



John McMillan Presbyterian Church

10:00 a.m. Worship

To Know, to Glorify, and to Serve God

September 13, 2026



Welcome to John McMillan Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 13, 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

New Life In Christ

Will Stockton

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: God's grace has called us, claimed us, and made us new.

People: We receive God's grace, not because we have earned it, but because God is good.

Leader: And God has prepared good works for us to do.

People: May our lives become part of what God is doing in the world.

All: Let us worship the God who created us, redeemed us, and calls us to live with purpose.

Hymn of Adoration #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

We Are Called to Pray

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we often forget who we are and why we are here. We try to earn what you have already given us by grace. We measure our worth by our accomplishments, our success, and the approval of others. Remind us that we are your workmanship, created in Christ Jesus. Forgive us for living as though our lives belong only to ourselves. Open our eyes to the good works you have prepared for us, and give us the courage to follow where you lead. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: We are saved by grace through faith. We are not defined by our failures, our accomplishments, or our past. We are God's workmanship, created anew in Christ.

People: By God's grace, we are forgiven, made new, and called to live with purpose. 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

Then Sings My Soul

by Mary McDonald

O Lord, my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to

die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!” Then sings my soul...How great thou art!

We Hear the Word

Scripture

Ephesians 2:8-10

Sermon

Pastor Matt Fricker

***Hymn of Reflection #649**

Amazing Grace

We Respond in Faith

Call to 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 Share the Table of the Lord

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup

*We take the elements together as a reminder
that we are all a part of the body of Christ.*

We Are Sent in God's Name

***Hymn of Praise #620**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

***Charge and Benediction**

Benediction Response

The Blessing Song

(words on screens)

***Postlude**

Go Forth With Purpose

Thomas Chesterton

** Please stand if you are able.*

JMPC Prayer Concerns

As of Thursday, September 10, 2026

Please contact the Church Office with any Joys & Concerns

Prayer Requests

Prayers for Joe Paterra and family as he continues to heal in the ICU after losing both legs in a railcar accident. Joe Paterra is a good friend and coworker of Sam Page.

Previous Prayer Requests

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

Joys

Baby girl Sophia Rose made her entrance into the world on Friday, September 4th. All are doing well and are now at home as a family of four. Sophia Rose is the niece of Melanie Czandankiewicz.

This week, please pray for:

Jennifer, John, Scott, Zachary and Levi Zunic
Mike, Tracy, Jake and Kylie Ackerman
Kell, Erik, Elena and Eliza Albenze
Kenna, Christopher, Hunter and Raymond Altmeyer
Moe and Linda Arnold



Announcements

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in honor Marti Curotola's Birthday by Courtney, Bryan and Marty Durkin

Children & Youth Registration Form

Is your child participating in Sunday School, Kids Club, and/or Youth Group this year? Please pick up a Children & Youth Ministry Registration & Release Form in the Narthex, fill it out, and return it to the church office. This form will provide the needed information for your children and youth to be safe as they have fun and grow in their faith! If you have any questions, please email Stephanie Castlen at stephanie@johnmcmillanpc.org.

Adult Mission Trip

We will be taking an adult mission trip this Spring! We will have an initial meeting after worship on September 27th in the church library. If you have an interest in possibly going on the trip, please join us! These trips are a great way to serve others and engage in the mission of God

New Security Doors

We have our new security doors installed! The doors will be unlocked from 9am-3pm Monday through Friday. If you need access to the building outside of those hours, please contact Sarah in the office or Pastor Matt.

Canes Needed

The Blessings Store at Duquesne has had multiple requests for canes. If you have one that is in good condition, please leave it at the church office. Thank you!

Christmas Baguettes

The "Baguettes" are making great progress on decoration our gift bags for the Christmas Affair. Join us for fellowship and easy crafting on Wednesday, September 16 and 23 from 9-11:30.

Lost and Found

Please check the coat rack and shelf above it in the narthex for any items that might be yours. The items will be taken to Duquesne or discarded on Sept. 20.

Kids Club & Youth Group

Looking for something to do Wednesday nights? Join us for Kids Club (1st-6th grade) and Youth Group (7th-12th grade) Wednesday nights starting September 16th from 5pm till 7pm. Join us for fun games, interactive bible studies, and good food! A little shy? Bring a friend or two! The more the merrier! Interested in volunteering for Kids Club, contact Stephanie Castlen at stephanie@johnmcmillanpc.org.

Choir

Choir practice has begun and we welcome anyone who enjoys singing to join us. Please come to rehearsal at 7:00 on Thursdays and give it a try. Choir practice is joyful the music will touch your heart and bring you closer to God, just ask any choir member.

Celebration Ringers

Bell practice will begin on September 17 at 6:00 PM. If you can read music, we would love for you to join us. We will teach you how to ring the bells and follow the music. Bell ringing is fun and it's a great way to make new friends.

SHIM garden

Our gardeners have been busy harvesting tomatoes, peppers, beans, cucumbers, okra and kale. Everything we harvest goes to the SHIM food pantry for our neighbors in need.

It's been a tough year for the garden. We've had rabbits, white flies and other critters stealing our crops. The weather has been problematic as well but we thank God for providing our harvest and forge ahead.

Help feed our youth

If you would like the opportunity to feed our youth at Kids Club and Youth Group Wednesday nights, please sign up to provide a meal on a specific date. You can sign up in the Narthex, or use the Sign Up Genius.

Extended Table

Our extended table ministry will take communion to any shut ins, or others who have difficulty making it to church Sunday mornings. Pastor Matt and Stephanie will bring you communion the day after we have communion in the church. If you are added to the list, we will always contact you before visiting. If you know anyone who would like communion brought to them, please let our office manager know.

This Week's Birthdays



September 13 Nicole Webb
September 14 Pam Dobos
Katie Strickland
September 15 Kathryn Todd
September 16 Doug Mickey
Lukas Taylor
September 17 Dave Parks
September 19 Jackson Edwards
Russ Lipp

*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, September 13

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

Monday, September 14

1:00 pm Pickleball
6:30 pm Yee Twirlers

Tuesday, September 15

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 28891

Wednesday, September 16

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

Thursday, September 17

1:00 pm Pickleball
4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio
4:45 pm Yee Twirlers
6:00 pm Celebration Ringers
6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 36133
7:00 pm Line Dance
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Friday, September 18

4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio

Saturday, September 19

8:00 am Passion Twirl & Poms
8:30 am South Hills Flute Studio
1:00 pm Pittsburgh Youth Band

Sunday, September 20

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 4-6.
- ❖ 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.

JMPC STAFF

Ministers: All People of JMPC
Music Director: Carolyn Brow
Organist: Elisabeth Jeffries
Office Manager: Sarah Cribbs

Pastor: Rev. Matt Fricker
Director of Spiritual Dev.: Stephanie Castlen
Tech/AV: Jackie Druga
Preschool Director: Kim Doughty

JMPC SESSION - Clerk: Cindy Fast

Spiritual Development: Suzie Burland, Jessica Scott, Joe Smith

Outreach: Caitlin Smith, Cheryl Davies, Steve Lucia

Resources: Jim Hinerman, Sam Page, Chris Todd

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

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

September Deacon of the Month: Scott Nowak

Scott can be reached at 412-654-7771 or captscott48@juno.com

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