



John McMillan Presbyterian Church

10:00 a.m. Worship

To Know, to Glorify, and to Serve God

February 2, 2025



Welcome to John McMillan Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 2, 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

The Prelude

O Zion, Haste

Roger Wilson

We Gather for Worship

The Welcome & Announcements

Pam Dobos

The Moment for Ministry Time for Mission

Cheryl Davies

***The 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.

***The Introit**

***The Call to Worship**

God gathers us together in this place.

Let us sing praise to the Lord.

God heals the brokenhearted
and binds up our wounds.

Let us sing praise to the Lord.

God lifts the downtrodden
and casts out wickedness.

Let us sing praise to the Lord.

We sing to God with thanksgiving.

Let us worship God!

The Hymn of Adoration (see screen)

I Worship You, Almighty God

We Are Called to Pray

The Call to Confession (*please be seated*)

The Prayer of Confession

O God you bring healing to our lives
and comfort to our hearts.

Forgive us, O Lord, when we contribute
to the things that break your heart.

You would have us share our gifts with the world,
but we keep our resources close and our minds closed.

You would have us live in faithful community,
but we isolate ourselves and eye our neighbors with mistrust.

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but we isolate ourselves and eye our neighbors with mistrust.

You would have us see all people as our brothers and sisters,
but we try to separate ourselves from anyone
who challenges our comfort.

Forgive us, O God, by your grace,
and free us to be agents of your healing.

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

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Those who trust in the Lord
with all your heart and know that God loves you.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***The 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.

The 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.

The Anthem

Psalm 98

Arr. R. Kevin Boesinger
Chancel Choir

Sing your praises to the Lord! Sing your praises to our God! Sing your praise to God! Sing to the Lord your praise, sing to the Lord. Sing to the Lord. Sing Him a new song. Sing to the Lord, proclaim His name. Great is the Lord. He is most worthy. He is most worthy of our praise. Worship the Lord in all His holiness; tremble before Him all the earth! Splendor and majesty, glory and honor, ascribe to God on high. Declare His works to all the nations. Worship the Lord our God!

We Hear the Word

The Word for Today

Joshua 1:1-9

Rev. Ralph Lowe

The Application of the Word

Liminal Season

***The Hymn of Reflection #463**

How Firm a Foundation

***The Affirmation of Faith**

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

The Invitation to the Offering

The Collection of the Offering

The Moment for Ministry

Courtney Durkin

***The 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!

***The Prayer of Dedication**

We are Sent in God's Name

***The Hymn of Sending #542**

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

***The Benediction**

***The Postlude**

Little Rondo

Richard Blake

**Please stand if you are able.*

Upcoming Events & Information

The **FLOWERS** today are given by Zach Smith and family in honor of Mary Cheisa.

Interim Pastor

The Session of JMPC is pleased to announce that we have hired Rev. Emily Miller as our interim pastor. She will be starting on March 1st. She recently completed an interim pastoral position at Sewickley Presbyterian Church. You will be hearing more about her in the near future.

Volunteers

We need volunteers to go to **World Vision** on Friday, February 7. We will carpool from JMPC at 8:15 and head to Sewickley where we will sort new clothing until around noon. We will then stop for lunch as we head home. Please join us for this wonderful mission which helps needy families all around the world. You can sign up online or in the narthex. Contact Carolyn Brow at worb5@comcast.net for more information.

Souper Bowl

JMPC will once again be participating in the **Souper Bowl of Caring** on Super Bowl Sunday. Please start collecting your canned goods now to bring to service on February 9th. Cash donations will also be accepted. For more information, please contact Courtney Durkin at 412-606-8233 or ccdurkin@hotmail.com.

Kids Club & Youth Group

If you are in the 3rd to 6th grade, you are invited to join us at Kids Club from 5-7pm on Wednesdays. Bring \$3 and join us for supper, arts/crafts, games, music and more! Contact person: Linda Pelan at linpel@verizon.net or 412-527-9755. Youth Group (grades 7-12) also meets on Wednesdays.

Keep those Estimate of Giving Cards coming!

First, thanks to everyone who has returned their Estimate of Giving cards for 2025. JMPC cannot carry out our missions and ministries without your financial support. Currently, we are a couple weeks past Consecration Sunday and want to be sure we have all the Estimate of Giving Cards submitted. If it is your intention to submit a card, and we hope it is, please send it in as soon as you can so that we can set the 2025 budget by the end of the year. If it is not your intention to submit a card, please continue to support JMPC financially when you can with what you can. Again, thank you all for your continued financial support of JMPC.

Greeters

We are looking for friendly faces to welcome all who come through our doors on Sunday mornings. Please scan your calendar and pick a Sunday that works best for you. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. As the Greeters are the “first impression” of the John McMillan congregation, it is our hope that we make all visitors and members feel welcome with a warm handshake, a smile, and the message that we are glad they are here. If you have any questions, contact Suzie Burland.

Pancake Festival

The youth will once again be selling tickets to the 65th Pancake Festival for the Rotary Club of Bethel-St. Clair. This will support their Mission Trip this summer. Tickets are \$12 for Adults and \$6 for children. See Caitlin Smith if you are interested.



875 Clifton Road
Bethel Park, PA 15102

It is time for Preschool Registration at John McMillan. We are excited to offer the following Preschool classes for the 2025-2026 school year:

Pre-Kindergarten AM or PM: For children age 4½ as of September 30, 2025, this class meets Monday-Thursday and fosters the development of specific skills that are essential for success in kindergarten. Each day will include free play and gross motor time.

4-Year Olds AM or PM: For children age 4 as of September 30, 2025, this class meets three days per week and lessons are designed to prepare children for kindergarten. Each day includes free play and gross motor time.

3-Year Olds AM or PM: For children age 3 as of September 30, 2025, 2-day (Tuesday & Thursday) or 3-day (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday) classes are offered. Children must be toilet trained. The focus of our 3's curriculum is socialization and learning through play.

Young 3 Year Olds AM: For children turning age 3 June- Oct. 31, 2025, 2-day (Tuesday & Thursday) classes are offered. Children must be toilet trained. The focus of our 3's curriculum is socialization and learning through play. Registration opens Jan. 27th for all current families, alumni, and congregation members.

Please contact Kim Doughty for a form or to learn more about our program. 412-833-4704 or preschool@johnmcmillanpc.org.

This Week at JMPC

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

1:00 pm Pickleball
1:00 PM Church Bridge
7:00 pm Deacons

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

11:00 am Staff Meeting
12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study
4:00 pm South Hills Flute Studio
5:00 pm Kids Club & Youth Group

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

1:00 pm Pickleball
5:00 pm South Hills Flute Studio
6:00 pm Celebration Ringers
7:00 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm Line Dance (Brownlee)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00 am Passion Twirl & Poms
11:00 am Private Event (Mon Valley)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

JMPC Prayer Concerns
(As of Thursday, January 30, 2025)

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

Prayer Requests

Prayers for Robert and Susan Miller, friends of the Browns, upon the death of their daughter Meredith.

Prayers for everyone affected by the fires in California

Prayers for JMPC during this time of several transitions.

Previous Prayers Requested

Megan Morford Brown, good friend of Pastor Jeff, who had a liver resection on December 19.

Jerry and Donna Kovell, and their family. Jerry is now in hospice care.

Richard Ellis, JMPC member who had a stroke.

Kay Zawicki, who suffered a broken leg recently

Christine Shopshire, Jeanie Bonnewell's niece, recovering from a hysterectomy

Carol Church, a college friend of Toni Sulkowski, who is battling advanced stages of cancer; prayers for comfort and strength

Ricky Cohen, Betty Dillon's cousin's husband, is battling stage IV lung cancer; and is currently in a rehab facility.

Michal Wargo, wife of David Wargo and the daughter-in-law of the late Art and Alice Wargo who was diagnosed with Stage 4 Metastatic Adenocarcinoma.

Sandy Jones, friend of Emilee Little, Sandy is currently suffering from brain cancer.

Lynn Willison's friend Gary Marshal, who has been diagnosed with melanoma.

Kelsie, family friend of Carolyn Brow, diagnosed with leukemia is hospitalized and undergoing chemotherapy.

Ciretta Mickey's coworker's niece Denise, who has been diagnosed with Mucosal Carcinoma and is undergoing Immunotherapy.

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:

Caitlin Smith

Dan, Ashley and Keira Smith

Joe and Connie Smith

Zachary, Colleen, Rory and Nora Smith

Michael, Lauren, Marshall and Foster Sobek

JMPC STAFF

Ministers: All People of JMPC

Music Director: Carolyn Brow

Office Manager: Catherine Sams

Tech/AV: Jackie Druga

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

February Deacon of the Month: Bob Burland - 412-833-2103

Please call Bob with any pastoral concerns.

You can also call the church at 412-833-4704.

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