

Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 7, 2016
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A NOTE FROM REV. ABBEY WALKER



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Dear Westminster Presbyterian Church family,

There are many exciting things happening at and in the life of Westminster these days! We're gearing up for a new program year with many Fall activities planned and many opportunities to plug in. This month alone we are finishing up the Pastor's Class on the denomination's General Assembly, we're celebrating a Blessing of the Backpacks, a downtown Bible study begins, we'll hear from the youth and adults who went on the Jamaica mission trip about their adventures, all three clergy are back from Summer work and play, and the church is in full-swing!

Also this month, on August 21st at 9:30 a.m., is a "Meet and Greet" event for the whole church to come and learn about the new curriculum that the children and youth will begin using this

fall. The staff and committees have worked hard to intentionally unify our curriculum to make learning consistent and cohesive across all ages and programs. The curriculum we've chosen is called *Sparkhouse*, by Augsburg Fortress. This is not to be confused with our very own SPARK House, the after-school ministry program we've had for many years. They are different programs, with a similar name, and we're excited to share what we love about this curriculum with you!

After reading through the bulletin and seeing all of the exciting things going on at Westminster, we would like to invite you to be a part of this family and congregation. Please contact Linda Ferguson at the front desk to sign up for our New Members' Class. This class will meet on August 28th at 9:00 a.m.

Our worship this week is centered around the idea of being prepared. We will continue hearing from the Gospel according to Luke and think together about how we can prepare for God now and God in the unknown aspects of life--particularly in the afterlife. Who do we put our trust in to lead us through the unknown? How do we know what to do to prepare and when to do it? In what ways can we rest assured that God will do what God has promised to us?

When we look in hindsight at how God has moved through our lives and through the world, we can see so much good. I pray for each of us as we prepare our hearts for worship that we are able to look back and see the movement of God in our past and see how that points to the hope we have for the future as followers of Christ.

Grace and peace to you all,

Rev. Abbey Walker
Associate Pastor for Youth and Education

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. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the Bible in a physical and spiritual way. Every detail of this trip has been carefully put together by Seminars International, a travel agency specially focused on church and university trips. 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!

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!



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 tenth 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

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 760-2337.

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 “wiggle” 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: *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

Land of Rest Arr. George Shearing

Time of Welcome

*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ who is good and merciful and just, we greet one another with peace.

People: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Leader: And also with you. Please stand and greet those around you with Christ’s peace.

Call To Worship

Leader: The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

People: The earth declares God’s beauty.

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting

People: God’s word shines forth in glory.

Processional Hymn: #360 *Christ Is Coming

Unser Herrscher

+(verses 1 and 4)

Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you created everything and you created us. When you did that, you made space for us to make choices and decisions. We make decisions about how we spend our time and our money. We make choices about how we treat those we like and those we don’t. Sometimes we are proud of the choices we make. Other times, we are not so proud. In our shame, we often forget how to offer grace to others and even to ourselves. Remind us to say we’re sorry. Remind us that we are loved and given another chance to do better. Hear this confession and the honest confessions of our hearts that we now offer in silence...(a silence is kept).

Help us let our shame fall away and remember that you make us good. **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: #365 *God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!*

Marion

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

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the New Testament

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, p. 225

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 12:32-40, p. 75

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

++Anthem: *Keep Your Lamps!*

André Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for the time is drawing nigh.

Children, don’t grow weary, children, don’t grow weary, children, don’t grow weary, for the time is drawing nigh.

Christian, journey soon be over, christian, journey soon be over, christian, journey soon be over, for the time is drawing nigh.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for the time is drawing nigh.

Chancel Choir; Seth Boothby, Percussion

Sermon: “BEING PREPARED”

Rev. Abbey Walker

Hymn of Discipleship: #451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open My Eyes

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

Hymnal p. 35

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: ++*In His Love and In His Pity*

Kurt Kaiser

In His love and in His pity He redeemed us. In His love and in His pity He provided heaven.

Never has another loved us like the Savior loves.

How can any one suspend himself upon a cross, and die for me? Die willingly, to set us free.

How He suffered in the garden for your sin and mine. See Him trudge up Calvary’s mountain,

“Not my will, but Thine.” Cursing mobs and angry soldiers spit upon that face.

Then the sky in winter darkness proved the depth to which our sin would go, and Jesus died, He loved us so.

Yes, He did love, He had pity on us. He provided heaven at last.

Shall we not return the favor, live each day for our dear Savior, and one day He will return for us.

David Anderson, Bass-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: #353 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

+(verses 1 and 4)

***Benediction**

Postlude: *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

Lobe den Herren Arr. Paul Manz

*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.

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: Shawwna Berryman

Director of Worship and Music: Josh Phelps

Organ: Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Carillon: Lisa Hart

CHILDREN

Backpack Blessings

Sunday, August 21st, is also **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 August 12th, 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. Date this fall are September 9th, 16th, and 23rd.



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YOUTH AND EDUCATION



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The Ultimate Youth vs Parents **KICKBALL GAME and COOKOUT**

Sunday, August 14
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 and sharing your gifts



FALL FEST

OCTOBER
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PARENT Meet & Greet

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

- Here 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: Jeremiah Allen - Please contact him for congregational care needs at 580-220-1204.

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 7: Sonny Burkhardt; Janie Comstock; Reid Hutchens; Suzanne Murphy; Randy Parrish

August 8: Stacy Dykstra; Marylynn Hisey;

David Hudiburg; Alex Powell; Gabe Powell; Margaret Shiff; Philip Whitmarsh

August 9: Mark Balthrop; Linda Garrett; Randall Mock; Lee Young

August 10: Norma Bradley; Damon Williams

August 11: Beth Adams; Chauncey Baker; Sally Bentley; Machel Clayton; Katherine Hager; Jim McKay; Sarah Smith

August 12: Christine Boucher; Michael Mize; Tom Portman; Elizabeth Rawdon

August 13: Brooke Lochmann; Scott Neslage; Louis Pippin; Jane Puls

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)

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 Sunday mornings at 9:30am in Room 103 through August 14th!

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 7: Audrey Streetman will present selections of her poetry, following her recent well publicized reading at the Depot Café in Norman.

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.

New Members Class

You are invited to attend the next New Member Class!

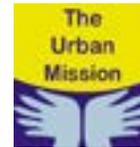
Sunday, August 28, 9:00 a.m.
in the Parlor

(Nursery services available)

RSVP to Linda Ferguson by
Thursday, August 25

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**"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 **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.



Feeling Down?

Our Stephen Ministry can help. Stephen Ministers aren't just there for "big" crises. They're also available for the little ones, because many times the little things can really add up. So don't wait until you have a really big crisis; consider Stephen Ministry if the little things have you down.

If you are feeling the need for a little extra support in your life—or know someone else who needs support—and would like to learn more about how Stephen Ministry can assist you or a friend, please contact Rev. Michelle Junkin, our pastor for congregational care, or Glenn Dunn, our congregational care assistant.

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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>