

Welcome to John McMillan Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 19, 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

Shall We Gather at the River

Paxton/Lowery

We Gather for Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Chris Todd

***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** (taken from Isaiah 40)

Does everyone know? Has everyone heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of all.

God never faints or gets tired.

When we wait for the Lord, we will renew our strength.

We will soar with wings like an eagle's.

We will run and never be tired.

Let's worship the Lord who strengthens us every day.

***Hymn of Adoration #838**

Standing on the Promises

We Are Called to Pray

Call to Confession *(Please be seated.)*

Prayer of Confession

Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us and no time when you are not there. Yet, we are impatient, trying to find quick answers to life's most difficult questions. Forgive us when we turn to the ways of the world that offer a quick fix that ends up hurting us in the end. Help us not to take the easy way out, but to pause and seek your guidance. Guide our thoughts, our words and our actions, so that we may be the people you created us to be. In Christ we pray, Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news: God knows us, understands us and forgives us. God's love is from everlasting to everlasting. Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to love us forevermore. **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.

Special Music

Let The Peace of Christ

Joseph M. Martin

Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart. Let His peace and joy fill every part. We're one body and one race, joined as one in His embrace. With unity and hope you're set apart. Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart. Let the Word of Christ now dwell in you. Let His wisdom guide each work you do. Let each psalm and hymn you sing be a grateful offering. Come fill your hearts with praise and gratitude. Let the Word of Christ now dwell in you. Serve the Lord your God with all your life. Make the will of God your heart's delight. Let every word and every deed lead every nation to believe. Let every worship song you sing be a gift of praise in true doxology. Let the love of Christ be in your song. Let your music be for Christ alone. Teach the world His song of love, till we sing in heaven above. Come rejoice and let the alleluias start. Oh, let the love of Christ, let the Word of Christ, let the peace of Christ rule in your heart.

We Hear the Word

Scripture

Jeremiah 29:11-14

Sermon

More Hangers, Please

Emily Miller

*Hymn of Reflection #839

Blessed Assurance

Sacrament of Baptism

Zach, Lexi and Rhea Britton

Apostle's Creed

(words on screen)

*Baptism Hymn #482, verse 1

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.

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 Sending #542**

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Fanfare of Praise

Jason W. Krug

** Please stand if you are able.*

Prayer Requests

As of Thursday, July 16, 2026

Please contact the Church Office with any Joys & Concerns

Prayer Requests

Prayers for Joan Clement as she transitions into assisted living at Friendship Village.

Prayers for Erica Sherry and the impending birth of her child

Prayers for healing and comfort for Toni Sulkowski's nephew, Jeremy

Prayers for Michael Sherbak for health concerns

Prayers for strength and healing for Mary Naylor, Chris Todd's 85 year old Aunt who underwent kidney removal surgery

Prayers for Jim and Linda McCalmont as Jim had additional surgery

Previous Prayer Requests

Prayers for strength and healing for our awesome AV Tech, Jackie Druga, as she goes through chemotherapy

This week, please pray for:

James, Emily, Leah and Jordan Shubilla

Bob and Toni Shute

Donna Skinnell

Caitlin Smith

Dan, Ashley and Keira Smith

This Week's Birthdays



July 19 Debbie Yankowski

July 22 Madelyn Webb

July 23 Becky Roberts

Aubrey Kuhn

July 24 Bob Shute

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

Announcements

Flowers

From the congregation to thank Pastor Emily for her leadership during our time of transition.

Celebrating Pastor Emily's Ministry

On Sunday, July 19, the Spiritual Development Pillar is hosting a Ham BBQ luncheon following worship in celebration of Pastor Emily Miller's interim ministry at JMPC. We are grateful for Pastor Emily and her leadership during the transition time. We pray God's blessings in her future ministry endeavors.

VBS Decor Needed! JMPC is getting ready for our VBS's Snowball Mountain Challenge! To transform our church into a fun mountain adventure for our children, we are looking to borrow winter and outdoor-themed decorations for our VBS week. We are asking for:

- Skis
- Ski poles
- Sleds
- Snow tubes
- Artificial Christmas trees
- Camping tents
- Cardboard boxes
- Other winter, mountain, or outdoor-themed decorations

All items will be returned/available for pick up at the church following VBS on Sunday, August 2. If you have any items that you would be willing to lend us, please contact Sarah Willison at willisonsarah526@gmail.com or (724)-554-6091.

Vacation Bible School Registration is Open!

Ready to take on the Snowball Mountain Challenge? Are you ready to embrace the arctic tundra to learn that God's provides us hope, courage, and resilience? Join us July 27-31 for JMPC's Vacation Bible School! Registration is now open for kids age preschool through 6th grade! Register through our QR code in the Narthex or through any JMPC media outlets. If you have any questions, please reach out to Stephanie Castlen at stephanie@johnmcmillanpc.org

It's Baseball Season!

The Pittsburgh Pirates

Pittsburgh Pirates vs. Detroit Tigers, Wednesday, August 19, at 12:35 p.m. Tickets are \$41.00 for Section 107, under the eaves and out of the sun.

Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. Please make checks payable to JMPC with the game purchased on the memo line and put in the envelope on the clipboard. Cash payments, please give directly to Pam Dobos or an elder on Spiritual Development.

We hope you will join us for a day at the ballpark.

Garden Cleanup

Do you have an hour or two to weed before our Snowball Challenge VBS? There are several garden areas that could use a good weeding, like the strip between the parking lots and the playground area. Any help to clean up the areas before we open our doors to the community is appreciated.

SHIM Garden

The SHIM garden is now in full swing. We are harvesting and planting and we have installed a new drip irrigation system. This was paid for by a grant from Grow Pittsburgh. All of the food that we harvest is taken to the SHIM food pantry to be distributed to local families in need. We could use your help to harvest, water and other garden chores. Please sign up in the narthex to participate in this worthwhile ministry.

This Week at JMPC

Sunday, July 19

10:00 am Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Pastor Emily's Luncheon
1:00 pm Russian Baptist (Sheyko)
7:00 pm Reflections Group

Monday, July 20

1:00 pm Pickleball
6:30 pm Yee Twirlers

Tuesday, July 21

8:30 am Women's Breakfast (Eat'n Park)
9:00 am Ladies Pickleball
3:00 pm Passion Twirl & Poms
6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 28891

Wednesday, July 22

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

Thursday, July 23

1:00 pm Pickleball
4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio
4:45 pm Yee Twirlers
7:00 pm Line Dancing Class
7:00 pm Choir practice

Friday, July 24

4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio

Saturday, July 25

8:00 am Passion Twirl & Poms
8:30 am South Hills Flute Studio

Sunday, July 26

10:00 am Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
1:00 pm Russian Baptist (Sheyko)
7:00 pm Reflections Group

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:
 - 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
 - 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
Office Manager: Sarah Cribbs

Pastor: Rev. Emily Miller
Director of Spiritual Dev.: Stephanie Castlen
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, 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

July Deacon of the Month: Joann Bair

Joann can be reached at 412-851-9442 or joann.bair@verizon.net

Pastor Emily Miller - 412-519-4274 - emily@johnmcmillanpc.org

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