



John McMillan Presbyterian Church  
10:00 am Worship  
*To Know, To Glorify and to Serve God*  
**November 17, 2024**



# Welcome to John McMillan Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 17, 2024; 10:00am

*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

### The Prelude

*"Praise The Lord, O Jerusalem"* – arr. J.H. Maunder

## We Gather for Worship

### The Welcome & Announcements

Joe Smith

### The Minute for Mission

Linda Pelan

*"Building Relationships & Sharing Stories"*

### \*The 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.

### \*The Introit

Chancel Choir

*"Gather Us In"*

### \*The Call to Worship

God gathers us together in this place.

***Let us sing praise to the Lord.***

God heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up our wounds.

***Let us sing praise to the Lord.***

God lifts the downtrodden  
and casts out wickedness.

***Let us sing praise to the Lord.***

We sing to God with thanksgiving.

***Let us worship God!***

## **\*The Hymn of Gathering #401 vs. 2-4**

*"Gather Us In"*

### **We Are Called to Pray**

#### **The Call to Confession** *(please be seated)*

#### **The Prayer of Confession**

God of justice and truth,  
you ask us to give to you the things that are yours.  
If we are honest,  
we know we hold so much back.  
We have promised you our obedience,  
but we often fulfill our own desires first.  
We have promised you our worship,  
but we give our attention to idols instead.  
We have promised to do your work in the world,  
but we put it last on the list of priorities.  
Have mercy on us and forgive us.  
Increase our generosity that we might give freely,  
grateful for all of the gifts you have given us.

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

#### **The Assurance of Forgiveness**

The good news remains true:  
God has chosen us, forgives us,  
and walks beside us,  
helping us become imitators of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!**

#### **\*The 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.

#### **The Prayers of the People**

## **The Anthem**

Chancel Choir

*“Awake My Tongue” Shaker Hymn Tune - arr. By Duane Blakley*

Awake, my tongue, thy tribute bring To Hym who gave thee power to sing; Praise Him who is all praise above, The source of wisdom and of love. How vast His knowledge, how profound, A deep where all our thoughts are drowned: The stars He numbers, and their names He gives to all those heavenly flames. Through each bright world above, behold, ten thousand, thousand charms unfold; Earth, air, and mighty seas combine To speak His wisdom all divine. But in redemption, O what grace! Its wonders O what thought can trace! Here, wisdom shines forever bright: Praise Him, my soul, with sweet delight. Awake my tongue.....

## **We Hear the Word**

### **The Word for Today**

Rev. Jeff Tindall

Matthew 5: 1-2; 9

Matthew 6: 9; 12; 14-15

Matthew 5: 23-26

### **The Application of the Word**

*“As We Forgive Others”*

### **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.

### **\*The Hymn of Reflection #444**

*“Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”*

## **We Respond in Faith**

### **\*The Affirmation of Faith**

In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

### **The Invitation to the Offering**

## **The Collection of the Offering**

### **The Offertory**

#### **\*The 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!

#### **\*The Prayer of Dedication**

**We are Sent in God's Name**

#### **\*The Hymn of Thanksgiving #714**

*"God of the Fertile Fields"*

### **AED Presentation**

#### **\*The Benediction**

#### **\*The Postlude**

*"Thanks Be To Thee"* – G.F. Handel

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*\*please stand if you are able*

# Upcoming Events & Information

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

It is a tradition here at JMPC to do a Thanksgiving Food Drive for South Hills Interfaith Movement. Donations due by November 20th. As a way of showing our thanks for the bounty we have been given just a few items would be greatly appreciated. See the list below for the most needed items. Items can be put in the SHIM bin in the narthex. Thank you!

Most needed items for SHIM's food pantries

- Dried beans and lentils
- Rice
- Pasta sauce in jars
- Cereal and oatmeal
- Soup (especially low sodium)
- Adult diapers, especially L and XL
- Diapers sizes 3-6
- Baby food
- Dog food
- Personal care items (shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine items, etc.)

## Christmas Affair

Outreach is delighted to report that \$11,000 will be distributed to local, national, and international mission! We will be deciding which groups they will go to and it will be published in the Interface in January. We look forward to having The Christmas Affair on November 8, 2025!

## Poinsettias

### Orders Due November 24<sup>th</sup>

It is now time to order your Christmas Poinsettias. Orders will be taken now through November 24<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be using the *Signup Genius* for orders. Red, White and/or Pink will be available for purchase. The cost is \$10.00 for a 6" potted flower. You can put your check made payable to JMPC with Poinsettia in the memo line and place it in the offering plate or give to Leslie in the church office. If you need any assistance with your order please feel free to contact the church office. In lieu of, or in addition to ordering poinsettias, you can also donate to the Deacon's Caring Fund through December 15<sup>th</sup>. The order form can be found in the Narthex or in the e-mail blast.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A45AAA29A5FF2-52718921-poinsettia>

## **Brown Bag Bible Study**

**Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> | 12:00 pm | Fellowship Hall**

BBBS has begun our study of the New Testament letter *1 Timothy*. *1 Timothy* is the first of three “pastoral letters” (along with the letters *2 Timothy* and *Titus*) which discuss church leadership and pastoral oversight of churches both organizationally and theologically. There is a lot to talk about in *1 Timothy*. Subjects that might surprise you and puzzle you. Any questions? Contact Pastor Jeff. Come and see (and bring your lunch)!

## **ALL Church! Thanksgiving Dinner and Service**

**Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> | 6pm Dinner – 7pm Service**

Thanksgiving Dinner will be provided by the Fellowship Committee in Fellowship Hall. There is no charge for the dinner, but we will collect donations to support the mission of Kids’ Klub and Youth Group. The children of Kids Klub plan on purchasing an animal through Heifer International and the Youth Group continues their sponsorship of Faresi Esau from Kapeni, Malawi. This family focused and joyful service allows us to give thanks to God for all our blessings.

Remember- this is an intergenerational event, and no family is complete without YOU!

Let us know you are coming: <https://tinyurl.com/4uktst9w>



## **The Bins are Empty!**

The Shared Blessings Store at the First Presbyterian Church of Duquesne is in need of children’s clothes for boys and girls in sizes 2, 3, 4, and 5. Your donations are appreciated. Need a pickup? Email Cheryl Davies at [daviesbp53@hotmail.com](mailto:daviesbp53@hotmail.com).



The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Billie Dee  
Weise in memory of Karl Weise.



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

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

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

1:00 pm Pickleball

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

8:30 am Women's Breakfast  
9:00 am Ladies Pickleball  
3:00 pm Passion Twirl & Poms  
7:00 pm Session Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

10:00 am Staff Meeting  
12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study  
4:00 pm South Hills Flute Studio  
5:00 pm Kids Klub & Youth Group  
6:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner  
7:00 pm Thanksgiving Service

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

1:00 pm Pickleball  
5:00 pm South Hills Flute Studio  
6:00 pm Bell Practice  
7:00 pm Choir Practice  
7:00 pm Line Dancing – Krissie  
Brownlee

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

8:00 am Passion Twirl & Poms

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

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



Sunday, December  
Christmas Concert (4:30pm) & Potluck Dinner



# **JMPC Prayer Concerns (As of Thursday, November 14, 2024)**

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

## **Prayer Requests**

Prayers for Jessica Scott and family on the passing of her mother, Janet Johnson, on, November 13th.

## **Previous Joy**

### **Previous Prayers Requested**

Lynn Willison's friend Gary Marshal, who has been diagnosed with melanoma. Prayers for Scott and Sandy Nowak's granddaughter Aliva, that she gets well. Prayers for Jim & Linda McCalmont as they struggle with Jim's health concerns. Chris Woods, Jenni Knopp's father who is recovering from a serious bicycle accident.

Becca Semke, Fred & Nancy Page's daughter who had surgery for breast cancer. Megan Morford Brown, good friend of Pastor Jeff, who is having a liver transplant on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Marielle Brown asks for prayers for her friend Amy's father, Fred who fell and is going into rehab.

Kelsie, family friend of Carolyn Brow, diagnosed with leukemia is hospitalized and undergoing chemotherapy. Thankful for no blast cells!

John Sheridan Carolyn's nephew who is undergoing chemo.

Dan Davies' brother, Bob who is recovering from surgery, and his brother-in-law, Ted, who is still recovering from bypass surgery.

Toni Sulkowski's former colleague, Joe, battling pancreatic cancer.

### **This week, please pray for:**

Bob & Marion Lyles

Steve Masley

Dr. John & Kathleen Mazzola

Jim & Linda McCalmont

Julie, Michael, Teagan & Cade McGuire

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, September through May.

On Wednesday Nights, we gather for Kids Klub (ages 9-12, 3rd- 6th grade) and Youth Group (ages 12-18, 8th-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 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](mailto:jmpc@johnmcmillanpc.org)

Visit our website: [www.johnmcmillanpc.org](http://www.johnmcmillanpc.org)

Visit us on Facebook or our YouTube channel.



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| November 17 | Jim Willison      |
| November 18 | Bonnie Dowdell    |
| November 19 | Elena Albenze     |
| November 19 | Natalie Shinton   |
| November 19 | Gabriella Taylor  |
| November 20 | Hunter Altmeyer   |
| November 20 | Alexa Huckabee    |
| November 20 | Ed Mialki         |
| November 20 | Alexander Roberts |
| November 23 | Leah Shubilla     |

We would love to have your birthday on file in the office. If we've missed your birthday, please contact Leslie in the church office as we may not have it on file. Thank you!

# NOTES

## JMPC STAFF

Ministers: All People of JMPC  
Music Director: Carolyn Brow  
Office Manager: Leslie Bogdon  
Preschool Director: Kim Doughty

Senior Pastor: Rev. Jeff Tindall  
Organist: Elisabeth Jeffries  
Tech/AV: Jackie Druga & Kay Zawicki  
Dir. of Youth & Family Ministries: Emily Shubilla

## 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**

November Deacon of the Month: Paul Zandhuis (412) 595-7125.

Please call Paul or Pastor Jeff with any pastoral concerns.

Direct call/text: Pastor Jeff @ (412) 225-7550

E-mail: [jeff@johnmcmillanpc.org](mailto:jeff@johnmcmillanpc.org)

You can also call the church at (412) 833-4704.

Pastor Jeff receives e-mails on his phone as well as on his computer.

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