

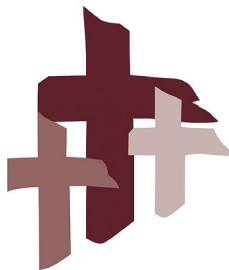


John McMillan Presbyterian Church

10:00 a.m. Worship

To Know, to Glorify, and to Serve God

September 14, 2025



Welcome to John McMillan Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 14, 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

Blessed Assurance

Edward Broughton

We Gather for Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Joe Smith

*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 (based on Genesis 12)

God told Abraham to go from his country to a land God would show him.

God promised to be with Abraham throughout the journey.

Not only that, but God promised to bless Abraham and his children.

Because of God's faithfulness, we are here today.

We are ready to worship the God who fulfills promises.

Let's worship God together.

Hymn of Adoration #612

We Praise You O God

We Are Called to Pray

Call to Confession *(Please be seated.)*

Prayer of Confession *(based on Psalm 51)*

Create in us clean hearts, O Lord, and cast out any transgressions you find there. Ransack, renovate and redecorate us with your love. Deep in our hearts, remove our impurities and restore your original design. Our lamps are dim, bring light into our darkness. Make your dwelling place deep in our hearts and teach us wisdom, so the hearts you transform may rejoice. In Christ we pray, Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: With utmost patience, Christ offers mercy so that we may thrive in eternal life. In Christ's name, 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**

Revive Us Again!

We praise Thee, O God for the Son of Thy love, for Jesus who died and is now gone above. Hallelujah! Thine the glory; Hallelujah! Amen! Hallelujah! Thine the glory; revive us again.

We praise Thee, O God, for Thy Spirit of light, who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night. Hallelujah! Thine the glory; Hallelujah! Amen!

Hallelujah! Thine the glory; revive us again.

We have heard the joyful sound, Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Bear the news to every land, climb the steeps and cross the waves; Onward! 'tis our Lord's command: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Revive us again: fill each heart with Thy love; may each soul be rekindled with fire from above. Hallelujah! Thine the glory; Hallelujah! Amen! Hallelujah! Thine the glory; revive us again.

We Hear the Word

Word for Today Genesis 12:1-3, 22:15-19, 48:15-20

Application of the Word

What is God Really Like?

Major Themes in Genesis: God is...Dependable

***Hymn of Reflection #838**

Standing on the Promises

***Affirmation of Faith** *(From A Brief Statement of Faith 1983, Book of Confessions)*

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all the families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 Are Sent in God's Name

***Hymn of Discipleship #839**

Blessed Assurance

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Rise Up and Serve The Lord

Patricia Lou Harris

** Please stand if you are able.*

Upcoming Events & Information

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Lynn Willison in honor of Linda Rottman.

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)

“Table Talk” (formerly known as Brown Bag Bible Study). Our next class/meeting will be on Wednesday, September 24th and will be led by Pastor Emily. 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).

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.

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!

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.

This Week at JMPC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:00 am Adult Ed
10:00 am Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am PNC Meeting
11:00 am Christmas Affair Mtg
11:00 am New Members Class
3:00 pm Passion Twirl & Poms
7:00 pm Reflections Group

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

1:00 pm Pickleball
6:00 pm Yee Twirlers

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:30 am Women's Breakfast
9:00 am Ladies Pickleball
3:00 pm Passion Twirl & Poms
6:15 pm Girls Scouts 28005
7:00 pm Session Meeting
8:00 pm Private Pickleball - Knopp

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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 19

4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:00 am South Hills Flute Lessons
8:00 am Passion Twirl & Poms

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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
3:30 pm Kid's Carnival Duquesne
7:00 pm Reflections Group

Happy Birthday

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

**9/14 Pamela Dobos
Katie Strickland**

9/15 Kathryn Todd

**9/16 Lukas Taylor
Doug Mickey**



9/17 Dave Parks

**9/19 Jackson Edwards
Russ Lipp**

JMPC Prayer Concerns
(As of Thursday, September 11, 2025)
(Please contact the Church Office with any Joys & Concerns)

Prayer Requests

Prayers for Kathleen Mazzola who recently experienced a serious fall, resulting in a broken hip, and underwent surgery on Tuesday.

Previous 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:

Joe & Linda Pelan
Ray Pierson
Emil & Barb Pohodich
Charlie & Rose Previs
Ellen Price

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

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: 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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