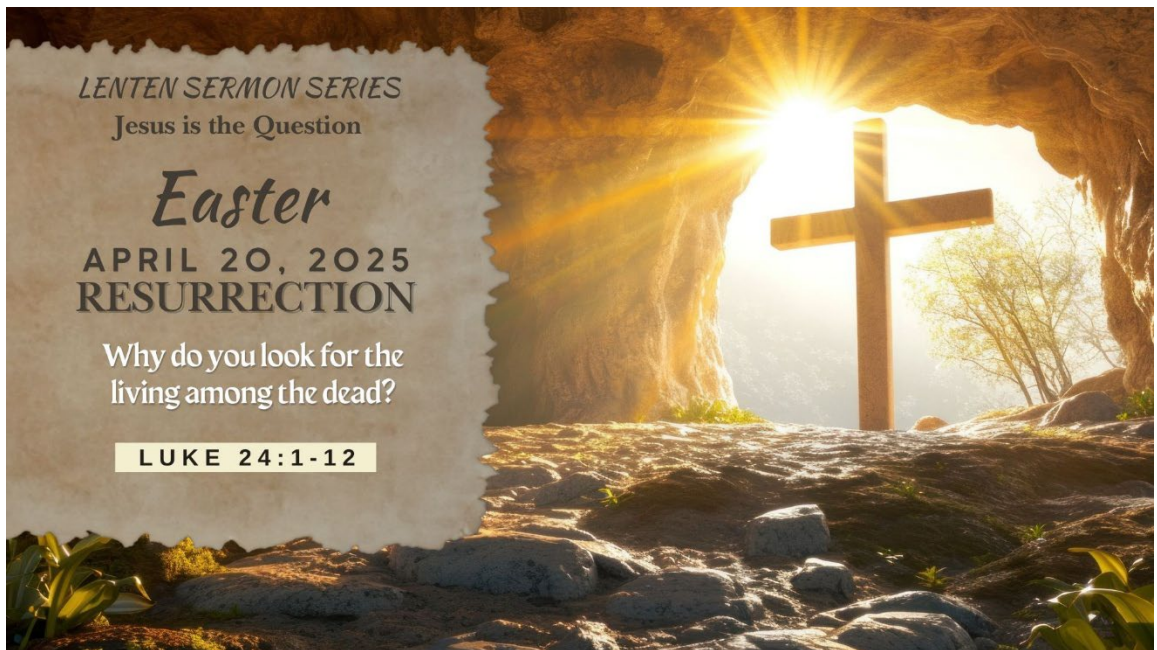


Jesus is the Question: Important Questions for our Life of Faith and our Pastoral Search



John McMillan Presbyterian Church

10:00 a.m. Worship

To Know, to Glorify, and to Serve God

April 20, 2025



Welcome to John McMillan Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 20, 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

I know that my Redeemer Liveth

from the Messiah

G.F. Handel

JMPC Band

We Gather for Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Doug Mickey

*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

Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

Today is the day the mystery unfolds.

We glimpse it at the dawning of light.

We recall God's trustworthy promise:

The tomb is empty! The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

We delight saying: alleluia!

We wonder singing: alleluia!

We are witnesses shouting: Alleluia!

All: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

***Hymn of Adoration** (on screen)

The Day of Resurrection

Chancel Choir

Congregation joins - in bold

The stone is rolled away this resurrection day; give glory to the King! Rejoice oh victory! God's Son has set us free; give glory to the King! He conquered death and sin, and rose to live again; forever He will reign! And evermore shall be a song of victory for Christ has come to reign! From Darkness into light, God's love has pierced the night; His glory now we sing. Let every heart and voice sing praise to God, rejoice! For Jesus Christ is King! **The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory. Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth her song begin! The world resound in triumph, and all that is therein. Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend; for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end. To Him your praises sing; hail to the King of kings! He came to set us free; rejoice, O victory! Alleluia!**

We Are Called to Pray

Call to Confession *(please be seated)*

Prayer of Confession

On this bright and joyful day, we bring our whole selves to you, great God, honestly naming the truth about our lives. We are caught in our shame, judgment and self-pity, often feeling far away from you. Restore us, renew us, revive us, we pray, so that we may fully receive the promise of Easter. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! The Lord is alive! The risen Lord destroys death, conquers sin, and wipes away all shame. Receive the wonderful news: In Jesus Christ you are restored. Alleluia, 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

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

Anthem

Just Because He Lives

Arr. by Joel Raney
Celebration Ringers

We Hear the Word

Word for Today

Luke 24:1-12

Rev. Emily Miller

Application of the Word

Resurrection - "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"

***Hymn of Reflection #238**

Thine is the Glory

We Respond in Faith

***Affirmation of Faith: Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven
 and sitteth on the right hand
 of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 the holy catholic church;
 the communion of saints;
 the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body;
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Anthem

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Arr. by Kevin McChesney
Celebration Ringers

Call for the Offering

Collection of the Offering

Offertory

Hallelujah Chorus

G.F. Handel
Chancel Choir

***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 for Easter #323**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Toccotina on *Easter Hymn* Van Denman Thompson

**Please stand if you are able.*

Upcoming Events & Information

Listening Sessions

Would you like to have more input into our pastoral search? We hope so! On **May 4 and June 8**, immediately after worship, Pastor Emily will lead us in a “listening session”. This will be a time to talk about what we value from our church’s history and what we would like to see in a new pastor. The PNC needs your input to find the pastor who best fits with our church. Please plan to come to one of these sessions. Thanks for your input!

Angel’s Place

April’s community service project in conjunction with the Preschool will be to support Angel’s Place in Pittsburgh. This wonderful organization offers free or affordable childcare to student mothers, enabling them to continue their education. In return, the student mothers are required to maintain good grades and help with chores at the childcare center. Please use this link: [Angel’s Place items](#) for a list of donations. Collection takes place **April 14 - 30**.



Christmas Affair Applications

JMPC is excited to announce its annual Christmas Affair, taking place on Saturday, November 8, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. *The event is now accepting applications from crafters interested in participating, **through May 25th**.* Each year, the Christmas Affair draws more than 45 talented crafters, offering a wide variety of handmade goods and holiday treasures. Highlights of the event include the festive Gingerbread House, an exciting Chance Auction, and the ever-popular Kris Kringle Kafé. Admission is free, and all proceeds support both local and global mission efforts. Crafters who wish to apply or learn more can contact Leslie at **412-759-1634** or lesliegwb@gmail.com. Space is limited, please apply early.

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.

Quiet time--we are asking that morning social time be out in the narthex on Sunday mornings until the sanctuary doors open at 9:45AM to allow the choir and bell ringers to have their brief rehearsal time to perfect their musical offering to God and the congregation.

The exception is for those who are physically challenged and need to be seated in the sanctuary when they arrive.

We thank you so much for your help and understanding.

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).

Global 6K for Water

Join us to support World Vision's Global 6K for Water on **May 17** at 8:00 a.m. at Rolling Hills Park Shelter B. Register or donate at [Global 6K For Water](#).

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.

This Week at JMPC

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

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

MONDAY, APRIL 21

1:00 pm Pickleball

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

4:30 pm South Hills Flute Studio

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

8:00 am Passion Twirl & Poms
11:00 am Mon Valley
2.30 pm Piano recital - Wu

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

10:00 am Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Creation Day
3:00 pm Passion Twirl & Poms
7:00 pm Reflections Group

This Week's Birthdays



4/20 Trevin Bair
Karen Wengryn
4/21 Jenna Roberts
Leah Edgar
4/22 Deanna Kovell
4/24 Harper Knopp
4/25 Fred Page
Mike Dobos
4/27 Katie Lipp

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

JMPC Prayer Concerns (As of Thursday, April 17, 2025)

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

Previous Prayers Requested

Please pray for Alexis Neely's boyfriend, Brice Kelly, who had a serious brain aneurysm.

Prayers for Carolyn McCully, Alexis Neely's grandmother, who has cancer.

Prayers for Mary Jo White who had eye surgery on Thursday, April 10.

Prayers for Emilee Little's coworker, Nora Koper, who recently lost her mother.

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

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.

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.

Memorials and Honorariums for Easter Flowers and Deacons' Fund Gifts

Cheryl and Dan Davies	In memory of our parents In honor of our grandchildren
Dan and Susan Zearley	In memory of loved ones
Megan Ellis-Lewis and Bob Lewis	In memory of Marcia and Herb Ellis
Kylee, Chris, Matilda, and Nico Oliastro	In memory of Marcia and Herb Ellis In memory of Helen and Matilda Palmer
Laura Waterstram	In memory of loved ones
Cindy Fast	In memory of loved ones
Donna Kovell	In memory of Jerry
Leslie Bogdon	In honor of Grace and Ryan
Toni Sulkowski	In memory of my parents, Eugene & Carolyn Sulkowski In honor of the JMPC Session members In memory of my aunts, Katherine Mitchell and Joan Chacona
Jim and Linda McCalmont	In honor of our 11 grandchildren
Rick and Carolyn Brow	In memory of loved ones
Connie and Joe Smith	In honor of our children and grandchildren
Chuck and Mary Cullison	In memory of loved ones
Jim and Linda Hinerman	In memory of loved ones
Heidi Todd	In memory of David Todd and Karl Weise
Cheri Clark	In memory of loved ones
Pam and Mike Dobos	In memory of our parents and grandparents
Don and Joyce Ewing	In memory of our parents

Paul and Judy Gaudelli

In honor of our many blessings

In memory of loved ones

Billie Dee Weise

In honor of my children and grandchildren

In memory of loved ones

Jim and Judy Willison

In memory of family



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:

Paul, Michelle, Noelle, William and Colin
Chenevert

Cheri and Ron Clark

Jerry, Alex and A.J. Clark

Ken, Barbara and Cory Clark

Joan Clement

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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