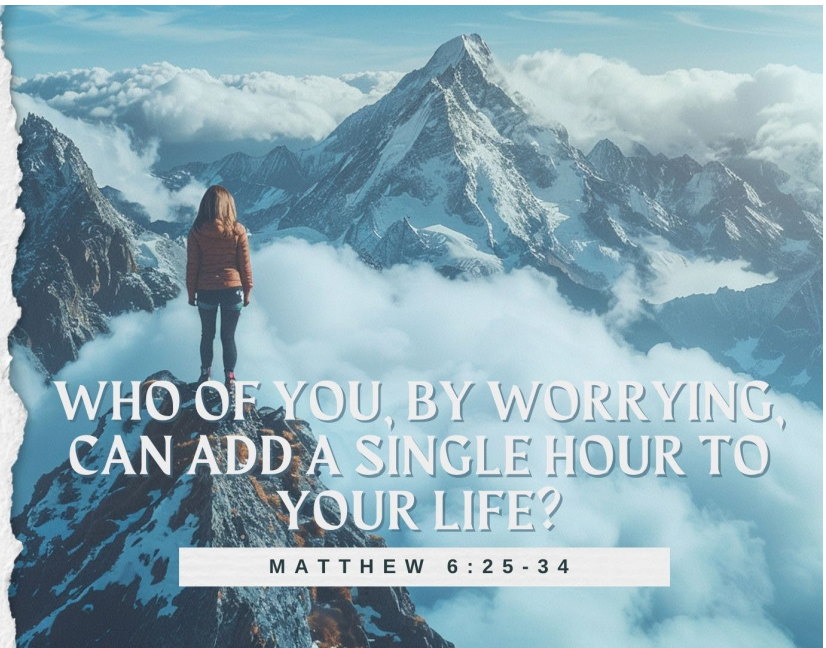


Jesus is the Question: Important Questions for our Life of Faith and our Pastoral Search



LENTON
SERMON SERIES

**JESUS IS THE
QUESTION**

April 6, 2025
**WEEK FIVE:
WORRY**

**WHO OF YOU, BY WORRYING,
CAN ADD A SINGLE HOUR TO
YOUR LIFE?**

MATTHEW 6:25-34

John McMillan Presbyterian Church
10:00 a.m. Worship
To Know, to Glorify, and to Serve God
April 6, 2025



Welcome to John McMillan Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 6, 2025 - 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

Consecration at the Cross

E.J. Lorenz

We Gather for Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Mary Cullison

Minute for Mission

*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

God makes a way when there is no way.

God sees our fears and turns them into joy.

God makes the impossible possible,

And sees the desperate needs of all people.

Come close, calming Lord,

And receive our worship today.

Hymn of Adoration #661

His Eye is on the Sparrow

We Are Called to Pray

Call to Confession *(please be seated)*

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you offer us restoration and wholeness, yet we resist you. We reduce the purpose of our life to the amount of stuff we can retain, and we disregard the damage done to our planet, our neighbors, and ourselves in the process. We confess that we would rather remain as we are than risk the change that results from your presence in our lives. In this season of Lent, help us to realize just how much we depend on one another and on you. Guide us to reorient our lives towards your goodness and your joy. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord has done great things for us. Through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ, we are renewed, and we are made whole. Beloved children of God, know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. **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.

Anthem

Once Upon A Tree

By Pepper Choplin
Chancel Choir

Once upon a tree a good man died, and though He did no crime, He was crucified. If the story ended there, I would have no song to share, but my heart will ever sing the story. Once upon a tree, so the story goes, and all the mystery surely no one knows. Could the Father's will be done through the suff'ring of His Son? And there comes the answer, "Once upon a tree." For God so loved the world, He gave His priceless pearl. What greater love could there be? He died, He rose again, still the story doesn't end, for His spirit is living in me. What tale of human love could there ever be told? What song could compare with the one I hold? Through everything I am, and through everything I'll be, let me sing my story, "Once upon a tree, once upon a tree."

We Hear the Word

Word for Today

Matthew 6:25-34

Rev. Emily Miller

Application of the Word

Worry - "Who of you, by worrying can add a single hour to your life?"

***Hymn of Reflection #800**

Sometimes a Light Surprises

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 Share the Table of the Lord

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of the Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

- * We take the elements together as a reminder that we are all a part of the body of Christ.
- * *Gluten-free wafers are now available. They are in the wrapper on each tray.*

Closing Prayer

We are Sent in God's Name

***Hymn of Discipleship #175**

Seek Ye First

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Agnus Dei

Bizet/Carleton

**Please stand if you are able.*

Upcoming Events & Information

Flowers

The flowers today are given by Cheri Clark in loving memory of Sue Clark.

No More Cowbells

Thanks to you, we quickly reached our goal to purchase another octave of chimes for the Celebration Ringers. Many thanks to all of you who donated. Now, all of our ringers will have chimes so we will have NO MORE COWBELLS.

Hot dog & chili luncheon

Interpretation of the church assessment survey will be done at a Hot Dog/Chili Luncheon after worship this Sunday, April 6. Please make every effort to attend. Rev. Ralph Lowe will help us work through the data and give us an overview of the survey results.

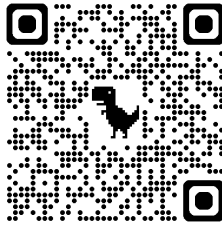
Mile for Mission

Help our Kids Club pay it forward as they conduct the 21st annual “Mile for Mission” on April 9. They are asking you to pledge a donation for their efforts to complete a one mile walk in our parking lot. All proceeds help fund the Youth Group mission trip to Indianapolis. The Kids Club takes pride in helping fund a mission trip that they themselves will go on in the future. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex. Help support the future of mission here at JMPC.

Easter Egg Hunt

Join us on Saturday, April 12 from 11 to 12 for a children’s Easter Egg Hunt, ages 3rd grade and under. There will be a short story time for all the children and then they will be divided into groups by age for the egg hunt. When not hunting eggs, kids will have snack time and Easter pictures to color. Weather permitting, the egg hunt will be outdoors. In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be moved indoors. To ensure that we have plenty of eggs for everyone we are asking that you **sign up in advance** either through the SignUpGenius link below or on the sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Come celebrate the Easter season with us!

[Easter egg hunt sign up](#)



Creation Day

On **Sunday, April 27**, we will celebrate our annual Creation Day. After worship we will have a picnic lunch and tend to the SHIM garden and orchard. Please join us for this fun, outdoor event. Many hands are needed.

SHIM Garden

The SHIM gardeners will meet this **Monday, April 7** at 6:30 PM to discuss our plans for the garden this year. Please come if you would like to be a part of this important mission of feeding our neighbors in need. You can volunteer every week or just occasionally. No gardening experience is necessary because we will guide you. Children are welcome to help tend the crops or just play on the playground. You can volunteer even if you are unable to attend the meeting by contacting Carolyn Brow at worb5@comcast.net.

JMPC Book Club

Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See

Monday, April 28 @ 7:00 pm

All are welcome

This immersive historical novel was inspired by the true story of a woman physician in 15th-century China.

It asks the question: How might a woman like Yunxian break free of the cultural and social traditions and lead a life of such importance that many of her remedies are still used five centuries later? This is a captivating story of women helping each other, a reimagining of the life of one person who was remarkable in the Ming dynasty (Goodreads).



**Spirit Day fundraiser
supporting the JMPC youth group**

**Wednesday, April 16th
11:00am-8:00pm**

For dine-in, carry-out, and drive-thru orders, mention SPIRIT DAY or use the code **CHURCH in the mobile app (case sensitive). Our group will receive 15% of the order total!**

**Only at Chick-fil-A South Hills
1620 Washington Rd
Pittsburgh, PA 15241**

This Week at JMPC

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

10:00 am Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Hot dog luncheon
2:00 pm Passion Twirl & Poms
7:00 pm Reflections Group

MONDAY, APRIL 7

1:00 pm Pickleball
1:00 pm Church bridge
6:30 pm Girl Scout's service unit

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

9:00 am Ladies Pickleball
3:00 pm Passion Twirl & Poms
8:00 pm Pickleball (Knopp)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

1:00 pm Pickleball
4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio
4:45 pm The Yee Twirlers
6:00 pm Celebration Ringers
6:00 pm Girl Scouts-Osleger
7:00 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm Line Dance - Brownlee

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio
6:00 pm Private Event (Kovell)

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

11:00 am Easter egg hunt

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 PALM SUNDAY

10:00 am Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
3:00 pm Passion Twirl & Poms
7:00 pm Reflections Group



This Week's Birthdays

4/6 Diana Kozel
4/7 Fredrick Schindler
Colleen Smith
Bonnie Grueso
4/9 James Scalise
Preston Linder
4/10 Benjamin Froelich
4/11 David Deckard
Delaney Scott
4/12 Shirley Lander
Adrian Strzyz

JMPC Prayer Concerns
(As of Thursday, April 3, 2025)

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

Joys

Congratulations to Don Sauter as he celebrates his 90th birthday this week.

Prayer Requests

Prayers for Linda Hinerman. She had a fall that required hospitalization.

Prayers for Kathleen and John Mazzola's grandson, who underwent spinal surgery.

Please pray for Judy Gaudelli's recovery after a recent fall.

Prayers for Linda Arnold's friend's granddaughter. She is 3 months old and recovering from surgery in the NICU.

Previous Prayers Requested

Prayers for the Brenes Family, friends of Caitlin Smith, who recently lost their home and belonging to a devastating fire.

Prayers for Helen Mosapan, niece of Emilee Little's coworker, who was drafted into active duty in Qatar. Her family is struggling with this news.

Please pray for, Julie Jendrysik, friend of Janet Dykstra, who was recently diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing treatment.

Prayers for the family of Neil Houston, former JMPC member, upon his passing.

Prayers for Emilee Little's grandmother, Catherine. She is in hospice and the doctor thinks she has less than 6 months to live.

Prayers for Maeven Wolfe, daughter of Alexandra and Nathaniel Wolfe, that her g-tube may be removed and she is able to eat solid foods.

Prayers for government employees who feel unwanted and not needed during this time of ongoing layoffs and firings.

Prayers for a family friend of the Bair's, Rick Focht, who is scheduled for surgery April 1st for oral cancer. (Good news: lymph nodes are clear!)

Lenten Sermon Series for 2025:
Jesus is the Question-
Important Questions to Probe our Life of Faith

March 9: Week #1- Longing, John 1:35-42 “What are you looking for?”

March 16: Week #2 - Identity, Mark 5:1-20 “What is your name?”

March 23: Week #3 – Compassion, Luke 7:36-50 “Do you see this woman?”

March 30: Week #4 – Faith & Doubt, Matthew 14:22-33 “You of little faith, why do you doubt?”

April 6: Week #5 – Worry, Matthew 6:25-34 “Who of you, by worrying, can add a single hour to your life?”

April 13: Palm Sunday - Week #6 – Jesus’ Identity, Mark 8:22-30 “Who do you say that I am?”

Maundy Thursday or Good Friday – Absence, Matthew 27:38-51 “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

April 20: Easter Sunday – Resurrection, Luke 24:1-12, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?”

HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday
April 13th @ 10 am

Maundy Thursday
April 17th @ 7:30 pm

Good Friday
April 18th
Pastor's message on Facebook
and website

Easter Sunday
April 20th
Worship @ 10:00am

Pastor Nominating Committee

Please keep them and the church in your prayers as we discern God's call for the next Pastor of JMPC.



Members

Ella Willison
Grace Bogdon
Mary Cullison
Jim Ellis
Betsy Gilbert
Doug Mickey

Megan Sherry
Joe Smith
Laura Waterstram

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 is available during worship in room 16/18 for children 3 years old to 3rd grade, September through May.

To learn more about our programs, church activities & missions, we invite you to also:

Pick up a copy of our 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.

This week, please pray for:

Rich and Linda Boren

Emily Brow

Rick and Carolyn Brow

Marielle, Noah, Liliana and Fiona Brown

Bob and Suzie Burland

JMPC STAFF

Ministers: All People of JMPC
Music Director: Carolyn Brow
Office Manager: Catherine Sams
Tech/AV: Jackie Druga

Pastor: Rev. Emily Miller
Organist: Elisabeth Jeffries
Preschool Director: Kim Doughty

JMPC SESSION - Clerk: Cindy Fast

Spiritual Development: Suzie Burland, Kathleen Mazzola, Joe Smith
Outreach: Michelle Chenevert, Cheryl Davies, Lynn Willison
Resources: Bryan Durkin, Sam Page, Chris Todd

JMPC DEACONS

Class of 2025: Jeanie Bonnewell, Toni Sulkowski, Laura Waterstram
Class of 2026: Joann Bair, Bob Burland, Judy Willison
Class of 2027: Scott Nowak, Zach Smith, Paul Zandhuis

Our partners in ministry

The staff of Pittsburgh Presbytery; Congregations in the South Branch of Pittsburgh Presbytery; First Presbyterian Church of Duquesne and Pastor Judi Slater; The Chigumula Church in Malawi Africa; South Hills Interfaith Movement; World Vision; Hebron USA, Chiapas Partners

In the Event of an Emergency

April Deacon of the Month: Zach Smith

He can be reached at (412) 651-2200

Pastor Emily Miller (412) 519-4274

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