



# John McMillan Presbyterian Church

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

June 28, 2026



# Welcome to John McMillan Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 28, 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.*

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## The Service of the Lord's Day

Prelude

*Hallelujah Chorus*  
XueLai Wu, pianist

Handel/Lorenz

## We Gather for Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Jim Hinerman

### \*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 (based on Psalm 89)

God's love is a song and we will sing it!

**We will never stop telling the story of God's love.**

God created the cosmos and everything in it.

**God's love is the foundation of our lives.**

Let's praise God's wonderful ways!

### \*Hymn of Adoration #610

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

# We Are Called to Pray

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

### Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, You provide for our every need.  
You welcome us into Your family of faith.  
You shower us with steadfast love.  
But we do not deserve these gifts.  
We take them for ourselves and squander them, failing to share with others.  
We trust ourselves more than we trust in You.  
Forgive us and show us a better way.  
Be our glory and our strength for the days to come.  
In Jesus we pray, Amen.

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

### Assurance of Pardon

God's well of forgiveness never runs dry; God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, the Good News of the gospel means that, through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are all forgiven people.  
**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

*Camp Meeting Jubilee*  
XueLai Wu, pianist

arr. Mark Hayes

## We Hear the Word

### Scripture

Exodus 1:8-12, 15-22

### Sermon

*Shiphrah & Puah: An Act of Defiance*

Stephanie Castlen

### \*Hymn of Reflection

*Once to Every Man and Nation*  
(Lyrics on screens)

### A Time of Commissioning

*Youth Mission Trip 2026*

*Violet Betters*  
*Gigi DiMarco*  
*Connall McCracken*

**Youth**  
*James Braden*  
*Emma Fricker*  
*Alex Scott*  
*Zachary Zunic*

*Julia Danish*  
*Owen Johnson*  
*Ella Willison*

*Stephanie Castlen*  
*Megan Sherry*

**Youth Leaders**  
*Connor Geddes*  
*Caitlin Smith*

*Steve Lucia*

## We Respond in Faith

### Call for the Offering

### Collection of the Offering

### Offertory

*How Great Thou Art*  
XueLai Wu, pianist

arr. Bob Ralston

### \*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 Commissioning #697**

*Take My Life  
(vs. 1, 2, 3)*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*The Church's One Foundation*

Samuel Wesley

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

## **Summer Sermon Series**

A sermon series on women from the Old Testament and their contributions to God's story will take us through July 12.

June 28: Shiphrah and Puah - Exodus 1

July 5: Huldah: Showing the Way - 2 Kings 22:14-23:3

July 12: Rahab: Breaking Down Walls - Joshua 2:1-16

# PRAYER REQUESTS

(As of Thursday, June 25, 2026)

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

## Prayer Requests

Prayers for Linda Hinerman who had hip surgery and is recovering in the Friendship Village Rehabilitation Unit

Prayers for Judy Willison on the death of her brother Richard

Prayers for Jim and Linda McCalmont as Jim fell in his yard and had surgery

Prayers for comfort and peace for Faith Potts, Valene Scalise's cousin, on the loss of her daughter last week and her husband six months ago

Prayers for the Habib family whose father recently died of cancer, leaving a young family

Prayers for strength and healing for our awesome AV Tech, Jackie Druga, as she begins her battle against breast cancer

Prayers for Alma Peterson after the loss of her brother Harry

## Previous Prayer Requests

Prayers for the DeLallo Family on the loss of their five-year-old son Jack

## Prayers of Joy

Prayers of joy that Sarah Douglas is happily moved into her new home in North Carolina. She is very grateful to JMPC for all of the help she has received in her move.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by *Dennis and Joann Bair* in celebration of their 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.

## Welcome XueLai Wu

A special thanks and warm welcome to XueLai Wu for sharing her talents in worship this morning. Born in Guangzhou, China, Wu grew up in a musical family and started her piano lessons at the age of 3. She received her bachelor's degree in music from South China Normal University. She earned her collaborative piano master's degree from Beijing Central Conservatory of Music and Cleveland Institute of Music. In 2017, she received her Doctor of Musical Arts from Arizona State University.

## Clearances Sunday Sessions

Interested in volunteering for VBS? Sunday School? Kids Club? Youth Group? Other children and youth ministries this summer and upcoming year? We need your required clearances on file! On June 28 and July 5 after worship in Fellowship Hall computers will be available to complete your clearances in real time with assistance if needed. Please bring a list of your past permanent addresses for the PA State Police Criminal Background Check. Not sure if your clearances are up to date? Swing by so we can check our records! Thank you for helping us keep our children safe while sharing God's love!

## It's Baseball Season!

### **The Washington Wild Things**

Family Fun at the Washington Wild Things, Sunday, July 12, at 4:05 p.m. It's Toy Story Day at the park. Tickets are only \$10/person.

### **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** in 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.*

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stephanie@johnmcmillanpc.org)



## VBS Volunteers Needed!

Do you love working with children of all ages? Like getting creative with arts & crafts? Enjoy leading fun and energetic games? How about sharing the joy of music? We invite you to be part of our VBS Volunteer Team! Join us July 27-31 as a volunteer for this year's VBS! Please sign-up through the QR code in the Narthex, on JMPC media outlets, or by contacting Stephanie Castlen at [stephanie@johnmcmillanpc.org](mailto:stephanie@johnmcmillanpc.org). Flexible scheduling available!

## This Week's Birthdays

June 28	Dan Smith
July 1	Marge Burns
July 4	Karen Todd

*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, June 28

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

## Monday, June 29

9:00 am        Men's Breakfast  
1:00 pm        Pickleball  
6:30 pm        Yee Twirlers

## Tuesday, June 30

9:00 am        Ladies Pickleball  
3:00 pm        Passion Twirl & Poms

## Wednesday, July 1

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

## Thursday, July 2

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

## Friday, July 3

*Church Office Closed*

4:30 pm        South Hills Flute Studio

## Saturday, July 4 - Independence Day

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

## Sunday, July 5

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

**This week, please pray for:**

Martha Sauter  
Lauren Sauter  
Todd & Donna Sauter  
Valene & Jim Scalise  
Fred Schindler

# 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](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 Doughty

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

June's Deacon of the Month: Sandy Nowak

She can be reached at 724-344-4500 or [san93@juno.com](mailto:san93@juno.com)

Pastor Emily Miller - 412-519-4274 - [emily@johnmcmillanpc.org](mailto:emily@johnmcmillanpc.org)

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