



**John McMillan Presbyterian Church**  
**10:00 a.m. Worship**  
**To Know, to Glorify, and to Serve God**  
**April 19th, 2026**



# Welcome to John McMillan Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - 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**

Voices of Springtime

Louis Scarmolin

On Our Way Rejoicing

Celebration Ringers

## We Gather for Worship

### Welcome & Announcements

#### **\*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 96)

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**Let heaven celebrate! Let the earth rejoice! Let the sea and everything in it roar!**

Let the countryside and everything in it celebrate! Then all the trees of the forest will shout out joyfully before the Lord.

**The Lord is coming to establish justice and righteousness on the earth!**

Let's worship God today.

**\*Hymn of Adoration #247**      Now the Green Blade Rises  
**We Are Called to Pray**

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

**Prayer of Confession:**

Precious God, we humbly come before you this day. We acknowledge that all creation comes from you and is a reflection of you. By your creative will and design, all life forms took shape out of your holy breath - each for its particular purpose and yet all interdependent. Our hearts are heavy with grief at the harm we cause our human and nonhuman kin. We ask for your forgiveness. We pray for ourselves and all people to repent and respect the earth you created. Help us to preserve its beauty and life. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, hear the good news: God never stops creating. Anyone who is in Christ is a brand-new creation; our old life is dead and gone, our new life has begun. Believe the Good News of the Gospel: through the life, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gloria Patri #581** *(please stand if you are able)*

**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:** Season of Promise  
By Hayes/Frombach

Listen to the stillness; new life is stirring. God is at work; new dreams are on the wing. Listen to the silence; new hopes are blooming. God is at work; all life begins to sing! This is the season of promise. All nature is shouting resurrection! The old is gone, the new has come. Awaken, all of God's creation; God is at work. The Seed which died now brings new life. Listen to the quiet; new seeds are waiting. God is at work; such beauty, such beauty God will bring. This is the season of promise...

## **We Hear the Word**

**Scripture:** Colossians 1:15-20, Psalm 104:1-13

**Sermon:** Planet Earth, You Are A Crew

**\*Hymn of Reflection: #250** In the Bulb There is a Flower

**\*Affirmation of Faith: Apostle's 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, alleluia, alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication**

## **We Are Sent in God's Name**

**\*Hymn for Creation Day: #14** For the Beauty of the Earth

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

**The Heavens Declare His Glory**

**Beethoven**

**\* Please stand if you are able.**

# Upcoming Events & Information

## **Creation Day**

Today is our annual "Wear Your Grubbies to Church Day". Come, bring your favorite gardening tools and enjoy a little time in the gardens. We will make repairs to the SHIM Garden fences, plant flowers and do a little mulching and tree planting in the orchard. A picnic lunch will be served. We will celebrate God's beautiful creation by serving in the gardens which provide valuable produce for our South Hills families facing food insecurity.

## **Upcoming New Members Class**

Are you interested in officially joining our church family? We will be offering a New Members Class on April 26<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the service for anyone who would like to learn more about our congregation, explore membership, or take the next step in their faith journey. All are welcome—whether you're new to our community or have been attending for a while. If you have questions or would like to express interest ahead of time, please contact the church office.

**Christmas Affair:** There will be an organizational meeting in the Fellowship Hall after church on Sunday, April 26. All chairs and those interested in helping are asked to attend as we review tasks and explore new ideas.

**Adopt a Garden:** There are many gardens and beds around the church that require some care during the growing months. This includes weeding and planting deer resistant flowers. The time commitment is only a few hours a month to keep our church grounds looking good. We begin that work with the Spring Clean Up day on Saturday, May 2 when mulch will be available. The chart of gardens and the sign ups are in the Narthex. This can be a fun family time, a time for meditation, or just a time for you to enjoy the beauty of God's world as you work in a garden spot.

## **Annual JMPC Clean-Up Day**

You can help keep our church beautiful by volunteering a couple of hours of your time. Please join us on Saturday, May 2, from 9:00 until noon as we tidy up the flower beds and apply some mulch. Many hands will make light work.

## **SHIM Garden**

The garden is up and running and we have planted snow peas, snap peas, kale and lettuce. We sure could use your help. So that you know when we will be gardening you can be added to our email list by signing up in the narthex or online. You can volunteer at your convenience: weekly, monthly or just one time.

# JMPC Prayer Concerns

(As of Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026)

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

## Prayer Requests

Prayers for Billie Dee Weise who is recovering at home.

Prayers for Jeff, the Brow's brother-in law, who has been diagnosed with oral cancer.

## Previous Prayer Requests

Prayers for Ken Forrest who is Wendy Edgar's brother. He was diagnosed with stage 4 Metastatic Melanoma this past week.

## Pastor Nominating Committee

Please continue to pray for the PNC as they continue to evaluate the information they receive, and especially as they begin meeting and interviewing candidates. Pray that they open their hearts to the message each candidate brings and help guide their discernment as they listen for that small, still voice that says, "this is the one that I have called for you." Pray that they show patience in a world that looks for quick answers.

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**

*Deanna Kovell*

*Jessica Kovell*

*Diana, Albert, & Alexa Kozel*

*Scott & Judy Krieger*

*Ryan Krieger*

# THIS WEEK AT JMPC

## SUNDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 am Worship  
10:00 am Sunday School  
1:00 PM Russian Baptist (Sheyko)  
1:00 PM Terry Young  
Baton Twirling  
7:00PM REFLECTIONS GROUP

## MONDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>

12:00PM Bridge  
1 00 pm Pickleball  
6:30 pm Yee Twirlers

## TUESDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>

8:30 AM Women's Breakfast  
9:00 am Ladies Pickleball  
3:00 pm Passion Twirl & Poms  
6:00 pm GST 28891  
6:15 pm Girl Scouts Troop 28005  
7:00 pm Session Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>

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

## THURSDAY, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>

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

## FRIDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>

4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio  
7:00 pm Bible Study (Sheyko)  
8:00 pm Youth Lock-In

## SATURDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 am South Hills Flute Studio  
8:00 am Passion Twirl & Poms  
12:00 pm Mon Valley Express

## SUNDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 am Worship  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am New Member Class  
11:00 am PNC meeting  
1:00 pm Terry Young Baton Twirl  
7:00 pm Reflections



HAPPY  
*birthday*

4/20 Trevin Bair  
4/20 Karen Wengryn  
4/22 Deanna Kovell  
4/25 Fred Page  
4/26 Pastor Emily

# 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 monthly 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  
Organist: Elisabeth Jeffries  
Preschool Director: Kim Doughy

Pastor: Rev. Emily Miller  
Director of Spiritual Dev.: Stephanie Castlen  
Office Manager: Kylee Oliastro  
Tech/AV: Jackie Druga

## 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, Elizabeth Todd, 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 Pastors Judi Slater and Caroline Baker;  
The Chigumula Church in Malawi Africa; South Hills Interfaith Movement;  
World Vision; Hebron USA, Chiapas Partners

### IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

April's Deacon of the Month: Susan Baux

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