



*Grateful for the Past  
Vision for the Future*

**APRIL 17, 2016  
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

# A NOTE FROM REV. DR. PAUL KIRBAS



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Dear Congregation,

Whether you are a fisherman (or woman!) or not, one thing we know about Jesus and his disciples, is that fishing was often on their minds. In today's scripture, Jesus teaches the disciples how to fish, but was his message about real fish or something else? Let's learn the art of *Fishing Faithfully!*

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. I would like to share a few details about how you will be invited to play a role in this campaign. During the first week of May, you will receive a mailing that includes a capital campaign pledge card. We ask that you prayerfully consider what God is calling you to do, and return your card by our Commitment Sunday, May 22. Some of our members are choosing to lead the way by offering lead gifts ahead of that time. If you would like to be a leader in giving, we would be happy to share a folder with you that can tell you more about this opportunity. Please be encouraged to contact me, or anyone on the Capital Campaign Committee, and

we would be happy to discuss this with you.

On a whole different matter, I want to let you know that we will be starting a new downtown Bible study that will be held on Fridays at noon. It will be a brown bag lunch program, and will be held at the offices of McAfee and Taft, on the tenth floor of Two Leadership Square at 211 N. Robinson Street. I will be leading this group through a study of the New Testament book of James. This study is especially geared toward people who are working downtown, but anyone is invited. If you would like to participate, please contact John Kenney at:

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And now, let's go fishing...the way Jesus had in mind!

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

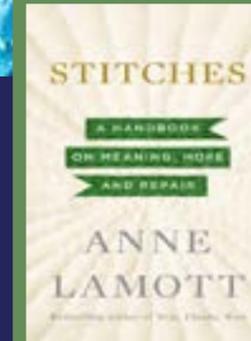


Join us April 24th to help Westminster host an official water stop for the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon. We will need many helping hands and lots of cheering volunteers to encourage runners as they pass by our church. Volunteer sign up for helping with the water stop is in the Garden Court. This is 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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## Widows' Luncheon

Widows' Fellowship and Lunch Event will be held on May 7th at 11:30 am at Westminster Presbyterian Church, held to honor widows through comfort, support, and encouragement.

Please sign up at the front desk in the Garden Court, online, or by emailing an rsvp to michelle@wpcokc.org. Please reply by Noon on April 27.

We welcome you to invite other widows for this time of fellowship and encouragement, whether they are members of our church, or a friend in the community, as we enjoy the support and comfort felt from those who understand their unique loss.

## 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:** *Variations: Noël novelet*

Phillip Moore

## 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: #235** *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*

O Filli et Filiae

+(verses 1 and 5)

## Time of Confession

### Invitation to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**God of the empty tomb, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times when we fail to recognize you in the daily-ness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom. Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to serve faithfully. Lord, hear this confession, and those we now offer in silence...(a silence is kept). In the name of the Risen Lord we pray, 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: #726** *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Kelvingrove

As the children come forward, the congregation shall sing (verse 1); as the children return to their seats, the congregation shall sing (verse 5).

## Prayer for Illumination

## Reading from the Old Testament

Psalms 30:1-5, p. 505

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Moment for Westminster 2020

Lolly Anderson

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

Hymnal p. 35

## Reading from the New Testament

John 21:1-14, p. 115

# WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

**Anthem:** *Consecration*

Frederick Chatfield

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

*Chancel Choir; Steve Thompson, Organ*

**Sermon: “FISHING FAITHFULLY”**

Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

**\*Hymn of Discipleship: #721** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Pascador De Hombres

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

Hymnal p. 35

## Invitation to Offering

**Offertory:** *Laudamus Te* from *Gloria*

Antonio Vivaldi

We praise you, we bless you. We adore you, we glorify you.

*Megan Perdue, Soprano; Anne Dawson, Mezzo-Soprano; Dr. Sallie Pollack*

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

Old Hundredth

**++Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**+The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**\*Recessional Hymn: #720** *Jesus Calls Us*

Galilee

+(verses 1 and 4)

**\*Benediction**

## Postlude:

*Chorale Prelude on a Melody “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”*

Melchior Vulpus  
Arr. Healey Willan

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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 Janet Edwards by Shannon Edwards.

✿ Worship Flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God and given in honor of Bill Parry’s birthday by his children Barb, Margie and Richard, grandchildren Kate, Meg, Casey, Michael, and Kristi, and greatgrandchild Collin.

### 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

**Director of Worship and Music:** Josh Phelps

**Organ:** Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

**Carillon:** Lisa Hart

**Acolyte:** Cole Boyd

# CHILDREN



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In our **nursery classes** our story came from Hebrews 12:2-3. We learned to fix our eyes on Jesus and that we can trust God no matter what. Our bottom line is "when life gets hard, remember what Jesus did for you."

In **1st- 4th grade** the kids learned that we can love people with what we have through the story of Peter and John in Acts 3:1-6. Our memory verse for the week is Matthew 22: 37-39 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart... Love your neighbor as yourself." The bottom line is "I can love God and love people."

This week in **Club 56** we will be talking about "the value of giving." What is the symbolism of our gift? It is simply this: as we present our gift, we present ourselves. The value of the gift is determined by the degree to which the giver is "in" the gift.

We will read the unusual story, found in 2 Samuel 24:18-25, about how King David could have obeyed God without personal cost, but because he understood the

symbolic identification that exists between the giver and the gift, he refused Araunah's offer. David makes this marvelous statement, "I will not offer to God that which cost me nothing."

Today is the last day to sign up for the Club 56 Retreat "RECHARGE!" Go to <http://www.wpcokc.com/club-56-spring-retreat-recharge> to sign up today!

Mission Week is coming up June 9-11th! We will be taking a trip to Tulsa, OK. To sign up today, please email Nicole Brown at [nmencer@wpcokc.org](mailto:nmencer@wpcokc.org)

**This years Vacation Bible School, Cave Quest, is June 6th- 9th from 9:00-12:00.** We need your help to make his happen. **We currently have 4 volunteers for this year and 54 children are signed up so far.** Please consider helping, even if you can only do it one day. Email [heather@wpcokc.org](mailto:heather@wpcokc.org) to volunteer. Registration for the kids can be found on the website under the children's page.

# YOUTH AND EDUCATION



## SENIOR SUNDAY

We are recognizing this year's high school Seniors on Sunday, May 15th and need to know which Seniors would like to participate in the worship service. If you or your graduate would like to participate, please contact Rev. Abbey Walker. This will be a day where we celebrate with graduates and their families as they follow God's call into a new stage of their lives. We encourage the congregation to support these students by writing letters or cards to the students to present that day.

We are continuing through our look at lifelong education and participation in the life of the church during our Wednesday evening Pastor's Class. Two weeks ago we discussed children in the church and their role as members of our body of Christ here at Westminster. This past week we discussed a vision for Youth Ministry in the church. What is it? Why is it important? How do we as a church value, encourage, and support this age and stage of faithful learning? This coming Wednesday we will address adult education and development in the church. Please join us for group discussion and conversation about how to think about the tradition and value of "doing and being" church in new ways!



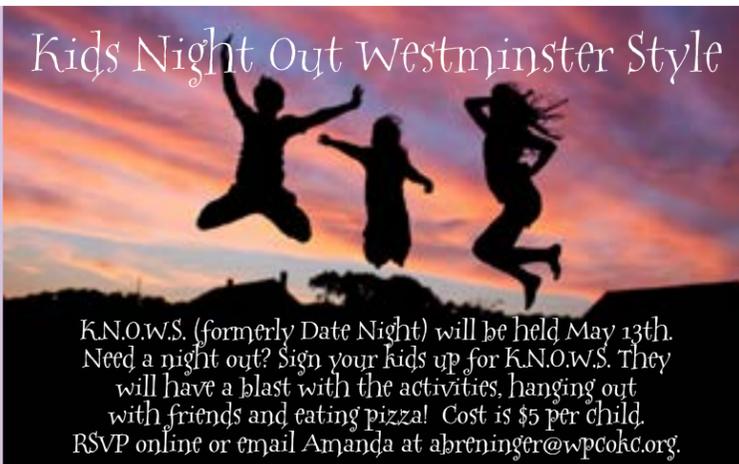
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## West Camp & Jr. West Camp

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!



**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](mailto: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](mailto:hselement@wpcokc.org).



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.

# REVERSE YOUTH GROUP

**This is an event where parents get together and students stay home!**

**Friday, June 3rd at 5:30 p.m.**

*Location details to follow!*

# 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](mailto: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:** Tamara Hermen - Please contact her for congregational care needs at 570-7430.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** You are invited to join our next New Member Class. Please join us on Sunday, May 1, at 9:00am in the Parlor (Nursery services available). RSVP to Linda Ferguson by phone at 524-2224 ext. 221 or email [lferguson@wpcokc.org](mailto:lferguson@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.

**April 17:** Donald Bullard; Sydney Foster

**April 18:** Julie Carr; Carol Dobry; Dick Floyd; Donna McMillan

**April 19:** Rex Hodges; Debby McQueen; Bill Parry; James Waldo

**April 20:** Jo Lynne Jones; R. Curtis Phillips; Toni Ragsdale; Reta Seehorn; Mark Simpsen; Courtney Vahlberg

**April 21:** Andra Bradley; Peggy Crump; Jerry Stewart; Larry Withers

**April 22:** Houston Hall; Katherine Johnson; David Mier; Susan Wendelken

**April 23:** Kimberly Fuller; Timothy Lewis

## COMMUNION\* DATES

**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)

## 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. Today they will be learning about Forgiveness.



## The BRIDGE WEDNESDAYS

Dinner ~ 5:45 - 6:30 pm

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

### Menu for April 20th

Lasagna, Salad,  
Bread and Dessert

Please RSVP online at [www.wpcokc.org](http://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>