

Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*And He
Set His
Face
Toward
Jerusalem
Luke 9:51*

FEBRUARY 28, 2016
3RD SUNDAY IN LENT
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A NOTE FROM REV. DR. PAUL KIRBAS



Dear Congregation,

Today we continue the season of Lent. Our worship theme for Lent is based on a pivotal passage in Luke's Gospel, where we are told that "When the days drew near for him to be taken up, Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem." (Luke 9:51). From this moment on, Jesus is on a journey. His physical journey to the cross becomes a metaphor for our spiritual journey during this season of Lent. This Lent, we are focusing on that theme of Spiritual Journey, through our messages and a Spirituality Center we have created in the Social Hall. This Spirituality Center features a large labyrinth, dramatic banners depicting the journey of Jesus, and spirituality stations that invite you to employ different senses in exploring your relationship with God. Our Spirituality Center is open on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, and also available for your use during the week during business hours. I invite you to visit the center often during this season of Lent. Try different stations during your visits, and set a pace that is slow and reflective. Let the center enhance your spiritual journey during this Holy Season.

As we move deeper into the Lenten season, we are approaching the most important week of our faith: Holy Week. Our Holy Week experience will begin with Palm Sunday, as our children process with palm branches in their hands. Our labyrinth in the Social Hall will also be decorated with palms, and you can walk the labyrinth visualizing yourself with Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

On Maundy Thursday, we will hold our second annual Seder Meal at 6:30 PM in the Garden Court. Our Seder Meal will feature a full meal together, along with the special symbolic elements of the Seder meal that Jesus would have had with his disciples. Our Seder Meal will feature special music from our music department, and the sacrament of Holy Communion. The meal is free, but donations to offset our expenses will be appreciated. You can sign up for the Seder meal beginning today in the Garden Court.

Our Good Friday service will be held in the Sanctuary at 7:30 PM. Known as a Tenebrae Service, this service will feature a progressive darkening of the sanctuary as we read the sacred story of the last hours of Christ's life. After the Good Friday service, the labyrinth will be available for a sacred walk, darkened and stark to reflect the meaning of the day. In addition, earlier in the day, our chapel will be open for prayer and meditation from noon to 3:00 PM on Good Friday. For the chapel, we will provide a devotional guide that follows the traditional Stations of the Cross.

I hope you will plan now to be here for the services of Holy Week, as we continue to follow Jesus as he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

In God's Love,
Paul J Kirbas
Pastor/Head of Staff

Lent

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT PASTOR'S CLASS WITH MICHELLE JUNKIN SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM IN ROOM 103

Exploring spiritual practices during the season of Lent is a shared journey of following Jesus and listening to God's Word. The Spirituality Center, which is located in the Social Hall, invites you to engage in practices that promote time for personal reflection, evoke opportunities for meditation, and foster experiences for creative expression during this season of Lent. Each week, Rev. Junkin will lead a pastor's class that lifts up one element from the Spirituality Center and helps explore how the spiritual discipline encourages spiritual growth and healing. For more information on this class or the Spirituality Center please visit our website at www.wpcokc.org.

MAUNDY THURSDAY
SEDER MEAL
MARCH 24TH AT 6:30PM

MENU
ROAST CHICKEN
HORSERADISH POTATO
GRATIN
ASPARAGUS
GREENS WITH APPLES
AND WALNUTS
COCONUT MACAROONS
CHOCOLATE MERINGUE
COOKIES

KIDS:
CHICKEN NUGGETS, MAC
N CHEESE, FRUIT

ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO COST FOR THE MEAL, AN OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN TO HELP COVER EXPENSES. IN ORDER TO PREPARE, WE DO NEED A COUNT OF WHO IS ATTENDING, SO PLEASE REGISTER AT THE TABLE IN THE GARDEN COURT.



WE'RE HERE WE LISTEN.

Going through a difficult time?
Stephen Ministry
A LISTENING EAR IN TIME OF NEED

If you or someone you know is being affected by the recent layoffs, a job transition or difficult circumstance due to our shifting economy, we recognize these types of life events impact our lives in a variety of expected and unexpected ways; from financial concerns, to career transitions, to issues relating to identity, self-worth, and vocational calling. Stephen Ministers are trained lay people committed to confidentiality, compassion and caring as people navigate through challenges and journey toward healing. Their purpose is to provide one-on-one confidential care to people experiencing crisis, hurts, or challenges. Whether a member or non-member, our Stephen Ministers are here to offer care and if you'd like to learn more please contact Glenn Dunn (405-830-2523), Carole Sue Muller (405-721-6518), or any of our pastors.

The BRIDGE

WEDNESDAYS

Dinner ~ 5:45 - 6:30 pm

Abigail's Catering will be catering dinner in the Garden Court each Wednesday Evening. There will also be live entertainment.

Menu for March 2nd
Spaghetti and Meatballs with
Salad and Dessert

Please RSVP online at www.wpcokc.org or in the Garden Court each week so we'll know how much food to prepare.

Pricing: Adults \$7.00, Children 10 -2 \$5.00 with a Family Maximum of \$25.00.

urban mission
"Giving help today for hope of a better tomorrow"

Volunteers Needed!

Urban Mission's volunteers are truly the life-blood of their organization. They could not serve our community without their help. Here are some ways you can help them:

Shopping Helper: Assist clients with making their food choices in the food resource center. This can include helping push their cart or helping bag items. But most importantly, it is about being a friendly and respectful helper while they shop. Monday - Thursday: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Volunteers are encouraged to come and go as they please during these times.

Stocker: Unbox food and organize it on the shelves. Make sure that the shelves are full and look nice. This would include making sure everything is located in the proper section and it is facing the correct direction. With this position there is some heavy lifting. We need help anywhere from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday - Thursday.

Waiting Room Host: Keep client paperwork in order while clients wait for their turn to shop. This position is needed the same hours as a Shopping Helper.

If you are interested in being a volunteer with Urban Mission please email volunteer@urbanmissionokc.org for further information.

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

Time of Welcome

*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: Even as he was on the path to the Cross, Jesus took time to share his peace with others. May that Peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Prelude: *Ah, Holy Jesus*

Arr. Helmut Walcha

Unison Prayer of Invocation

God of mercy, love and grace, we come to you as your children, because we need you and want to be with you. We come to you as your servants, because we are in awe of you and we worship you. We come to you in the name of Jesus, because you have promised to be with us when we gather in his name. As we begin this service of worship, fill us with your Spirit and your Word. Grant us the grace and the wisdom to hear your voice, and to follow your call wherever it may lead. Amen.

*Processional Hymn: #722 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

+(verses 1 and 5)

Canonbury

Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You have shown us, O Lord, the way of life through your Son Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear his name. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. In your abundant grace, blot out our transgressions. Thoroughly wash us clean of our sins, and set us on the path that leads to you. Lord, hear this confession, and those we now offer in silence...(a silence is kept). Through Jesus we bring our prayer, Amen.

Kyrie (The People Sing Responsively)

Leader: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us.

People: **Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us.**

Leader: Christ, Have Mercy Upon Us.

People: **Christ, Have Mercy Upon Us.**

Leader: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us.

People: **Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us.**

Eleanor Whitsett

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of God's grace.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*Response to Forgiveness: #215 *What Wondrous Love Is This* (verse 1)

Wondrous Love

++Children's Moment:#721 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

As the children come forward, the congregation shall sing (verse 1); as the children return to their seats, the congregation shall sing (verse 3).

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 55:1-9, p. 685

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

++Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

Hymnal p. 35

Reading from the New Testament

Luke 10:38-42, p. 72

Anthem: *Be Thou My Vision*

John Rutter

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, be thou ever with me, and I with Thee Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; be thou my whole armor, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower: O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise: be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun, O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Chancel Choir; Dr. Sallie Pollack, Piano

Sermon: "DEALING WITH DISTRACTIONS"

Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

*Hymn of Discipleship: #450 *Be Thou My Vision*

Slane

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*Traditional*)

Hymnal p. 35

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: *Slane*

Arr. Gordon Young

*Doxology: #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Old Hundredth

++Prayer of Thanksgiving

+The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Recessional Hymn: #724 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Angel's Story

+(verses 1 and 4)

*Benediction

Postlude: *Valet will ich dir geben "I bid farewell to vain worldly joys"*

Max Reger

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*This sign is an invitation, to all who are able, to stand as they offer God thanks and praise.

+This sign indicates Chapel Worship Service only.

++This sign indicates Sanctuary Worship Service only.

Leading in Worship

Pastor/Head of Staff: Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care: Rev. Michelle Junkin

Elder Liturgist: Richard Darnell

Director of Worship and Music: Josh Phelps

Organ: Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Carillon: Lisa Hart

Acolyte: Cole Boyd

CHILDREN



HEATHER SELEMENT
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Hello Parents,

I hope that you have had a great week! Here is what we are learning about this week:

Our preschoolers are learning about when the Disciples tell others about Jesus' love for them, found in Matthew 28:16-20. Please be sure to ask them about the fun lesson they learned today and ask them ways they can share Jesus' love with others. Our 1st-4th grade children are finishing their series on Cooperation, this week we learned about how the Early Church worked together to accomplish more in Acts 2:42-47. Maybe this week you could discuss how we can work together now as the church to accomplish more for God. In Club 56 we talked about how with God's help we can do our best! We learned how to tell if an expectation for us is from others or from God and what the Bible says about that. Our scripture was Hebrews 12:1-3 and our verse was "For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength" which is found in Philippians 4:13.

In **Full Circle Fellowship** we are continuing our Journey to the Cross series and spending time in the Spirituality Center. This week we will be doing some more art and making mosaic crosses. The children really enjoyed painting while praying last week. Their art pieces were really special and I hope that they are using them as reminders to be in prayer during the week.

Lily Sales are starting this week, you can purchase a Lily in memory of or in honor of, at the table in the garden court. The proceeds from lily sales will be going to scholarships for children's camps, retreats and other events. Thank you for supporting the children through this meaningful fundraiser.

I hope that you enjoyed the **prayers** from last week, here are a few more for this week:

Passion for the Lord: Lord, I pray my children's souls would pant for you as the deer pants for streams of water.

Wisdom: Gracious God, I pray my children would ask and that you would generously give wisdom to them as you promise.

Prayerfulness: God, I ask that my children would be committed to prayer, and not faint, lose heart or give up.

Gratitude: Lord, help my children to live lives that over-flow with thankfulness, always giving thanks to you.

May you have a blessed week!

Heather

Psalms 42:1

James 1:5

Luke 18:1

Ephesians 5:20

Easter Lily Sales

Easter lilies will be on sale beginning **TODAY** in the Garden Court. They can be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one, family, or friend. The table will be open following each service through March 13th. The cost of a lily is \$20.

All proceeds from this year's lily sales will go to provide scholarships to children in need who would like to attend Westminster's summer camp.

Friday Friends Winter/Spring Dates

After school activities for ALL children grades 3rd-8th

April 1st and 22nd, May 6th, 13th

YOUTH



Date: Tuesday, July 19 – Saturday, July 23, 2016

Location: Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Who: High School Age youth and accompanying adult advisors (Entering freshmen through graduated seniors; adult advisors must be 21 years of age).

Cost: \$505.00 per person (includes housing, meals, program costs)



AUSTIN JENKINS
YOUTH & MEDIA
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEPHEN MINISTERS are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis, have experienced the loss of a beloved pet, or are going through tough times. The care you receive is confidential, free and very helpful. To learn how you, a friend, a neighbor or relative can receive care, call Carole Sue Muller (721-6518) or Glenn Dunn (830-2523), or staff member Rev. Michelle Junkin. For more information about Stephen Ministry, please visit wpcokc.org.

WPC FOUNDATION Did you know that the Westminster Presbyterian Church currently has several Endowment Funds? They range from Youth Ministries to the Campbell Trust Fund that is used mainly to support our Members who are pursuing the Ordained Presbyterian Ministry. If you would like to start your own Endowment Fund, please contact the Business Office or any of the Foundation Trustees. Mark Schlegel, Hal Brown, Alison Taylor, John Frick, Tim Cheek, Cliff Hudson, Sarah Frank, Paige Bass, Ellen Morgan, Chris Stephens or Jim Richard.

OFFICER TRAINING TODAY 11:45am-2:00pm in Room 103 for all incoming newly elected Elders and Deacons.

ANIMALS IN THE KINGDOM a part of *The Exchange* with Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas, Sundays at 7:30am on KSBI.

LENT & HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS, put together by the Westminster Care Team, are available in the Garden Court for all to enjoy. Remember to pick up your copy today.

WPC BLOOD DRIVE 2016 was a big success! OBI requests 20-25 successful donors and we had 26!! Thank you all for your willingness to give. If you do go to the Blood Institute to donate please tell them you are with Westminster, and we will get credit.

DIRECTORIES are available for pick up at the Information Desk for those who have had their photo taken and have not received one yet.



Knit N Purl

The next meeting of Knit N Purl will be **TOMORROW** at 10:00am in the Parlor. If you are interested in joining this group you are invited to attend. No knitting skills are required. These lovely ladies will teach you the basics. Do you crochet? That's just fine. Come and fellowship over hooks, needles and of course lots of yarn.

Remember to silence all cell phones. No food or drinks are allowed in the Chapel or Sanctuary.

WPC CARES: Members in Need of Care. In order to care for our members who are hospitalized, homebound or simply needing prayer, please notify the church by email at wpccares@wpcokc.org or by phone at 524-2224 ext. 249. Doing so helps our ministers and care team members know whom to visit. Without your help our ability to know who is in the hospital or in need is limited.

Deacon of the Week: Kathy Funston - Please contact her for congregational care needs at 443-0085.

Flowers in the Worship services may be purchased to honor a loved one or special occasion and will be mentioned in the bulletin. Please sign up in the book at the reception desk. Cost is \$60/vase and there are 2 vases each week.

Children's Worship Bags can be found at the entrances to the Sanctuary. The bags contain activities that coordinate with the weekly worship theme. There are also some fun quiet games to enhance their worship experience. Questions? Contact Heather Selement at 405.524.2224 ext. 248 or hselement@wpcokc.org.

If You Are Interested in scheduling a baptism or wedding, or need to notify the church of a death in order to coordinate a funeral or memorial service, please contact Lori Jirousek, Executive Assistant at 524-2224 ext. 228 or lori@wpcokc.org.

Happy Birthday! The following Westminster members are celebrating their birthdays this week. Please remember them in your prayers, that they may experience God's grace in the coming year.

February 28: Glen Dahl; Barbara Hill; Karen Kellow; Jane Mott; Mary Stanley; Bob Thorpe

February 29: Herb Graves

March 1: Robert Bowles; Sue MacHugh; Jane Sutter; Victoria Sykes-Russell; Katherine Wood

March 2: Melody Kruger

March 3: Jennifer Brindley; Laura Jane Hill; Guy Townley

March 4: Mary Sue Brown; Web Browne; Sherry Conger; Dina Deupree; Lynne Hennecke

March 5: Thane Hatcher; Bruce Joseph; Jennifer Kirbas; Jonnie Larson; Stephen Zahn

COMMUNION* DATES

Mar. 20, 2016 Palm Sunday

May 15, 2016 Pentecost

**served every Sunday in the Chapel service*

BAPTISM DATES

(2nd Sunday of each month)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

(3rd Sunday of each month)

In case of inclement weather please check local television weather cancellation listings before you travel to Westminster. We will notify local stations of any cancellations by 7:00am. It will also be posted to the WPC website and Facebook page.



Adult Christian Education Classes Sundays at 9:30a

Adult Bible Study: This 40 and over traditional adult Bible study class meets in the Library (room 205) on the Second Floor. They follow *The Present Word* curriculum. Today the topic of discussion will be "The Feast of Booths" in Leviticus 23:33-43.

Adventurers Class: Comprised of adults ages 40 and over, the Adventurers meet downstairs in room LL30. For the Lenten Season they will be studying the Letters to the Church in Revelation. On Palm Sunday Alison Taylor will be leading a special class about the significance of that day.

Cornerstone Class: Looking for an opportunity to connect with other young families? Please visit the Cornerstone class downstairs in LL29 as we explore *The Exchange* series "Animals in the Kingdom". Whether you have visited the class previously or this is your first time to visit, we would love for you to join us in this exciting study. (Childcare provided).

Genesis Class: This 50 and up singles class meets downstairs in LL28. Today, Dr. Jim Dvorak will wrap up the month on Sunday, February 28th, when he will speak about "The Message and Life of James - The Source of the New Testament Epistle." Dr. Dvorak is a Professor of New Testament Studies at Oklahoma Christian University.

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Sunday mornings on KSBI (check local listings) at 7:30a and 10:30a

Online via our LiveStream at <http://www.wpcokc.com/live-streaming>