



*Westminster*  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 17, 2016  
9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# A NOTE FROM REV. DR. PAUL J. KIRBAS



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Following Jesus is the spiritual lesson behind today's text, but following the steps of Jesus is also a physical opportunity that is before us, through our 2017 Holy Land Pilgrimage. If you are interested in learning more, I invite you to sign up with my assistant Lori. Please also put on your calendar the date of our Homecoming Sunday, September 11, at 9:30 AM. That will be the time for our Holy Land Trip Information Meeting, held in the Pastor's Class room. I will be joined by Susan Drinan from Seminars International in Chicago, the tour company that is working with us on this trip. Susan has a long history of travel to Israel, as well as planning trips for many congregations and universities around the country. She will be a wonderful resource to answer any and all questions you may have.

It is good to be in the House of the Lord! Let us now turn our attention to worship and the word.

In God's Love,

Dr. Paul J. Kirbas  
Pastor/Head of Staff

Dear Congregation,

As we continue to follow the Lectionary passages this summer, we come to the familiar story of Mary and Martha. There seems to be here a simple story of the dangers of distractions, but as we look more deeply, there seems to be another issue going on. It raises important questions concerning whose voice we are listening to, and whose guidance we are following, in this noisy and complicated world. The question it raises is the title of our sermon today: *Is Jesus your Rabbi?*

## Israel Pilgrimage Tour

Paul & Jennifer Kirbas will be leading a trip to the Holy Land, with an extended visit to Petra in Jordan, March 6 -18, 2017. If you are interested, all of the details of this trip are available in a brochure that you can find at the welcome desk. In early fall, we will hold an information meeting concerning this trip. Please contact Lori Jirousek at [ljirousek@wpcokc.org](mailto:ljirousek@wpcokc.org), who will begin a list of potential participants. If you have any friends or family members who would be interested in the trip, feel free to grab extra brochures.

# CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## SUMMER LADIES LUNCHEON SERIES

Women's Ministry invites you and your friends to our Summer Ladies Luncheon Series. (*Girls of Grace, Mom's Evening Out, and our Women Of Faith Luncheons with Speaker will return this fall!*)

The Summer Ladies Luncheon Series will be held monthly on Wednesdays at noon on July 27th, and August 31st, in WPC's Garden Court. Child Care is available with RSVP prior to event date. Each month 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](mailto:rzahn@prodigy.net)



"Giving help today for hope of a better tomorrow"

The Urban Mission Committee is happy to report that we collected 89 pounds of care supplies for Urban Mission on Sunday, July 3rd. Thank you to our wonderful Deacons for working so hard on this project.

Summers are a low point of the year at the Urban Mission so we plan to continue collecting all summer and you will find sacks and boxes on the floor in front of the information desk to deposit the supplies. We are accepting canned goods, school supplies, personal hygiene items and anything you think would be of benefit to them.

Peggy Garrett and her crew told me to express their sincere thanks!

The Urban Mission Committee



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... so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

Psalm 103:13



## Pressure: A burdensome, distressing, or weighty condition

Are you feeling pressure right now? Is it affecting your health, your attitude, or your relationships with your family and friends? Would you like to have someone to talk to, just to help you get through the next month or two?

Stephen Ministers are trained to assist and support those who are going through transitional life situations.

If you are feeling pressure pertaining to a situation in your life—or know someone who is—and would like to learn more about how Stephen Ministry can support you or a friend, please contact Rev. Michelle Junkin, our pastor for congregational care, or Glenn Dunn, our congregational care assistant.

## WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY GARDEN

WPC's Community Garden will be needing volunteers to weed and harvest throughout the growing season. Feel free to sign up at: <http://vols.pt/GzXL4A>. You can sign up for a single time or multiple times and feel free to bring your spouse or other friends at a time that is convenient for you.

The community garden is located on the west side of the old manor lot just west of the church at 44th & Shartel.

For more assistance, you can contact:

**Shawanna O'Bleness Berryman**



## 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 on July 17th, 24th & 31st!



## Knit 'n Purls

The next Knit 'n Purls meeting will be July 29th at 10:00am in the Parlor. If you are interested in joining this group you are invited to attend. No knitting skills are required. These lovely ladies will teach you the basics. Do you crochet? That's just fine. Come and fellowship over hooks, needles and of course lots of yarn.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**September 11, 2016**  
**Westminster Homecoming**

More information to follow...

# 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:** *Variations on Jesu, Jesu, Thou Art Mine*

J.S. Bach

## Time of Welcome

### \*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,

**People: let us forgive one another.**

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

**People: And also with you.**

## Call To Worship

Leader: Praise the LORD, all nations!

**People: Extol him, all peoples!**

Leader: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**People: And the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

Psalm 117

**\*Processional Hymn: #612 *We Praise You, O God***

+(verses 1 and 3)

Kremsler

## Time of Confession

### Invitation to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, 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 speak from our wisdom. Lord, hear our confession and those we now offer in the silence...(a silence is kept). In the name of Jesus, 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: #707 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord***

Hall

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 Old Testament

Psalm 52, p. 521

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

# WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

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

Hymnal p. 35

### Reading from the New Testament

Luke 10:38-42, p. 72

**++Anthem: *Day by Day***

Mark Schweitzer

O holy Jesus, merciful Redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day.

*Chancel Choir; Dr. Sallie Pollack, Piano*

### Sermon: “IS JESUS YOUR RABBI?”

Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

**\*Hymn of Discipleship: #432 *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord***

Repton

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

Hymnal p. 35

### Invitation to Offering

**Offertory: *More Love to Thee, O Christ***

Arr. Al Travis

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

Old Hundredth

**++\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**+The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**\*Recessional Hymn: #828 *More Love to Thee, O Christ***

More Love to Thee

+(verses 1 and 3)

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude: *Toccata in B minor***

Andre Fleury

\*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 Don J. Leeman’s birthday, with love from his family.

### Leading in Worship

**Pastor/Head of Staff:** Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

**Clergy Liturgist:** Rev. Jennifer Kirb

**Elder Liturgist:** Amy Stephens

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

**Organ:** Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

**Carillon:** Lisa Hart

## CHILDREN



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# SAVE THE DATES



Summer is a time to hang out and have fun! So, we have planned some great events to get together and see everyone.

The dates are:

**PIZZA & DODGEBALL**  
July 22nd from 5-7pm  
(3rd-6th Grade)

**Elevation Hang Out**  
August 5th from 5-7pm  
(1st-6th Grade)

**Club 56  
Riversport Adventure**  
(OKC Boathouse)  
August 20th from 9-12pm  
(club 56)

**Full Circle** will resume in the fall. The children are encouraged to stay in the service so that they may see all of the elements of worship that we have been working on this year and how they fit into the service. **Nursery** is still available for children 6 and under. Wednesday nights will resume in the fall.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL



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# 2016 SUMMER CALENDAR

JULY:

22: PIZZA & DODGEBALL FROM 5PM-7PM (3RD-6TH GRADE)

AUGUST:

5: ELEVATION HANGOUT FROM 5PM-7PM (1ST- 6TH GRADE)

20: RIVERSPORT ADVENTURE FROM 11:15AM- 2:15PM (5TH-8TH GRADE)

TO SIGN UP EMAIL NICOLE AT  
NMENCER@WPCOKC.ORG

## YOUTH AND EDUCATION



### 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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# Save The Date

We know it's a little early, but we are so excited about this event that we had to get it out to the masses...

# FALL FEST

# OCTOBER 28TH



# PARENT Meet & Greet

**August 20th, 2016  
9:30am - 10:15am**

**Look for more details in coming bulletins.**

# 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 [wpccares@wpcokc.org](mailto:wpccares@wpcokc.org) 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:** Shawn Witcher - Please contact her for congregational care needs at 990-6572.

**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 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.

**July 17:** Bill Brewer; Keith French; Danette Kinzer; Donald Leftwich

**July 18:** Christy Allison; Elaine Dowling

**July 19:** Barbara Beeler; Tom Blanton; Carolyn Corn-Carlile; Patrick Dailey; Bob Duncan; Edward Hoag III; Elizabeth Williams

**July 20:** Tina Adams; Sarah Blackledge; Kristen Bohanon; Joseph Couch; Thomas Evans; Lisa Hart; Rick Huff; Madison Mueller

**July 21:** Rob Abernathy; Betty Catching; Gray Frederickson; Gib Gibson; Margaret Henry; Davis Hudiburg; Judy Jordan; Jana Lamb; Marshall Mann; Dee McVay; Jim Miskovsky; James Seely

**July 22:** Tom Hosman; Susan Laster

**July 23:** Daniel Adams; Ron Atchley; Anne Boozer; Jessica Brewer; Nancy Irwin; Diane Kenney; Barbara Lightfoot

## Adult Christian Education Classes

Sundays at 9:30 AM

**Adult Bible Study:** This "55-ish plus" group through scripture study and sharing seeks to discover the living Bible as it speaks to us today. Beginning June 26th through July 24th, the group will explore selected passages from Paul's message to the Roman church about all manner of human sinfulness. The study is entitled "A World Gone Wrong". The class meets in the Library (room 205) on the second floor.

**Adventurers Class:** Comprised of adults ages 40 and over, the Adventurers meet downstairs in room LL30. John Shelley continues to lead our class in the study of The Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew through the month of July.

**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.

**For the remainder of July...**the Genesis Class will be attending the Pastor's Class, "The Presbyterians In Portland," Sunday mornings at 9:30am in Room 103.

## 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)*

## Men's Ministry Summer Offerings

### - Downtown Bible Study -

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:

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### - Family Night at the OKC Dodgers -

Join us for an evening of family fellowship at the OKC Dodgers ballpark on Sunday, July 24th. All members are invited for an evening of fellowship. Game time is 6:05 PM.

### - Summer Golf League -

Join us on Tuesday evenings at 5 PM for fellowship on the golf course. This will be an informal opportunity to demonstrate your golf skills and to get to know other members. We will run the league for 6 weeks beginning Tuesday, June 21st. You do not need to attend every week, just register and play when your schedule allows.

### - Quarterly Speaker's Series -

Our Speaker's Series will return in September!

Sign-up sheets will be available in the Garden Court or email Richard Zahn at [rlzahn@earthlink.net](mailto:rlzahn@earthlink.net).

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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>