

Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AND I WILL GIVE
YOU PASTORS
ACCORDING TO
MINE HEART,
WHICH SHALL FEED
YOU WITH
KNOWLEDGE AND
UNDERSTANDING.

JEREMIAH 3:15

APRIL 24, 2016
SERVICE OF INSTALLATION
REV. ABBEY WALKER
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR YOUTH AND EDUCATION

A NOTE FROM REV. DR. PAUL KIRBAS



REV. DR. PAUL J. KIRBAS
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Dear Congregation,

This afternoon we are having Church, but this morning we had the opportunity to be the church. That's the way one runner put it to me last year as we served as a water stop for the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon. Again this year, many of our members stood outside our front doors and offered a cold cup of water to those who were running the race. Not only was that a good way to be the church out on our street, but it is also a good metaphor for all we do in the ministry

of our church. As people run the race of life, we can be a rest stop where they receive nourishment for their tired souls!

This afternoon we have the wonderful blessing of welcoming members of our larger church family, the Indian Nations Presbytery, as we celebrate the installation of our new Associate Pastor for Youth and Education, Rev. Abbey Walker. Abbey is a great addition to our team here, and she is already bringing new energy and growth to our youth and children's ministries. If you haven't already done so, please welcome Abbey to our church family.

There are two other important events coming up soon. The first is that we have planned a memorial service to celebrate the life and ministry of retired Associate Pastor Dick Hershberger for Saturday, April 30, at 2:00 PM. I will be joined by Dr. Michael Anderson and Dr. Randall Spindle, as together we lead this service of Witness to the Resurrection of this beloved servant of God and the Church.

On Saturday, May 7, at 4:00 PM, we will hold an ordination to ministry service for my wife Jennifer. Having finished seminary, Jennifer has received the call of being a chaplain at Epworth Retirement Villa in Edmond. A service of ordination is much like our service today, led again by Indian Nations Presbytery. Once it is over, we will have to start calling Jennifer "Rev. Kirbas"!

As you can see, there are many important events happening here at Westminster Presbyterian Church. This church is a special place where we gather for some of life's important milestones: Installment Services, Memorial Services, Ordination Services, and much more. Thanks be to God for this special church home, for Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place!

In God's Love,

Paul J Kirbas
Pastor/Head of Staff

CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Small Group Ministries and Excursions

Small group gatherings provide opportunities for individuals and families to share fellowship in settings where they can learn more about themselves and about one another while participating in spiritual nurture.

One such opportunity will be on Saturday morning, May 21, when Westminster members, friends and family who would like to spend a few hours in God's Creation are invited to hike together at the Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge on the north side of Lake Overholser.

Information about the refuge is online at: <http://www.tulsaadubon.org/guides/stinchcomb-wildlife-refuge.htm>. The hike will start from Gate 3 (the website listed above provides a map) at 10:30 AM. Those who want to car pool can meet **Dave Thompson (dave-thompson@ouhsc.edu)** at the church at 9:45, drive to the refuge to meet the rest of the group at 10:30.

If the sun is out, it will be behind us as we walk north and west, thus illuminating the bird species we hope to see. We will have extra binoculars for those who want to get a closer look. We plan a leisurely and family-friendly hike of an hour or so. Afterward, some might want to consider having lunch.



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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!

May 19 at Upper Crust on Classen Curve 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.



Join Us For
A Service of
Witness to the
Resurrection
In Loving Memory of
Rev. Richard Hershberger
Saturday, April 30
2:00 PM
A reception follows in the
Payne Garden Court



Join us for
A Service of
Ordination to
Ministry
For
Jennifer Kirbas
Saturday, May 7
4:00 PM
A reception follows in the
Payne Garden Court

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

Prelude: *Carillon-Sortie*

Henri Mulet

Time of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: Since God has shown us grace upon grace in Jesus Christ, let us show that grace to one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Call To Worship

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples;

People: shout to God with loud songs of joy.

Leader: For the Most High is awesome, a great sovereign over all the earth.

People: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

Molly Rambur

***Processional Hymn: #610** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, by water and your Holy Spirit you baptized us to be your own and called the church into being. We confess that we hold back the love of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Holy Spirit and make strong our common witness to the one Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Matt Meinke

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

Prayer for Illumination

Susie Jones

Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 61:1-3, 6a, 8b-11, p. 691

Reading from the Psalter

Psalms 125:1-4, p. 572

Reading from the Epistles

Ephesians 4:1-8, 11-16, p. 193
Hebrews 13:1-3, p. 227
Dr. Clark Kelly

Readings from the New Testament

John 21:1-19, p. 115
Rev. Timothy Blodgett

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "CLOSE ENCOUNTERS"

Rev. Barry Williams

***Hymn of Discipleship: #353** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Solid Rock

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

Hymnal p. 35
Katie Alsup

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Michelle Junkin

Offertory: *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

If you would like your offering today to go to the *Presbytery's Candidate Scholarship Fund*, please notate this on your check.

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

Old Hundredth

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Installation

Introduction by the Moderator

Dr. Alvin Turner

The Litany of Gifts

Leader: As in one body, we have many parts and each part has its own function, so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

People: We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

Leader: If your gift is to hear God's Word,

People: Speak it out in faith.

Leader: If your gift is service,

People: Live to serve others.

Leader: If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

People: Teach what is true.

Leader: Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;

People: Let officers work diligently for the people, and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.

Leader: Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,

People: Serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.

The Constitutional Questions to the Associate Pastor-Elect

The Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Tanja Boyd, Greg McAlister

The Prayer of Installation

Bobbie Heimbach

The Charge to the Associate Pastor

Rev. Barry Williams

The Charge to the Congregation

Rev. Tracy Evans

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

Presentation of Symbols of Ministry

Leader: Abbey, receive what we have received from the church, the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Study to show yourself approved, a worker who need not be ashamed, rightly divining the Word of Truth.

People: Proclaim this truth in our midst as you teach, preach and care for the members of this congregation.

Leader: Abbey, receive this water as a symbol of privilege that is yours by virtue of this office to baptize in the name of the triune God. Go and make disciples of all peoples, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Help us to be the baptized body of Christ, part of one family, supporting and encouraging you as you serve.

Leader: Abbey, receive this bread and wine as symbols of the privilege of presiding at our Lord's table as we gather to be nurtured by the Risen Christ. Set the table before us with openness, honesty, acceptance, and love.

People: Feed us with the Bread of Life that none among us shall know hunger or thirst.

Leader: Abbey, receive this symbol of your pastoral office, to oversee on behalf of the Presbytery and to care for the members of the congregation.

People: May your labor be such that you find this yoke easy and this burden light.

Leader: Receive these gifts as symbols of the Mysteries of Grace over which you are now steward on our behalf and as a sign of our welcome to you in this ministry.

***Recessional Hymn: #687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

St. Anne

***Benediction**

Rev. Abbey Walker

Postlude: Symphony No. 1 Final

Louis Vierne

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

Please join us in the Payne Garden Court for a reception immediately following the service.

Leading in Worship

Preaching Minister: Rev. Barry Williams

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

Presbytery Commission

Dr. Alvin Turner, Moderator Indian Nations Presbytery

Katie Alsup, First Presbyterian Church, Norman

Rev. Timothy Blodgett, Connecting Point, Oklahoma City

Tanja Boyd, Westminster Presbyterian APNC

Rev. Tracy Evans, Memorial Presbyterian Church, Norman

Bobbie Heimbach, Central Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City

Susie Jones, First Presbyterian Church, Norman

Dr. Clark Kelly, First Presbyterian Church, Norman

Greg McAlister, Westminster Presbyterian APNC

Rev. Dr. Matt Meinke, First Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City

Molly Rambur, First Presbyterian Church, Norman

Director of Worship and Music: Josh Phelps

Organ: Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Carillon: Lisa Hart

YOUTH AND EDUCATION



STUDENT 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.



Mission week 2016 #Mycover

When? June 9th-11th We will meet at the church at 3:30 pm on June 9th and arrive back at the church June 11th around 3:30 pm.

Where? We will be staying at First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa in their youth building.

What? Mission week will look different this year, instead of staying in the city we will take a trip to Tulsa, Ok to serve the community around Tulsa. We will be serving at the Tulsa Food Bank and the Tulsa Day Center for the homeless. We will also be having a dodgeball tournament Thursday and going to Main Event on Friday night.

How much? \$80 Per child

Email Nicole at
nmencer@wpcokc.org
to sign up or for more information

CHILDREN

**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.

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!



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.

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: Jackie Jones - Please contact her for congregational care needs at 630-4662.

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.

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.

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 24: Rebecca Brawley; Logan Carlile; Linda Howard; David Irwin; Janet Mitchell

April 25: Hal Brown; Carla Clark; Barbara Kerrick; Randal Zotigh

April 26: Leo Cravens; Sally Edwards; Jay Ferguson; Evan Gerfen; Patty Snider

April 27: Mary Poole; Dianne Rasmussen; Cameron Satterlee

April 28: Beth DeGraffenreid; Marion Story

April 29: Beverly Binkowski; Joseph Bocoock; Alex Clark; David Coffey Jr.; Kelly Gentry; Randy Lewis; Monique Nelson; Judy Neville; Jim Tolbert

April 30: Lori Payne; Michael Plumley; Michelle Vanswearingen

COMMUNION* DATES

**served every Sunday in the Chapel service*

BAPTISM DATES

(2nd Sunday of each month)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

(3rd Sunday of each month)



NEW MEMBER CLASS

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR NEXT NEW MEMBER CLASS.

PLEASE JOIN US ON
SUNDAY, MAY 1ST, AT 9AM
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)



Dinner ~ 5:45 - 6:30 pm

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

Menu for April 27th
Chicken Tetrazzini, Salad,
Bread 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>