Bag Bible Study)

Our mid-week adult Bible study is back by popular demand! Introducing "Table Talk" (formerly known as Brown Bag Bible Study). This class will return this Wednesday, September 10th at noon in our fellowship hall and will be led by Pastor Emily. We will meet every other Wednesday. The subject of our talk will be an interesting book by Eugenia Anne Gamble called ***Words of Love: A Healing Journey with the Ten Commandments*** (Westminster John Knox Press, 2022).

New Members

A new member class will take place after worship next Sunday, September 14th. We encourage you to please pray about joining us as a member and taking the next step on your faith journey. New members will be welcomed in worship on September 21st.

Adult Christian Education

“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.

Needed: Teachers and Helpers for Sunday School!

The church year has officially started and that means a return to Sunday School for our youth. We are in great need of teachers and helpers to make this ministry happen. We are switching to two classes this year instead of one, and each class needs to have two adults present so we need more volunteers to step up. All materials are supplied and you don't need a seminary education to lead! You might even simply serve as a second set of adult eyes and hands in the room. The goal is to recruit enough people so you would only need to teach three times between now and the end of December. As we search for a new senior Pastor, candidates will be looking for a vibrant Christian education program. Passing the faith to the next generation is one of the most important missions we have and WE NEED YOU! To volunteer, please contact Joe Smith at apbiojo@yahoo.com or by phone or text at 412-608-6276 or contact the church office and leave a message.

Choir

Do you love to sing? Do you want to make lasting friendships? We have just the place for you.....THE CHOIR. Please join us as we resume practicing, we will rehearse every Thursday and sing during worship every Sunday. See you Thursday!

Celebration Ringers

Our bell choir will begin practicing on this Thursday evening, September 11th, at 6:00pm. Everyone who reads music is welcome to join this fun group as we make music with our bells and beautiful new chimes. Just show up for practice and you’re in.

Book Club - *Becoming Mrs. Lewis*

Join us on **September 29th** as we discuss *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* by Patti Callahan—a moving historical novel about the unexpected love story between poet Joy Davidman and author C.S. Lewis. This is more than a romance; it's a journey of faith, literature, and resilience. Don't miss this inspiring conversation!

This Week at JMPC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:30 am Pancake Breakfast
9:00 am Adult Ed
10:00 am Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am PNC Meeting
3:00 pm Passion Twirl & Poms
7:00 pm Reflections Group

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

1:00 pm Pickleball
6:00 pm Yee Twirlers
6:30 pm 5107 GST

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 am Ladies Pickleball
1:30 pm PMT Meeting
3:00 pm Passion Twirl & Poms
8:00 pm Private Pickleball - Knopp

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

10:00 am Staff Meeting
12:00 pm Table Talk
4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio
5:00 pm Kid's Club/Youth Group

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

1:00 pm Pickleball
4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio
4:45 pm Yee Twirlers
6:00 pm Handbell Practice
7:00 pm Line Dancing - Krissie Brown
7:00 pm Choir Practice

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00 am South Hills Flute Lessons
8:00 am Passion Twirl & Poms
11:30 am Yee Twirlers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:00 am Adult Ed
10:00 am Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
3:00 pm Passion Twirl & Poms
3:30 pm Kid's Carnival Duquesne
7:00 pm Reflections Group



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

HAPPY
birthday



9/7 Sam Page
9/10 Faith Wilson
9/11 Laura Waterstram
9/13 Nicole Webb

JMPC Prayer Concerns
(As of Thursday, September 4, 2025)
(Please contact the Church Office with any Joys & Concerns)

Prayer Requests

Prayers for church member Marilyn Gfroerer who fell last Friday went to hospital had a partial hip replacement and is now home resting.
Prayers for Jim Ellis and his family after the passing of his uncle and church member Richard Ellis on Wednesday afternoon.

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.

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

This week, please pray for:

Dave Parks
Rowena & Carl Partyka
Michelle & Darren Paul
Darlene Pauley
Dave & Tami Pauline

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 (Children's Church) is now two classes. A class for age 3-kindergarten will meet in Room 4-6 and a class for grades 1-5 will meet in Room 5.

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 jmpc@johnmcmillanpc.org

Visit our website: www.johnmcmillanpc.org

Visit us on Facebook or our YouTube channel.

JMPC STAFF

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Accountant: Lisa Vasiladiotis

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Tech/AV: Jackie Druga
Preschool Director: Kim Doughty

JMPC SESSION - Clerk: Cindy Fast

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

JMPC DEACONS

Class of 2026: Joann Bair, Bob Burland, Judy Willison
Class of 2027: Scott Nowak, Zach Smith, Paul Zandhuis
Class of 2028: Sandy Nowak, Susan Baux, Mary Jo White

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

September Deacon of the Month: Scott Nowak

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