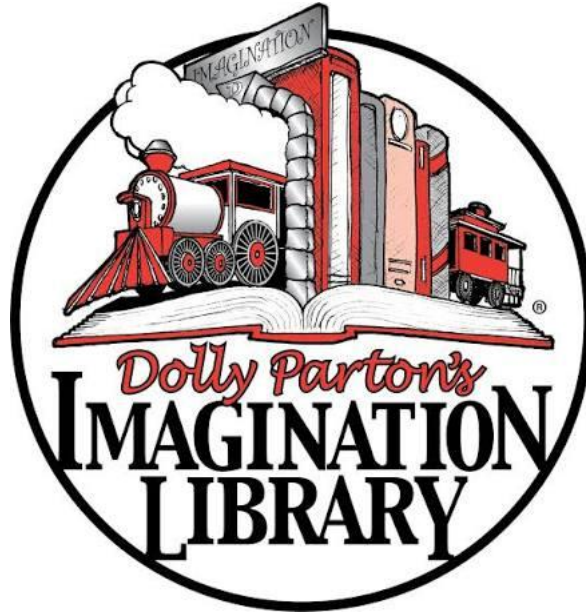


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John McMillan Presbyterian Church

10:00 a.m. Worship

To Know, to Glorify, and to Serve God

October 18, 2026



Welcome to John McMillan Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 18, 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

Simple Gifts

Shaker Folk Tune
arr. Jon Spong

Celebration Ringers

In Christ Alone

arr. Lloyd Larson

We Gather for Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Matt Fricker

*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

Leader: Every good gift comes from God, the giver of life and the source of every blessing.

People: **We come with grateful hearts, ready to share what we have received.**

Leader: God calls us to sow generously, serve joyfully, and love abundantly.

People: **May our lives reflect the generosity of Christ.**

Leader: Let us worship the God who blesses us so that we may be a blessing to others.

All: Let us worship God with joyful hearts and generous spirits!

Hymn of Gathering #412

God Reveal Your Presence

We Are Called to Pray

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have blessed us in more ways than we can count, yet we often live as though what we have belongs to us alone. We hold tightly to our money, our time, and our gifts, afraid that sharing will leave us with less. We measure our blessings by what we possess rather than by how we love and serve others. Forgive us when fear replaces faith and selfishness replaces generosity. Open our hearts to the abundance of your grace. Teach us to give with joy, serve with humility, and trust that what we offer in love can make a difference in the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: God does not love us because of what we give, nor does God measure our worth by what we possess. Through Jesus Christ, we have received the gift of grace, freely and abundantly. We are forgiven, renewed, and invited to live in the freedom of God's love.

People: Thanks be to God! In gratitude for God's abundant grace, may we become a people who share generously, love freely, and serve joyfully. Amen.

*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

Stephanie Castlen

Choir Anthem *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* arr. Mary McDonald
Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord. Make your lives for Him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord. Come into His courts with gladness, each His sacred vows renew. Turn away, turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life, life anew! Of your time and talents give ye, they are gifts from God above, to be used by Christians freely to proclaim His wondrous love. Come again, come again to serve the Savior, tithes and off'rings with you bring. In your work, in your work with Him find favor, and with joy His praises sing! God's command to love each other is required of everyone. Showing mercy to another mirrors His redeeming Son. In compassion He has given of His love that is divine; on the cross sins were forgiven; joy and peace are fully Thine. Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe. Worship Him with consecration, grace and love will you receive. For His grace, for His grace give Him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word, and repeat, repeat the gospel story till the world His name has heard, till the world His name has heard.

We Hear the Word

Scripture

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Sermon

Pastor Matt Fricker

***Hymn of Reflection #716**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

We Respond in Faith

Call to Offering

Offertory *Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven* by Pepper Choplin
Lay up your treasures in heaven. O people, lay up your treasures in glory where nothing in this world can take them away, O listen people hear the Master say, "Come and lay up your treasures in heaven. O people, lay up your treasure in glory, your treasures in this world will fade away but the things of the Lord will last forevermore!" Well the Lord looked out and saw the people there. Tied up in worry and burdened with care, He said, "Seek first the kingdom and you will see the things that will last for eternity come and lay up"....Some people trust in their silver and gold, they put their faith in the

wealth they hold. But fortunes will fade and kingdoms fall. So put your trust in the Lord of all. Won't you lay up your treasures in heaven...

***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**

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 Are Sent in God's Name

***Hymn of Discipleship #697**

Take My Life

***Charge and Benediction**

Benediction Response

The Blessing Song

(words on screens)

***Postlude**

Consecrated, Lord, To Thee

Rosemary Hadler

* *Please stand if you are able.*

JMPC Prayer Concerns

As of Thursday, October 15, 2026

Please contact the Church Office with any Joys & Concerns

Prayer Requests

Prayers for Sarah Cribbs and family on the death of her father, Logan Cribbs.

Previous Prayer Requests

Prayers for the Lyes family on the death of Marion Lyles

Prayers for Jim Ellis' neighbor, Donn, whose cancer has returned and has been in the hospital for 2 weeks.

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

This week, please pray for:

Cheri and Ron Clark
Jerry, Alex and A.J. Clark
Ken, Barbara and Cory Clark
Joan Clement
Abigail Cowser



Announcements

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in celebration of the 62nd wedding anniversary of Carol and Ray Kells.

Laurelville Youth Retreat

We invite all youth from 7th-12th grade to join us for our annual Laurelville Mud Weekend Retreat at Laurelville Retreat Center, November 20-22! Total cost is \$200 per youth with a **\$100 deposit due October 7th** and the final \$100 payment due November 11th. Please make checks payable to John McMillan Presbyterian Church with "Youth Mission Trip/Retreat" in the memo line. Spots are limited so sign up in the Narthex today! Question? Reach out to Stephanie Castlen at stephanie@johnmcmillanpc.org We're excited to spend the weekend enjoying high-energy games, creative worship, outdoor adventures, and making new friends along the way! See you there!

Christmas Affair Baguettes

Calling all Baguettes! We still have 200 (of 1000) bags to finish. Join us to finish tying on tags from 9 - 11 am on Thursday, October 22. Your help is appreciated!

Christmas Affair Decorations We are looking for some large cardboard boxes to gift wrap as decorations: Large like, wardrobe boxes, refrigerator or other appliance boxes. If you have one, please put it in the back of the library and let Pam Dobos know. We need about 4.

Christmas Affair Candy Supplies

We're looking for candy making supplies for the Christmas Affair. We need Jiff peanut butter (creamy), powdered sugar, Christmas candy decor (sprinkles, decorative candies), double stuffed Oreos and anything else! There is a box in the Narthex.

Christmas Affair Tables Needed

We need 6-foot white plastic tables to be used in the library for the Chance Auction for the Christmas Affair. If you have tables that we can borrow, please bring them to church Thursday, November 5, or in the morning on Friday, November 6, labeled with your name. Tables can be picked up Saturday,

November 7, after 3pm or Sunday morning. We appreciate your help to make this year's Christmas Affair seamless

Youth Mission Trip Election Day Bake Sale

Calling all bakers! We invite our John McMillan family to bake homemade goodies for our Election Day Bake Sale. All proceeds go to our 2027 Youth Mission Trip to Logan County, WV. Please drop off your baked good at the church on Monday, November 2nd, from 5-7pm. Thank you for sharing your baking talents and supporting our youth!

Daylight Saving Time Reminder!

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 1st. Enjoy that extra hour of sleep, and we'll see you at worship at 10 am!

SHIM Garden and Orchard

You should go back and take a look at the orchard. We had a great group of volunteers who planted 11 fruit trees on Monday. It was really muddy but we got it done and now the orchard is full of trees once again. We received the trees at no cost from Tree Pittsburgh.

JMPC Book Club - October 27: *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

One spring morning, a stranger arrives in the small southern city of Golden. No one knows where he has come from...or why...His name is Theo. And he asks a lot more questions than he answers. Theo visits the local coffeehouse, where ninety-two pencil portraits hang on the walls, portraits of the people of Golden done by a local artist. He begins purchasing them, one at a time, and putting them back in the hands of their "rightful owners." With each exchange, a story is told, a friendship born, and a life altered. A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, *Theo of Golden* is a beautifully crafted novel about the power of creative generosity, the importance of wonder to a purposeful life, and the invisible threads of kindness that bind us to one another (Goodreads).

This Week's Birthdays



October 18	Jesse Gregg
October 20	Jeanie Bonnewell
October 22	Jim Willison

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

This Week at JMPC

Sunday, October 18

10:00 am Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
1:00 pm Russian Baptist (Sheyko)
3:00 pm Sheykos
7:00 pm Reflections Group

Monday, October 19

1:00 pm Pickleball
6:30 pm Yee Twirlers

Tuesday, October 20

8:30 am Women's Breakfast
9:00 am Ladies Pickleball
11:00 am Staff Meeting
12:00 pm Bible Study
3:00 pm Passion Twirl & Poms
6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 28005
7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, October 21

4:30 pm South Hill Flute Studio
5:00 pm Kids Club/Youth Group

Thursday, October 22

1:00 pm Pickleball
4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio
4:45 pm Yee Twirlers
6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 55043
7:00 pm Line Dance

Friday, October 23

4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio

Saturday, October 24

8:00 am Passion Twirl & Poms
8:00 am South Hills Flute Studio
9:00 am Pittsburgh Youth Band
11:00 am Candy Making Workshop

Sunday, October 25

10:00 am Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
1:00 pm Russian Baptist (Sheyko)
1:00 pm Terry Young Baton Twirl
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)** A class for age 3 through 5th grade will meet in Room 5.
- ❖ On Wednesday Nights 5pm - 7pm (September through May), we gather for **Kids Club** (ages 6-12, 1st- 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.

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Outreach: Caitlin Smith, Cheryl Davies, Steve Lucia
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JMPC DEACONS

Class of 2027: Scott Nowak, Zach Smith, Paul Zandhuis, Elizabeth Todd
Class of 2028: Sandy Nowak, Susan Baux, Mary Jo White
Class of 2029: Melanie Czadankiewicz, Donna Kovell, Emilee Little

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