



*Grateful for the Past
Vision for the Future*

APRIL 10, 2016
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

A NOTE FROM REV. DR. PAUL KIRBAS



Dear Congregation,

Have you ever wrestled with doubts in your faith journey? If so, you are in good company. Today in worship we will consider the story of the one disciple who has gone down in history with the label of doubt. We call him doubting Thomas. Let's take a closer look at his story, and discover why doubt isn't necessarily a bad thing!

Today we are also continuing our focus on Westminster 20/20. We call it 20/20 because that is a term of clear vision, and we believe we have been given a clear vision of what we should do to make our facility the very best tool it can be for our church ministry. And we call it 2020, because these are things we feel a need to accomplish within the next few years, so that by the year 2020, we will have a renovated building, fully paid for, and are ready to expand our ministry in new and exciting ways. Please be in prayer about what God is calling our church to do, and what God is calling you to do in order to make that vision possible.

We want to make sure that any questions you have about this capital campaign are answered. So please be encouraged to contact me, or anyone on the Capital Campaign Committee, and we would be happy to discuss anything that's on your mind. Our co-chairs of the committee are Nancy Ellis and Cliff Hudson, so please feel free to contact one of us three and we will make sure we connect you with the best person to assist you.

Earlier this year, we celebrated our 70th anniversary as a church. There is a verse in the Bible that I think speaks directly to us at this time, so we have chosen it as our theme verse for Westminster 20/20. It is the words of Jeremiah 29:10-11:

For thus says the Lord: When your seventy years are completed, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

A Future with Hope! That's God's gift to us through Westminster 20/20!

In God's Love,

Paul J Kirbas
Pastor/Head of Staff

A New Pastor's Class
Led by Dr. Paul J Kirbas
Sundays at 9:30am
in Room 103

Living a Fear Free Life

It seems that in many ways, contemporary life is filled with fear. For many of us, fear is a generalized condition, always just under the surface. For others, fear can be downright paralyzing. Why is fear such a factor in our contemporary world? Drawing from a scientific understanding of how our brains work, we will see how our neurology, along with media, technology, and politics, all come together to create a perfect storm of fear in modern life. Beyond that, we will learn how one of the main themes of the Bible truly combats fear. If you want to understand more about our culture of fear, and learn how to live a fear free life, join us for our next Pastor's Class, led by Dr. Paul Kirbas, Sundays at 9:30AM.

CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



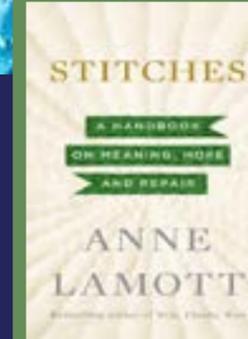
Join us April 24th to help Westminster host an official water stop for the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon. We will need many helping hands and lots of cheering volunteers to encourage runners as they pass by our church. Volunteer sign up for helping with the water stop is in the Garden Court. This is an intergenerational event and we hope all ages of members will come help give water to the thirsty. For those under 4 years old, childcare will be available during this service project.

If you are interested in running or are already running in one of the several races occurring that day, please email Michelle as we would like to have a list and record of those running.

GIRLS OF GRACE SIGN UP TODAY AT THE INFORMATION DESK!

Come join us this Spring as we read, reflect, and discuss New York Times Best Selling Author, Anne Lamott's book, *Stitches: A Handbook on Meaning, Hope, and Repair*. Rev. Junkin will lead the group session and discussion and encourage participants to reflect on Anne's many thought provoking questions raised in her book. How do we find meaning and peace in the loud and frantic times; how can we restart after personal disaster; how can we recapture wholeness after loss; and how can we locate our true identities in this frazzled age.

Class meets during the month of April on Wednesdays from April 6 - April 27. Childcare provided. Class meets from 9:30 - 10:30 am in Room 104.



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Life Can Be Pretty Scary!

Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. Hebrews 2:18

It's easy for our focus to shift from the good news in our lives to the anxiety of our fears and problems. What are your greatest fears? In what ways do you feel enslaved by your fears? Has your life measured up to the expectations of family and friends? How do you feel about the process of aging and being dependent on others? Do you have the financial resources to sustain you through the years ahead?

Picture a situation in which you feel afraid. Invite Jesus to sit beside you.

A Stephen Minister can be a presence beside you as well, listening and caring for you, helping you sort through your feelings and discovering the resources you need to make it through.

If you would like to know more about how Stephen Ministry can care for you, please contact Rev. Michelle Junkin, our pastor for congregational care.

MOMS' NIGHT OUT

Whether a working mom, stay at home mom, single mom, church member or non-church member...this is a shout out to all types of mothers of young children and their friends to come find some respite, spiritual nurture and fellowship with others who are in the same boat (who understand all that you juggle day to day as a mom.) Feel free to spread the word and welcome others to attend!

April 21 at Flip's Wine Bar & Trattoria
on Western at 5:30pm.

RSVP to Rev. Michelle Junkin
at mjunkin@wpcokc.org or signup online.

If you need childcare sign up at www.wpcokc.com/children. Regarding childcare drop-off for this event, if you need the code for the church to enter after hours, email Michelle at michelle@wpcokc.org or call front desk during normal business hours.

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

Prelude: *Fantasy: Easter Hymn*

Arr. William H. Harris

Time of Welcome

*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Risen Lord appeared to his disciples and said, “Peace be with you”. May the peace of the Living Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you

Call to Worship

Jeremiah 29:10-11

Leader: For thus says the Lord, “When your seventy years are completed, I will visit you

People: and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place.

Leader: For surely I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord, “plans for your welfare and not for harm,

People: to give you a future with hope.

***Processional Hymn: #248** *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

Hymn to Joy

+(verses 1 and 3)

Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Patient God, we come before you with so many things which weigh us down. We would like an “easy” faith, one that doesn’t cause us to look within ourselves, to identify those many ways in which we have forsaken you. But faith is never easy. It requires our very souls. Forgive us, God, for all those things which we have neglected to do for your sake. Heal our hearts from the wounds which have been inflicted upon us by the anger and misunderstandings which occur in relationships. Prepare our lives to be of service to you. Lord, hear this confession, and those we now offer in silence...(a silence is kept). **In the name of the one who you called from the tomb, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Response to Forgiveness: #581** *Glory Be to the Father*

Gloria Patri

++Children’s Moment: #254 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

Puer Nobis Nascitur

As the children come forward, the congregation shall sing (verse 1); as the children return to their seats, the congregation shall sing (verse 2).

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament

Psalm 118:14-24, p. 565

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Moment for Westminster 2020

Nancy Ellis

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

Hymnal p. 35

Reading from the New Testament

John 20:24-29, p. 115

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

Anthem: *My Eternal King*

Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav’n thereby, nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally,

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace; for me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear,

and manifold disgrace. Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?

Not for the hope of winning heav’n, or of escaping hell; not with the hope of gaining aught,

not seeking a reward; but as Thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!

E’en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing; solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

Chancel Choir; Steve Thompson, Organ

Sermon: “WHEN WE DOUBT...”

Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

***Hymn of Discipleship: #320** *The Church of Christ In Every Age*

Wareham

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

Hymnal p. 35

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated*

Eleanor Whitsett

Andrew Wannigman, Baritone; Eleanor Whitsett, Piano

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

Old Hundredth

++Prayer of Thanksgiving

+The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Recessional Hymn: #255** *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*

O Filii Et Filiae

+(verses 1 and 6)

***Benediction**

Postlude: *Paraphrase on Judas Maccabeus*

G.F. Handel Arr. Alexandre Guilmant

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

✿ Worship Flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God and given in memory of Darlene, mother, and daughter, Hazel, by Walter and Debbie Spencer.

Leading in Worship

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

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care: Rev. Michelle Junkin

Associate Pastor for Youth and Education: Rev. Abbey Walker

Liturgist: Mart Smith

Director of Worship and Music: Josh Phelps

Organ: Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Carillon: Lisa Hart

CHILDREN



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In our **nursery classes** our story was from Acts 2:42-47. We learned that as more and more people started following Jesus in the early church, they shared what they had so that no one was in need. What a great example of how the early church was good stewards of what God had given them. Our bottom line is I can love God and love people.

In **1st-4th grade** the kids studied Hebrews 12:1, where the author of Hebrews reminds us that when life gets hard, we can look to the heroes of the faith and see how they trusted God through some extremely difficult circumstances. God brought them through those trials, and God will help us through ours. Bottom Line: When life gets hard, remember how others persevered. It's comforting to know that others have made it through to the other side of difficult times. When we see how God helped them, it helps us trust God more with our own circumstances.

In **Club 56** this Sunday we will be talking about "What's so important about Stewardship?" We will identify ways that we can learn to be good stewards and to give offerings that are meaningful to us. We will be learning about "The Parable of the Talents" based on Matthew 25:14-30.

RECHARGE is next week, don't forget to sign your child up before the 16th!

This years **Vacation Bible School, Cave Quest**, is **June 6th-9th from 9:00-12:00**. We need your help to make it happen. *We currently have 4 volunteers for this year and 48 children signed up so far.* Please consider helping, even if you can only do it one day. Email heather@wpcokc.org to volunteer. Registration for the kids can be found on the website under the childrens page.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION

I offer you an invitation!

During the month of April, I will provide multiple opportunities for learning about me, my ministry, my vision for the youth and childrens' programs and the education of the church as a whole body and community of Christ, and how I see us continuing to follow God where the Holy Spirit leads. These events are as follows:

Wednesdays, April 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th:

I will teach the Pastor's Class from 6:30-7:15 p.m. This class will focus on how the Bible speaks about learning, encouraging, and welcoming each other in community and through education. It will address some of the historical aspects of community that play into the development of children, youth, and adults and will discuss how today's social patterns and trends affect the way we "do church." We will spend time learning and discussing how we see the church today reflecting the patterns given to us through Scripture and discern how God is calling us into an always-better understanding of the Kingdom of God on earth. Please consider joining us for these important conversations!

April 10th, 9:30 a.m. in the Social Hall:

This Town Hall meeting is my way to share with the church about how the Youth Ministry Team and some of the Youth are building a new vision and direction for ministry within the body of this church. I will share some of my strategies for developing a program and engaging and training volunteers. I will also solicit ideas and input from the congregation as we discern where the Holy Spirit is calling us. Please be praying and listening to God between now and then about how we as a church can be involved in these young peoples' lives and how they can be involved in ours.



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West Camp & Jr. West Camp

Enroll your child today for Westminster's Summer program for ages 4-10!

In this eight week program your child will learn about animals, theatre, outer space, imagination, the ocean, outdoor adventures and different holidays

Call 405-524-2204 for more information.
Space is limited so register soon!

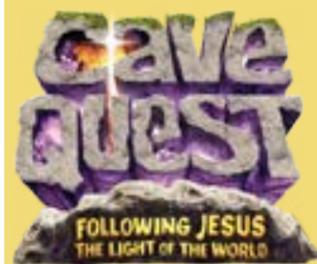
Kids Night Out Westminster Style



K.N.O.W.S. (formerly Date Night) will be held May 13th. Need a night out? Sign your kids up for K.N.O.W.S. They will have a blast with the activities, hanging out with friends and eating pizza! Cost is \$5 per child. RSVP online or email Amanda at abreninger@wpcokc.org.

#mycover

Club 56 Mission Week 2016 - June 9th thru 11th
Mission week will look a little different this year. We will be taking a trip to Tulsa, OK to serve the community around Tulsa. We will serve at the Tulsa Food Bank and the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless.
We will also have a dodgeball tournament and go to Main Event on Friday night.
While in Tulsa we will be staying at First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 6TH-9TH
9:00AM TO NOON

Each day the children will spelunk through activity stations with their Cave Crews where they will learn about God's love in amazing ways! You can sign up online under the Children's Ministry page.

We need YOU to make this week happen!
If you are able to help before or during VBS please email Heather Selement at hselement@wpcokc.org.

JHAMS 2016

WAS JESUS JUST "LIKE ME"?
COME JOIN US THIS JULY
AS WE LEARN ABOUT THIS
AND HAVE A TON OF FUN!

WHO: RISING 6TH GRADERS
RISING 9TH GRADERS

WHEN: JULY 14-17, 2016

WHERE: AUSTIN COLLEGE IN SHERMAN, TX

COST: \$175

SEE ABBEY TO REGISTER!
DEADLINE JUNE 1ST!

FEAR ANGER JOY DISGUST SADNESS

Installation

On Sunday, April 24th we will hold only one worship service at 4:00pm. This service will be Rev. Abbey Walker's installation. We hope you will join us for this time of commitment and celebration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: Ben Harris - Please contact him for congregational care needs at 209-5117.

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.

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.

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.

April 10: Adam Maxey; Jordan Satterlee; Kevin Towns; Stephanie Windsor

April 11: Gwen Cockrill; Max Turrentine

April 12: Jamie Hubbard; Taylor Richardson; Linda Rodgers; Claire Thompson

April 13: Ann Fleming

April 14: Danielle Atchley; Paige Bass; Aaron Boyd; Dave Husted

April 15: Julie Affolder; Charles Bethea; Keith Eidson; Emily Ellis; Audrey Johnston; Niki McClintock; Kelly Miller

April 16: Stephanie Hershberger; Chris Plumley

COMMUNION* DATES

May 15, 2016 Pentecost
*served every Sunday in the Chapel service

BAPTISM DATES

(2nd Sunday of each month)

MINUTE FOR MISSION



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. In April they will be learning about Restorative Faith from the Book of Luke.

Adventurers Class: Comprised of adults ages 40 and over, the Adventurers meet downstairs in room LL30. Through May John Shelley will be leading a study about the Sermon on the Mount.

Cornerstone Class: Looking for an opportunity to connect with other young families? Please visit the Cornerstone class downstairs in LL29.

Genesis Class: This 50 and up singles class meets downstairs in LL28. They are following *The Present Word* curriculum. On April 17th they will be learning about Forgiveness.

Dinner ~ 5:45 - 6:30 pm

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

Menu for April 13th
Chicken Enchiladas,
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.

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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>