



John McMillan Presbyterian Church
10:00 a.m. Worship
To Know, to Glorify, and to Serve God
May 4, 2025



Welcome to John McMillan Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 4, 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

I stand Amazed in the Presence

Arr. by Marc Jordan

We Gather for Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Chris Todd

Minute for Mission

*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 (from Psalm 30)

We glorify you, O Lord, for you have lifted us up.

O Lord, our God, we cried out to you, and you heard us.

Sing praises to the Lord, O faithful ones, and praise God's holy name.

For God's anger is but for a moment, but God's favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger in the night, but joy comes in the morning.

O God, you have turned our mourning into dancing!

Let us worship God.

Hymn of Adoration #357 (Words on screens)

Christ Arose

We Are Called to Pray

Call to Confession *(please be seated)*

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, in Jesus, you have shown us love, a love that seeks, suffers and survives all things. You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives. Yet, we turn away from what you would have us do. We confess that the ways of love are not our ways. We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject. Have mercy on us. Help us to receive your love so that we can love others. Help us to receive your love so that we can love ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

The resurrection of Jesus shows us that the grace of God is stronger than death, and the love of God has no boundary. This is 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.

Anthem

Deep is the Love of the Lord

By Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir

Come to the water, the ocean of grace. Deep is the love of the Lord. Rest on the sands of that beautiful place. Deep is the love of the Lord. Rejoice in the depths of His wonderful peace. Come, let your faith be restored. Come to the water, the ocean of grace. Deep is the love of the Lord. Deep is the love of the Lord. Come to the water; refresh and restore. Deep is the love of the Lord. Horizons are glowing, and golden, the shore. Deep is the love of the Lord. For God has been faithful, His promises true. Love is our hope evermore. Come to the water, the ocean of grace. Deep is the love of the Lord. O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free, rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me, in its fullness over me! Come to the water, to flourish and thrive. Deep is the love of the Lord. Come to the water, be fully alive. Deep is the love of the Lord. Oh, this is the season to celebrate hope, serving in one accord. Come to the water, our source evermore. Deep is the love of the Lord. Deep is the peace, deep is the grace, deep is the love of the Lord.

We Hear the Word

Word for Today

Acts 9:1-9

Rev. Emily Miller

Application of the Word

An Open Door

***Hymn of Reflection #366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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 now available. They are in the wrapper on each tray.*

Closing Prayer

We Respond in Faith

Call for the Offering

Collection of the Offering

Offertory

Bread of the World

By Burrows/McDonald

Bread of the world in mercy broken, cup of the world in mercy shed, by Him the words of life were spoken, and in His death our sins are dead. Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears of sinners shed; and be Your feast for us a token that by Your grace our souls are fed. Circle of hope, remain unbroken. Circle of love, reach out and spread. Then all the world will share the glory, share in God's blessings, share, and be fed. Bread of the world.

*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 #735**

I Need Thee Every Hour

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Postlude on "Palestrina"

Gordon Young

**Please stand if you are able.*

Upcoming Events & Information

We're sorry...that we missed your birthday!

On April 21, Joan Clement celebrated her 96th birthday. We're so glad that you are a part of the JMPC family.

Creation Day

We are thankful for all of those who volunteered to work in the SHIM garden and orchard on Creation Day. All of your efforts will get the garden and orchard off to a good start.

Some of the things that were accomplished were:

- Fence repair
- Gate construction
- trellis erection
- mulching and weeding
- holes dug for planting fruit trees

We are also thankful for Joe Smith, Suzie Burland, and others for the delicious picnic lunch.

Together, we can do great things in His name!

Listening Sessions

Would you like to have more input into our pastoral search? We hope so! This Sunday, **May 4**, and Sunday, **June 8**, immediately after worship, Pastor Emily will lead us in a "listening session". This will be a time to talk about what we value from our church's history and what we would like to see in a new pastor. The PNC needs your input to find the pastor who best fits with our church. Please plan to come to these sessions. Thanks for your input!

Flower Sale

The JMPC youth will be selling flowers before and after worship on Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 11**. It is a good opportunity to not only support the youth of the church but also to get a gift for the mother(s) in your life!

Blood Drive

Please join us for a blood drive at John McMillan Presbyterian Church on **Sunday, May 11, 2025** from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Visit <https://vit.la/wlfp22> or scan the QR code to schedule an appointment.



Christmas Affair Applications

JMPC is excited to announce its annual Christmas Affair, taking place on Saturday, November 8, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. *The event is now accepting applications from crafters interested in participating **through May 25th**.* Each year, the Christmas Affair draws more than 45 talented crafters, offering a wide variety of handmade goods and holiday treasures. Highlights of the event include the festive Gingerbread House, an exciting Chance Auction, and the ever-popular Kris Kringle Kafé. Admission is free, and all proceeds support both local and global mission efforts. Crafters who wish to apply or learn more can contact Leslie at 412-759-1634 or lesliegwb@gmail.com. Space is limited, please apply early.

Global 6K for Water

Join us to support World Vision's Global 6K for Water on **May 17** at 8:00 a.m. at Rolling Hills Park Shelter B. Register or donate at [Global 6K For Water](#).

SHIM Garden

May is the busiest month in the garden because most crops are planted at this time. Not only are we planting crops in the garden, but we are replacing fruit trees which were destroyed by a fungus.

Pittsburgh Tree Foundation is providing us with nine new trees. Our peach trees are being replaced by American and Asian pears and a persimmon tree which are not susceptible to the fungus. The Girl Scouts are also providing and planting four trees for us. All of the trees are provided at no cost, and all harvests will be donated to SHIM for their food pantry.

We need help! The garden and orchard require many hands to thrive. You can volunteer your time weekly or occasionally. Of course, gardening is weather-dependent so, if you would like to help, please shoot me an email at worb5@comcast.net so that you can be in the loop and be notified when we are going to be in the garden. We usually garden on Monday evenings but you can volunteer at other times, as well. It's fun and good exercise.

Quiet time--we are asking that morning social time be out in the narthex on Sunday mornings until the sanctuary doors open at 9:45AM to allow the choir and bell ringers to have their brief rehearsal time to perfect their musical offering to God and the congregation.

The exception is for those who are physically challenged and need to be seated in the sanctuary when they arrive.

We thank you so much for your help and understanding.

This Week at JMPC

SUNDAY, MAY 4

10:00 am Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Listening Session
3:00 pm Passion Twirl & Poms
7:00 pm Reflections Group

MONDAY, MAY 5

1:00 pm Church Bridge
1:00 pm Pickleball
6:30 pm Girl Scout Service Unit

TUESDAY, MAY 6

9:00 am Ladies Pickleball
3:00 pm Passion Twirl & Poms
7:00 pm Meeting Night
8:00 pm Pickleball (Knopp)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

10:00 am Staff Meeting
4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio

THURSDAY, MAY 8

1:00 pm Pickleball
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, MAY 9

4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio
6:00 pm Private (Kovell)

SATURDAY, MAY 10

8:00 am Passion Twirl & Poms
3:00 pm Rehearsal (Brown)

SUNDAY, MAY 11 MOTHER'S DAY

9:30 am Flower Sale
10:00 am Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Blood Drive
3:00 pm Passion Twirl & Poms
7:00 pm Reflections Group

This Week's Birthdays

5/4 Jimmy Dyskstra
5/5 Taylor Evans
Jerry Clark
5/6 Vivian Woessner
5/7 Nolan Parker
Mya Knopp
Dennis Bair
5/8 Lois Guinn
5/9 Noah Brown
Heather Fuller



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, May 1, 2025)

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

Prayer Requests

Prayers to those throughout the Pittsburgh area and beyond, who have been affected by the storm this past week.

Previous Prayers Requested

Prayers for Geoff Davies, brother of Dan, who was taken to the hospital with symptoms of a stroke and is in the ICU.

Prayers for Carolyn McCully, Alexis Neely's grandmother, who has cancer.

Prayers for Emilee Little's coworker, Nora Koper, who recently lost her mother.

Prayers for Linda Arnold's friend's granddaughter. She is 3 months old and recovering from surgery in the NICU.

Prayers for the Brenes Family, friends of Caitlin Smith, who recently lost their home and belongings to a devastating fire.

Prayers for Helen Mosapan, niece of Emilee Little's coworker, who was drafted into active duty in Qatar. Her family is struggling with this news.

Please pray for, Julie Jendrysik, friend of Janet Dykstra, who was recently diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing treatment.

Prayers for Emilee Little's grandmother, Catherine. She is in hospice, and the doctor thinks she has less than 6 months to live.

Prayers for Maeven Wolfe, daughter of Alexandra and Nathaniel Wolfe, that her g-tube may be removed and she is able to eat solid foods.

Prayers for government employees who feel unwanted and not needed during this time of ongoing layoffs and firings.

Pastor Nominating Committee

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



Members

Ella Willison
Grace Bogdon
Mary Cullison
Jim Ellis
Betsy Gilbert
Doug Mickey

Megan Sherry
Joe Smith
Laura Waterstram

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:

Zello, Elizabeth, Zello IV, Zeiler and Isla Davis

David, Mary Beth, Ava and Elyse Deckard

Dottie Delancey

Dan, Jill, Hannah and Jack Depra

Jim and Betty Dillon

Notes

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

May Deacon of the Month: Paul Zandhuis

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