



## John McMillan Presbyterian Church

10:00 a.m. Worship

*To Know, to Glorify, and to Serve God*

June 22, 2025



# Welcome to John McMillan Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 22, 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.*

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## The Service of the Lord's Day

### Prelude

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

*Prayer*

Marielle Brown, flute

Halbrock-Ashford

Gary Schacker

## 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 *(adapted from Psalm 42)*

As a deer longs for flowing streams, our souls long for you, O God.

Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.

When shall we come and see the face of God?

**We come today, with open hearts that long to worship God  
and be in God's presence.**

We hope in God alone and shall praise God forevermore.

**Let us worship God today.**

### Hymn for Adoration

*As the Deer*

*(Lyrics are on the screens.)*

## **We Are Called to Pray**

### **Call to Confession** *(Please be seated.)*

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, our lives are full of so many distractions:  
TV commercials, background noise,  
and situations that draw our attention away from You.  
But You come to us in a small voice,  
asking us to love You and love one another.  
We make it complicated; You make it simple.  
Help us to rid ourselves of the distractions  
and to focus on Your call for our lives.  
Make us new; make us free, make us Yours.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

This is the truth of the gospel: we belong to Christ and Christ alone.  
His is the voice we should follow.  
Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ forgives us.  
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**

#### **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.

**We Hear the Word**

**Word for Today**

Galatians 3:23-29

Rev. Emily Miller

**Application of the Word**

*One in Christ*

**\*Hymn of Reflection #318**

*In Christ There is No East or West*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*Apostles' Creed*

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 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**

*Go Walk with God*  
*(to the tune Though I May Speak)*  
*(Lyrics are on the screens.)*

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **\*Postlude**

*Maestoso*

Walczynski

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

# Upcoming Events & Information

## Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Kathleen Mazzola in honor of her family.

## Rosebud

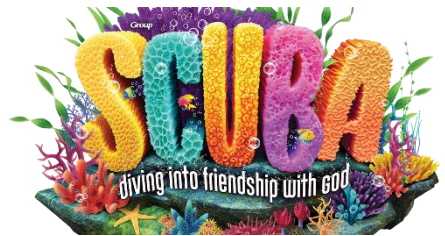
The rosebud is given in celebration of the birth of Joe and Linda Pelan's great-granddaughter, Norah Elise, who was born on June 10.

## Thank You, Marielle

We thank Marielle Brown for sharing her ministry of music in worship this morning.

## Vacation Bible School - June 23-27

On Monday morning 50-plus kids and many adult volunteers will splash into fun and dive into friendship with God at VBS. Please keep VBS in your prayers this week as children hear Bible stories, sing songs, and participate in fun activities to help their faith flow into real life.



## Are You Graduating?

If you are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, please email the church with your name and degree. We will honor our 2025 graduates in an upcoming Sunday bulletin. Email [jmpc@johnmcmillanpc.org](mailto:jmpc@johnmcmillanpc.org). Thanks!

## JMPC History Help

Pastor Emily and Jackie from tech are building a history page of JMPC for the website. If you'd like to contribute or be a part, please reach out to Jackie at [jackie@johnmcmillanpc.org](mailto:jackie@johnmcmillanpc.org).

# This Week at JMPC

## SUNDAY, JUNE 22

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Christmas Affair Meeting  
3:00 pm Passion Twirl & Poms  
7:00 pm Reflections Group

## MONDAY, JUNE 23

9:00 am Vacation Bible School (VBS)

## TUESDAY, JUNE 24

9:00 am VBS  
7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

9:00 am VBS  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio  
4:30 pm Therapy Works

## THURSDAY, JUNE 26

9:00 am VBS  
4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio  
4:30 pm Therapy Works

## FRIDAY, JUNE 27

9:00 am VBS  
4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio

## SATURDAY, JUNE 28

8:00 am Passion Twirl & Poms

## SUNDAY, JUNE 29

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am PNC  
3:00 pm Passion Twirl & Poms  
7:00 pm Reflections Group

## This Week's Birthdays

6/24 Robert Lyles  
Paul Gaudelli, Jr.  
6/25 Ken Clark  
6/26 Isabella Pasquale  
Morgan Taylor  
6/28 Dan Smith

*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, June 19, 2025)**

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

### **Prayer Requests**

Prayers for Sally Kovacs and family on the death of her husband, David, on Saturday, June 14. Funeral arrangements are forthcoming.

Prayers for Minette Page who is dealing with health issues

Prayers for Valene Scalise who is experiencing heart issues

Prayers for Donna Skinnell and family on the death of her sister

### **Joys to Celebrate**

Joy that Joe and Linda Pelan's great-granddaughter, Norah Elise, was born on June 10 at 8 lbs. 5oz. and 21"

Joy that Emilee Little's grandmother, Catherine, is doing much better and has been dismissed from hospice care

### **Previous Prayers Requested**

Prayers for Linda Hinerman who is recuperating at home following a fall

### **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:**

Ella May Given

Cheryl Graves, Joseph and Julia

Jesse Gregg

Bonnie Grueso

Lois Guinn



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## 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 (September through May), we gather for Kids Klub (ages 9-12, 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grade) and Youth Group (ages 12-18, 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>). 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](mailto:jmpc@johnmcmillanpc.org)

Visit our website: [www.johnmcmillanpc.org](http://www.johnmcmillanpc.org)

Visit us on Facebook or our YouTube channel.

## JMPC STAFF

Ministers: All People of JMPC  
Music Director: Carolyn Brow  
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

June Deacon of the Month: Toni Sulkowski

She can be reached at 412-298-7604 or [tjs7290@verizon.net](mailto:tjs7290@verizon.net).

Pastor Emily Miller 412-519-4274

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