

*Grateful for the Past
Vision for the Future*

APRIL 3, 2016
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

A NOTE FROM REV. DR. PAUL KIRBAS



Dear Congregation,

Welcome to worship! On this Sunday after Easter, please know that the tomb is still empty! The news is still good! The celebration continues! Let's gather in the joyous spirit of the Easter season!

I wish to offer my deepest thanks to all of our staff and members who worked very hard to make Easter worship a memorable experience. I think we could all agree that we are very blessed by the combination of gifts and resources that God has bestowed upon this church.

As we continue our Easter celebration, we come to another important Sunday. Today in worship we will receive our 2016 Confirmation Class. These students have met with the Session this morning and have offered their own personal profession of faith. They have been received as new members into our church today. Let's celebrate with them!

Also today in worship, we will be installing and ordaining our new elders and deacons. These new leaders of our church will offer their wisdom, experience, and talents as we move forward into an exciting new era for Westminster Church. Let us pray for them as they lead during a very important time.

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It's an important time because we are beginning Westminster 20/20. It's 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. Last Sunday we handed out an introductory brochure. If you didn't get one, there are more available today. You will also hear more about Westminster 20/20 in worship today, and in the weeks ahead. 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.

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
Beginning TODAY
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, beginning TODAY, at 9:30 AM.

Men of Westminster Luncheon

April 10th at 11:45 in the Social Hall

Speaker: George Nigh

Cost \$10

Please sign up in the
Garden Court TODAY!

CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



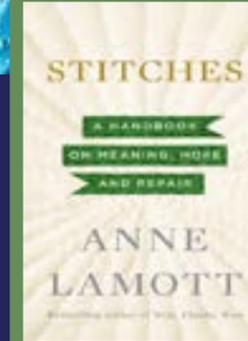
Join us April 24th to help Westminster host an official water stop for the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon. We will need many helping hands and lots of cheering volunteers to encourage runners as they pass by our church. Volunteer sign up for helping with the water stop is in the Garden Court. This is 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 103.



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The BRIDGE

WEDNESDAYS

April 6th - 27th (Spring)

5:45 - 6:30 pm

Dinner in the Garden Court

Abigail's Catering will be serving dinner in the Garden Court each Wednesday Evening. Menus available online. Remember to RSVP online at www.wpcokc.org or in the Garden Court each week so we'll know how much food to prepare. Pricing will be as follows: Adults \$7.00, Children 10 and under \$5.00 with a Family Maximum of \$25.00.

6:30-7:15 pm

Kids

- Nursery for children ages birth through 4 years. (Room 106)
- Children's Bible Lesson for Pre-Kdg - 6th Grade (Room 206)

Youth ~ The Plunge

We will come together and dive deeper into the Lord's teachings. This is for all youth grades 7th-12th. (Youth Room)

Adults

- Now and Then: Biblical Education and the Community* with Rev. Abbey Walker (Room 103)
- Cooking* with Jenny Dunham April 6th and 13th (Mobile Meals Kitchen)
- Freezer Meals* with Heather Selement April 20th and 27th (Mobile Meals Kitchen)
- Grief Support Group* with Marla Mercer Cole April 6th thru May 11th (Parlor)
- Caregivers Support Group* with Rev. Michelle Junkin and Jennifer Kirbas April 6th thru May 11th (Room LL28)

7:20 - 9:00 pm

Chancel Choir (Nursery provided)

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

Prelude: *Chorale and Muse on Crucifer* Callahan

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: #246 *Christ Is Alive Truro
(verses 1 and 5)

Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, you made the hearts of the disciples glad with the knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus, your Son. Forgive us because, like them, we find the truth of Easter so hard to believe; forgive us that we are so easily downcast, and given to despair; forgive us that, although we claim to live by the resurrection faith, we so often appear to believe that suffering is simply a tragedy and that death is the end; forgive us that we take so much convincing of the hope that you give to the world. Come to us, Lord God, in the power of the risen Christ. Take away our crippling doubts and fears, and through your Holy Spirit bring us to life in your service; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, hear this confession, and those we now offer in silence...(a silence is kept). 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: #249 *Because You Live, O Christ* Vreuchten
As the children come forward, the congregation shall sing (verse 1); as the children return to their seats, the congregation shall sing (verse 2).

++Recognition of Confirmands

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament Ezekiel 37:1-10, p. 806

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Moment for Westminster 2020 Steve Raybourn

++Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (Traditional) Hymnal p. 35

Reading from the New Testament John 20:19-23, p. 115

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

Anthem: *Dry Bones* Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir; Dr. Sallie Pollack, Piano

Meditation: “CAN THESE BONES LIVE?” Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

Hymn of Discipleship: #250 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower Hymn of Promise

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)** Hymnal p. 35

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: *If With All Your Hearts* from *Elijah* Felix Mendelssohn

Ye people rend your hearts, rend your hearts and not your garments. For your transgressions the prophet Elijah has sealed the heavens, through the word of God. I therefore say to ye, forsake your idols; return to God, for He is slow to anger and merciful and kind and gracious, and repenteth Him of the evil.

If with all your heart ye truly seek Me, ye shall ever surely find Me, thus saith our God.
If with all your heart ye truly seek Me, ye shall ever surely find Me, thus saith our God. Thus saith our God.

Oh, that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence. Oh, that I knew where I might find Him.

If with all your heart ye truly seek Me, ye shall ever surely find Me, thus saith our God.
If with all your heart ye truly seek Me, ye shall ever surely find Me, thus saith our God. Thus saith our God.

Stanley Hall, Tenor; Dr. Sallie Pollack

Doxology: #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Old Hundredth
++Prayer of Thanksgiving

++The Sacrament of Holy Communion

++Ordination and Installation of Officers

Recessional Hymn: #772 *Live Into Hope Truro
(verses 1 and 4)

*Benediction

Postlude: *Fantasy on Crucifer* Callahan

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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 honor of Rhonda Hefton on her birthday, April 5th.

✿ Worship Flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God and given in celebration of Kitty and Dick Champlin’s 55th wedding anniversary, and Penny and Dale Black’s 56th wedding anniversary.

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

CHILDREN



HEATHER SELEMENT
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Our **nursery children** will be learning about how to love God and love people this month. Our story is from ACTS 9:1-31 and tells us about when Saul becomes Paul and a follower of Jesus after a life-changing meeting with Him. Our memory verse is "Love the Lord your God with all your heart . . . Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39. One thing we will be encouraging children to do, that you can help with, is wake up each day and say "it's time to love God and love people."

Our **elementary children** will spend most of our time in the book of Hebrews where we'll discover more about what the Bible says about perseverance. We define **perseverance as refusing to give up when life gets hard**. You can encourage them to remember: "Don't give up. Persevere in your faith. Trust God no matter what." Our memory verse is Isaiah 40:31 (NIRV), "But those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak."

In **Full Circle** we will be studying generosity and stewardship. We will look at different ways children can be good stewards with many different activities, songs and games.

We have **date night** coming up this Friday night. You can sign up on line or send me an email at heather@wpcokc.org. Space is limited.

The **Club 56** retreat is coming up April 22 & 23 at Jacobs Ladder, cost is \$45.00 per person. You can sign up online or email Nicole at nmencer@wpcokc.org for more information.

I hope that you have a wonderful week!

Heather

YOUTH AND EDUCATION

WPC Congregation,

The journey through confirmation this year has been a fulfilling experience. We have navigated the confirmation curriculum successfully and our confirmands have enthusiastically demonstrated their desire to become confirmed members of the Presbyterian Church. With faith rooted in biblical truths, and surrounded by God's unending love and grace, we are excited for all that our newest members will do in, and through the church. It has been a privilege guiding these incredible young men and women along their faith journeys and seeing God's hand working in their lives. Please join us in welcoming the following confirmands into the WPC family:

- Anna Buckley
- Claire Richardson
- Ruby Berryman
- Peyton Leonard
- Mart Smith
- Emily Reinhardt
- Josie Clark
- Bella Cornell
- Anna Payne



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Welcome confirmands! We are so proud of you!

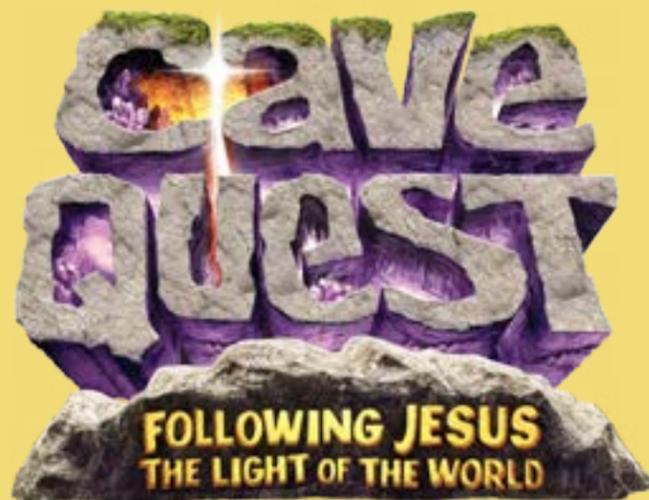
Best Wishes,

Confirmation Team: Izzy Stewart, Dave Thompson, Phil Truss

Kids Night Out Westminster Style



K.N.O.W.S. (formerly Date Night) will be held April 8th, and 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 ahreninger@wpcokc.org.



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

Club 56 Spring Retreat RECHARGE



DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS TODAY!

WHEN: April 22-23

WHERE: Jacob's Ladder in Chandler, OK

WHAT: We will be going to Jacob's Ladder Camp in Chandler, OK. This weekend will be a great opportunity to make new friends and grow in the relationships that you already have. We will stop at pops on the way out to Jacob's Ladder to eat dinner. The weekend will consist of playing games, doing a ropes course, having a time for worship and devo, and spending time with our friends.

TIME: 4:30 on the 22nd until 5:30 on the 23rd

HOW MUCH: \$45 each

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: Dorothy Gray - Please contact her for congregational care needs at 538-2673.

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 3: Kate Brown; Gail Gladstein; Mark Godwin; Andrew Hudiburg; Sathish Srinivasan

April 4: Christa Chain; Sarah Frank; Whitney Moore; Sarah Morgan; Brian Tibbs

April 5: Marky Almon; Kristen Ferate; Rachael Gooding; Rhonda Hefton; Fred Horton; Aubrey Mitchell; Jillian Neville; John Wiggins; Susan Young

April 6: Keith Eakins; Bill Pulley; Sheila Stinson; Steve Sullins; Suzanne Wendelken

April 7: Grant Bingham; Peter Carl; Daniel Delluomo; Neil Hill; Scott Kiplinger; James Loftis; Mike Norris; Rusty Sturm

April 8: Steven Highfield; Susan Phillips; Judy Savage; Michael Vernon

April 9: Leanne Biggers

Ordination and Installation of Officers

2018 Elders: Dan Adams, Kay Ludwig, Sandy Meyers, Janet Mitchell, Mike Mize, Sally Townley

2016 Deacon: Isabelle Stewart

2018 Deacons: Jane Adair, Jeremiah Allen, Tai Allen, Cathy Blevins, Nancy Darnell, Tammy Donnell, Jeff Earnest, Donna Kiplinger, Mollie McCurdy, Judy Thompson, Gary Young



Installation

On Sunday, April 24th we will hold only one 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.

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. For the Lenten Season they will be studying the Letters to the Church in Revelation.

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

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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>