



Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A NOTE FROM REV. DR. PAUL J. KIRBAS



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Dear Congregation,

As we near the beginning of the fall season, there are some exciting changes coming to some of our program areas. I would like to share some new things that are on the horizon.

On September 13, we will begin our Wednesday evening program called The Bridge. This fall, we are introducing a new format. Instead of having dinner followed by a choice of classes, we will be initiating a dinner/program format in which we will all remain at our meal tables for a 30 minute program following the dinner. At times, the program will be a pastor led Bible study; or a worship experience. At other times, we will feature a program of entertainment, or a special speaker. This Wednesday night schedule will also be more compact, with earlier ending times. The dinner will be from

5:45 PM – 6:15 PM, and the program will be from 6:15 PM – 6:45 PM. Choir practice will begin at 6:45 PM. We hope that you will try out our new Wednesday night format as we begin on September 13!

On September 11, we will begin our new series of our television program called **The Exchange**. This season, we will focus on the epidemic of fear in our world, and the ways that our faith can help us reduce that level of fear. The program will air on Sunday mornings at 7:30 AM on KSBI. If you know of someone who is struggling with fear, invite them to watch. The Exchange can be a great way of introducing your church to others in a nonthreatening way.

In addition to our KSBI broadcast, we are delighted to announce that our **Exchange** show has been selected to air at a prime time on a new national network called Uplift TV. Uplift TV is a growing network, which will be on several providers by the end of the year. Right now it is on Direct TV, channel 379. **The Exchange** will be offered on Sunday evenings at 10:00 PM Eastern, 9:00 PM Central, and 7:00 PM Pacific. If you have friends or relatives across the country that have Direct TV, let them know about our broadcast! This airing will begin with our recent series "Animals in the Kingdom", and will begin Sunday, September 4.

And speaking of animals, please put on your calendar Sunday, October 2, at 3:00 PM, for our "Animal Well Fair". In honor of the work of St. Francis of Assisi, this will be a day to celebrate the animals in our homes. We will hold our Blessing of the Animals service, provide an "Ask a Vet" booth, and are working with the Humane Society for the

possibility of holding a pet adoption event, in which a donor has pledged to cover all adoption costs. We hope to get the word out to the larger community, so please help share the news, especially with anyone who might be considering a new pet.

Now, let us turn our attention to worship, as we consider one of the most difficult texts in the New Testament. Does Jesus really say that he isn't here to bring peace? If so, how can we say "The peace of Christ"? I think we have some explaining to do!

In God's Love,

Dr. Paul J Kirbas
Pastor/Head of Staff

Israel Pilgrimage Tour

Paul and Jennifer Kirbas will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, with an excursion to Petra in Jordan, March 6th - 18th, 2017. On Sunday, September 11, at 9:30 AM in Room 103, Pastor Kirbas will offer an information meeting for anyone who is interested in hearing more about the trip. Paul will be joined by Susan Drinan from Seminars International. Interested individuals will have the opportunity to ask questions in an organized process that will benefit all in attendance. There is no obligation to attend the meeting, so if you have any interest in hearing about this opportunity, please plan to attend. A pilgrimage to the land that Jesus called home may be awaiting you!

Pastor's Class

Brothers and sisters in Christ, there is a new season in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), as witnessed by the actions of the 222nd General Assembly (2016). The commissioned body of 594 delegates acted on nearly 100 overtures by discerning the will of Christ.

Please join Rev. Dr. Paul Kirbas as he reviews and discusses this historic gathering that signals a new way forward for our church.

The Pastor's Class, The Presbyterians in Portland, will meet **TODAY** at 9:30am in Room 103!

New Members Class

You are invited to attend the next **New Member Class!**
Sunday, August 28, 9:00 a.m.
in the Parlor
(Nursery services available)

RSVP to Linda Ferguson by
Thursday, August 25
Phone: 405-524-2204
E-mail: lferguson@wpcokc.org

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism:

Ward David Rainbolt
son of
Whitney and Adam Rainbolt

Important Town Hall Meeting And Congregational Brunch

Plan now to attend an important town hall meeting on Sunday, September 18, at 9:30 AM in the Social Hall. Brunch will be served, after which we will get important updates on our 2020 Capital Campaign, construction plans and schedules, and issues related to our property and parking lots. We have lots of exciting news to share, so we hope you will join us!

CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



CHURCH WIDE PICNIC

Everyone loves a church wide picnic. So, join us after the **September 11th Worship Service** for an amazing time of fellowship.

Those with last names starting with **A-P** are asked to bring **side dishes** and those with last names starting with **Q-Z** are asked to bring **desserts**. Please use *disposable containers* or *put your name on your permanent dishes*.



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For Widows: A Fellowship Event and Lunch

Widows' Fellowship Event and Lunch at OKCMOA will be held on **Wednesday, August 24** and we will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. We will depart promptly and carpool down to the Oklahoma City Museum of Art for a 10:30 guided tour of the exhibit of Matisse's paintings and then head to the café for lunch. Tickets will be \$12.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for Seniors. Space is limited. Please sign up in Garden Court to secure your spot or contact the Widow Social Coordinators, Shirley O'Bannon 842-3694 or Angela Bachman 760-2437.

Summer Ladies Luncheon Series

The final **Summer Ladies Luncheon Series** will be held on Wednesday at noon on August 31st, in WPC's Garden Court. Child Care is available with RSVP prior to event date. As we gather at the Luncheon for fellowship, each table will have materials for a guided conversation including a set of questions and scriptures to guide the conversation with your table of eight women.

Reserve your seat at the table; the cost is \$8 per person. Sign-up online, WPC's front desk, or email RSVP to: Linda Zahn at rzahn@prodigy.net



In the next season of **The Exchange, Where Faith and Science Meet**, we'll tackle an epidemic in our culture. Join us for this eight week series entitled "Faith and Fear." Bringing together the lessons of science and faith, we'll learn how our brains process fear, and how our culture overloads that process. Once we understand how our culture and our brains overdose us with fear, we will go on the road to several faith traditions, to see if there is a clear path to living a fear free life. Join us for "Faith and Fear," presented at 7:30 AM on KSBI beginning Sunday, September 11, on **The Exchange, Where Faith and Science Meet**.

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Relax! God put the “wiggles” in children. Try to sit where it’s easier for children to see what’s happening...or let your child stand to see what is happening. Please guide your child through the parts of the service and help them find his/her way through the hymnbook. Remind your child that they are welcome in worship for this time of praise and thanksgiving; giggle and all! The presence of children is a gift to the Church and their presence delights God.

Prelude: *Trumpet Tune in C*

David Johnson

Time of Welcome

*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: Jesus says to his disciples, ‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.’ May this peace promised by Christ be with you all

People: And also with you.

Call To Worship

Leader: Come before the Lord with joy

People: because he is faithful to his promises,

Leader: because his Word is eternal.

People: Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

***Processional Hymn: #363 Rejoice, the Lord Is King**

Darwall’s 148th

+(verses 1 and 4)

Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Dear Heavenly Father, we bow our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours.

Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to you. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to you in our world. Lord, hear our confession and those we now offer in the silence...(a silence is kept). We ask these things in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, 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: #486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Kingdom

As the children come forward, the congregation shall sing (verse 1); as the children return to their seats, the congregation shall sing (verses 2, 3, 4).

++Sacrament of Baptism

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the New Testament

Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19, p. 540

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Hymnal p. 35

Reading from the New Testament

Luke 12:49-56, p. 75

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

++Anthem: God’s Gonna Set This World on Fire

Moses Hogan

God’s gonna set this world on fire, yes, yes, yes. God’s gonna set this world on fire one of these days Hallelujah!

I’m gonna sit at the welcome table, yes, yes, yes. I’m gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days Hallelujah!

I’m gonna eat and never get hungry, yes, yes, yes. I’m gonna eat and never get hungry one of these days Hallelujah!

I’m gonna drink and never get thirsty, yes, yes, yes. I’m gonna drink and never get thirsty one of these days Hallelujah!

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Chancel Choir

Sermon: “THE UNEXAMINED LIFE”

Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

***Hymn of Discipleship: #362 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers**

Llangloffan

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

Hymnal p. 35

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Arr. Diane Bish

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

Old Hundredth

++*Prayer of Thanksgiving

+The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Recessional Hymn: #361 O Christ, The Great Foundation**

Aurelia

+(verses 1 and 4)

*Benediction

Postlude: *Fantasy on Darwall’s 148th*

Arr. Richard Unfreid

*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.

✿ Worship Flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God and given in memory of Mary Truss on her birthday by Holly, Mark, McKenzie and Bryce Carlin.

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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

Elder Liturgist: Richard Darnell

Director of Worship and Music: Josh Phelps

Organ: Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Carillon: Lisa Hart

CHILDREN

Backpack Blessings

Sunday, August 21st, is **Backpack Blessings**. Please have your children bring their backpacks with them to the 10:30 service. There will be a short blessing during the children's sermon and they will each get a tag to color and put on their backpacks.



Full Circle Fellowship

Full Circle Fellowship will resume on Sunday, September 11th, during the 10:30 am service following the children's sermon. This is a unique service for children, K-4th grade, where they learn about the elements of worship through a variety of mediums.

K.N.O.W.S.

K.N.O.W.S (date night) for this fall will be September 9th, and October 14th, from 5:30-8:30pm. KNOWS is a great time for kids to come hang out and have fun with their friends while you go on a much needed date night. Cost is \$5 per kid and includes pizza for dinner. RSVP to Anisa at agonzalez@wpcokc.org

Friday Friends

Friday Friends are back! If you are a 3rd or 4th grader we would love to have you come hang out with us on Friday afternoons from 3:30-5:00 pm. We play games, eat snacks and learn about God. It's a great way to chill out on a Friday afternoon. Dates this fall are September 9th, 16th, and 23rd.



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YOUTH AND EDUCATION



Rev. Abbey Walker
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The Ultimate Youth vs Parents **KICKBALL GAME and COOKOUT**

TODAY
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Douglas Park
Parents & Kids in 5th - 12th Grades

Parents whose last names that start with
A-P should bring side dishes
and Q-Z to bring desserts.



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VOLUNTEER

Do you have gifts to share with the children or youth of WPC? If so, we are looking for teachers, assistant teachers, and volunteers to walk alongside our young brothers and sisters as they discover their own relationship with Jesus Christ. Even if you can only commit to one Sunday per month or feel that your gifts are better suited for a particular event, we would LOVE to have you. Please contact Cindy Cannon, Administrator for Family Ministries, at ccannon@wpcokc.org, if you are interested in sharing your gifts.



FALL FEST

**OCTOBER
28**

PARENT Meet & Greet

**August 21st, 2016
9:30 am - 10:15 am**

- Hear the new vision for children and youth ministries.
- Learn about the new curriculum for all ages.
- Visit with our staff.



Want to know what happened on the Jamaica mission trip?

Come to Pastor's Class on August 28th to hear from the youth and adults, who attended, about what they learned and experienced. There will be pictures, story telling, and a time for questions. We invite everyone to attend.



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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, home bound or simply needing prayer, please notify the church by e-mail at wpc cares@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: Tai Allen - Please contact her for congregational care needs at 918-625-0888.

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: Westminster Presbyterian Church Foundation has several designated funds that support different ministries and programs of our church. Is the Foundation already in your estate plan? If you have already included the WPC Foundation in your estate plans but have not previously notified us, please let us know. We would like to properly thank you for your support. Please contact the Business Office or any of the Foundation Trustees. Alison Taylor, Chris Stephens, Cliff Hudson, Ellen Morgan, Glenn Dunn, Hal Brown, Jim Richard, John Frick, Paige Bass, Richard Zahn, Sally Bentley or Sarah Frank.

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.

August 14: Candi Bullard; Scott Calhoon; Ctaci Combs; Robert Mannel; Conner Webb

August 15: Diane Harbison; Peggy Hoag; Michele Hollar; Lindsey Karner; Jason Ranne

August 16: Thomas Hosman; Brooke Jensen; Pen Tompkins; Barbara Young

August 17: Holly Shipley; Jessica Webb; Cindy Whitfield

August 18: Travis Mills; Joshua Paliotta; Aubrey Webb

August 19: JoAnn DeLeon; Sharon Love; Tom Mullen; Linda Sue Schaefer; Anden Sharpe

August 20: Laurel Hall; Drake Keith; Carma Neta Morris; Jake Rainbolt; Alison Taylor; Bob Vernon

COMMUNION* DATES

September 11, 2016

October 2, 2016

November 6, 2016

**served every Sunday in the Chapel service*

BAPTISM DATES

(2nd Sunday of each month)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

(3rd Sunday of each month)

New Downtown Bible Study begins in August

We are starting a new downtown Bible study that will be held on Fridays at noon beginning in August. It will be a brown bag lunch program and will be held at the offices of McAfee and Taft, on the 8th floor of Two Leadership Square at 211 North Robinson Street. Rev. Dr. Paul Kirbas will be leading this group through a study of the New Testament book of James. If you would like to attend, please contact John Kenney at:

john.kenney@mcafeetaft.com

Adult Christian Education Classes Sundays at 9:30 AM

Adult Bible Study: This "55-ish and over" group during the month of August is looking at "Life on God's Terms", a study of Romans and Paul's visions of what life is like when we become new creations in Christ. The class meets in the Library (room 205). For more details contact Gil Mitchell (820-5150).

Adventurers Class: Comprised of adults ages 40 and over, the Adventurers meet downstairs in room LL30.

Genesis Class: This 50 and up singles class meets downstairs in LL28.

August 14: Ret. Air Force General Jay Edwards will lead the class in a lesson commemorating the anniversary of the Japanese surrender and the end of World War 2.

August 21 and 28: We will utilize material from "Covenant Bible Study," a curriculum endorsed by the Presbyterian Church and focusing on the covenants in the Bible.

Tuesday Morning Men's Breakfast Resumes September 13th

All men are invited to our Men's Breakfast held in room LL29. Once again, we will be led by Pastor Paul Kirbas. We begin with a hearty breakfast at 7:30 AM, followed by our lesson. We aim to end by 8:30 AM. This fall, Paul will lead us in a study on the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. This summer, the General Assembly of the PCUSA asked for a study of the BDS movement (Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions). This men's study will put that in perspective as we look at the long and complicated relationship between these two populations. All men are invited!



"Giving help today for hope of a better tomorrow"

Summers are a low point of the year at the Urban Mission. Needs are many including canned goods, school supplies, personal hygiene items (cannot be purchased with Food Stamps) – deodorant, toothpaste and brushes, bar soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper, feminine napkins/tampons, diapers, hair brushes and combs, and cloth grocery bags. The Deacons have delivered over **334 pounds** of supplies to the Urban Mission this month and invite you to join in this "Mission for the Mission."

Items may be left in the boxes/sacks in front of the information desk in the Garden Court.



The Communications Committee wants this year's BINGO to be out of this world, but we can't do it without YOU!

We are in need of \$5 - \$25 gift cards!

If you can help us out, just leave your gift cards with the front desk or Robin McAlister. Robin will be our contact person and if you need more information, please contact her at: robin.parrish@gmail.com

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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>