



# John McMillan Presbyterian Church

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

May 24, 2026

**The Day of Pentecost**



# Welcome to John McMillan Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 24, 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

*Spirit of God*

arr. Lani Smith

## 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

All together in one place;

they heard the rush of a violent wind;

It filled the entire house.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them.

They were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Let's celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit today.

### \*Hymn of Adoration #4

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

# We Are Called to Pray

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

### Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, You come to us in many shapes, colors and languages.  
You speak to each of us in the way we can understand.  
You reach out to us and meet us where we are.  
But we are quick to limit You to what we can understand and control.  
Forgive us and set your Spirit loose among us.  
Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to Your power,  
so that we can know You more deeply, follow You more faithfully,  
and love You more fully.  
Through Christ we pray, Amen.

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

### Assurance of Pardon

Scripture is clear: everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.  
God draws us together, offering salvation, forgiveness and new life to all!  
This is the good news of the gospel.  
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**

*This We Pray*  
Betsy Gilbert, soloist

by Jay Althouse

## **We Hear the Word**

**Scripture**

John 20:19-23, Galatians 5:16, 22-23

**Sermon**

How to Spot the Spirit

**\*Hymn of Reflection #279**

*Come, Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove*

**Affirmation of Faith**

*Gifts of the Spirit*

Jesus stays with us in the Spirit,  
who renews our hearts,  
moves us to faith,  
leads us in the truth,  
stands by us in our need,  
and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.

The Spirit's gifts are here to stay  
in rich variety—fitting responses to timely needs.

We thankfully see each other  
as gifted members of the fellowship  
which delights in the creative Spirit's work.

He gives more than enough to each believer  
for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare.

- from *Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony*, Article 31, 33,  
©1987, CRC Publications, Grand Rapids MI, 1-800-333-8300.

## **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 Discipleship #36**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

## **\*Postlude**

*Battle Hymn of the Republic*

arr. William Steffe

\* *Please stand if you are able.*

# Upcoming Events & Information

## Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by *Jim and Betty Dillon* in celebration of their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## Congregational Meeting - June 14

Session has called a special Congregational Meeting to be held on **Sunday, June 14**, immediately following worship, for the purpose of receiving the recommendation of the PNC as to the next senior pastor of JMPC. During worship on June 14, the senior pastor elect will lead worship and will preach. All members can vote at this meeting. *Please plan to attend this special day in the life of our church!*

## Vacation Bible School Registration is Officially 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!

**Mark Your Calendars - JMPC Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, June 7**  
*Details to follow!*

## Thank you Cookie Angels!

A special thank you to Suzie Burland, the lead cookie angel, and to all who baked delicious treats for our enjoyment and fellowship throughout the program year. We are grateful for your talents and generosity.

## Blood Drive

It's Blood Drive time again. On **Sunday, May 31**, JMPC will be hosting a blood drive in Fellowship Hall from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Please consider donating blood before or after worship that day. You can schedule an appointment by going to [www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org). Search by zip code 15102.

## Calling All Graduates!

Have you recently graduated from high school, trade school, college, or graduate school? Have you earned a certificate, degree, or even a doctorate? Have you entered the military this year? We would love to celebrate you during **Graduate Recognition Sunday on June 21!**

Please email Stephanie Castlen at [stephanie@johnmcmillanpc.org](mailto:stephanie@johnmcmillanpc.org) with the following information: full name, school graduated from, degree or certification earned, intended major (if applicable) and future plans. Kindly submit your information by **Sunday, June 14**.



## Spiritual Development is offering an outing to South Park Theatre

Spiritual Development is offering an outing to South Park Theatre, Saturday June 20, at 7:30 pm The play is a musical farce, "Lucky Stiff." Tickets are \$20.00 per person. Sign up in the Narthex with Cash or check payable to South Park Theatre due by June 14th. Any questions, contact Linda Pelan at [linpel@verizon.net](mailto:linpel@verizon.net).

## 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. 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.

## This Week's Birthdays



- May 24 Ellen Price  
Morgan Robert  
Deacon Knopp
- May 26 Russell Willison  
Sarah Jane Willison  
Joseph Graves
- May 27 Chris Scott  
May 28 Jamie Roberts  
May 29 Janet Dykstra  
May 30 Lacey Mirarchi

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

# Prayer Requests

(As of Thursday, May 21, 2026)

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

## Prayer Requests

Prayers for Jessica Braden-Rogers' friend Diane Tasik who had a bone marrow transplant this week and will be in the hospital for quite some time

Prayers for Marijke Lucia, Steve's wife and Bryan's mom, who is dealing with heart issues

Prayers for Wendy Edgar who is having surgery Friday, May 22, to remove her gallbladder

Prayers for the Calvin Presbyterian Church community for the sudden passing of their music and youth director, Bruce Smith

## Pastor Nominating Committee

Please continue to pray for the PNC and the congregation as together we discern God's will for the future leadership of JMPC.

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:**

Ron Mrenak and Kathleen Kasper

Alexis Neely

Scott and Sandy Nowak

Geoff, Marnie, Marissa, and Evan Oakley

Kylee, Chris, Matilda, and Nico Oliastro

# THIS WEEK AT JMPC

## Sunday, May 24

10:00 am      Worship  
10:00 am      Sunday School  
1:00 pm        Russian Baptist (Sheyko)  
1:00 pm        Terry Young Baton  
4:30 pm        South Hills Flute Studio  
7:00 pm        Reflections Group

## Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day

*Church Office Closed*

1:00 pm        Pickleball  
6:30 pm        Yee Twirlers

## Tuesday, May 26

9:00 am        Ladies Pickleball  
1:00 pm        Book Club  
3:00 pm        Passion Twirl & Poms  
7:00 pm        Deacons Meeting

## Wednesday, May 27

10:00 am      Staff Meeting  
12:00 pm      Table Talk  
4:30 pm        South Hill Flute Studio

## Thursday, May 28

1:00 pm        Pickleball  
4:30 pm        South Hills Flute Studio  
4:45 pm        Yee Twirlers  
6:15 pm        GS 36133  
7:00 pm        Line Dancing Class

## Friday, May 29

4:30 pm        South Hills Flute Studio  
7:00 pm        Bible Study (Sheyko)

## Saturday, May 30

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

## Sunday, May 31

8:30am - 12pm Blood Drive  
10:00 am      Worship  
10:00 am      Sunday School  
11:00 am      Sunday School Meeting  
1:00 pm        Russian Baptist (Sheyko)  
1:00 pm        Terry Young Baton  
3:30 pm        Passion Poms  
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](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

May's Deacon of the Month: Mary Jo White

She can be reached at 412-719-0268

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

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