



Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 10, 2016
8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A NOTE FROM REV. DR. PAUL J. KIRBAS



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God, to love ourselves, and to love others. But when he said this, what kind of love was he talking about? To demonstrate the answer, Jesus provided the familiar story of the Good Samaritan. Today in worship, let us consider this parable, and discover the kind of love Jesus implores us to have, and the kind of love that this world really does need now.

On another note, our list of interested participants for our 2017 Holy Land Pilgrimage is growing! 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,

Once again this past week, our nation has been rocked by terrorism abroad, and racial conflict at home. Ahead of us are the two contentious conventions of our major political parties, along with the fears associated with the summer Olympics. I suspect we have a very hot summer ahead, and I'm not talking about the weather. As I think about all these things, an old song comes to mind. Your words have never been more true, Diane Ross, when you sang "What the world needs now, is love, sweet love!"

When asked what the greatest commandment of all was, Jesus said it was to Love: to love

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, 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.

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 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st!



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

Widower's Coffee



Please join Glenn Dunn in the Parlor today at 11:30am for a time of fellowship over coffee with other widowers in our church.

We will join together in this social gathering as a time for encouragement and fellowship with other men who share in this life transition.

For more information contact:
Glenn Dunn
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... so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

Psalm 103:13

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:
Shawwna O'Bleness Berryman
405-205-0247 / slberryman1@yahoo.com



The brightest accomplishments begin with just a spark.

SPARK needs a volunteer cook on either Tuesday or Wednesday this fall from 4:30 - 6:00 pm. Meals are simple and easy to prepare. If interested, please contact Jody McLane at 478-4740.

Change: To give a radically different position course, or direction

Changes can be difficult—especially when they are unexpected.

Stephen Ministers are trained to help people learn to cope with the changes that have happened in their life.

If you have experienced great changes—or know someone who has—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.

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: *The Promised Land*

Arr. Trey Clegg

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: Arise, shine, for your light has come;

People: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around,

People: Then you shall see and be radiant,

Leader: Your heart shall thrill and rejoice,

People: The glory of God shall be our strength and our hope!

Isaiah 60

***Processional Hymn: #667** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

+(verses 1 and 4)

Laudes Domini

Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ.

Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. Lord, hear our confession and those we now offer in the silence...(a silence is kept). We pray in Jesus’ name. 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: #300 *They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

We Are One

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

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament

Psalm 82, p. 542

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 10:25-37, p. 71

++Anthem: *The Gift of Love*

Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed. Amen.

Chancel Choir; Steve Thompson, Piano

Sermon: “AGAPE IN ACTION”

Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

***Hymn of Discipleship: #693** *Though I May Speak*

Gift of Love

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

Hymnal p. 35

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Arr. Michael Burkhardt

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

Old Hundredth

++*Prayer of Thanksgiving

+The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Recessional Hymn: #366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hyfrydol

+(verses 1 and 4)

*Benediction

Postlude: *Festival March*

Thomas Massella

*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 celebration of Bob Ellis’ 90th birthday, by Nancy Ellis.

✿ Worship Flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God and given in memory of Mike Little on the anniversary of his birth, July 13th, by Barbara, Lori, Matt, and family.

Leading in Worship

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

Associate Pastor for Youth and Education: Rev. Abbey Walker

Elder Liturgist: Richard Zahn

Director of Worship and Music: Josh Phelps

Organ: Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Carillon: Lisa Hart

CHILDREN



HEATHER SELEMENT
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In our nursery groups we have been learning about creation all summer. The children have been learning about how God made everything. Their basic truth for this theme is that "God made me and God loves me". Their memory verse is: You made the world and everything in it. Psalm 89:11

In 1st-4th grade we have been studying the Fruit of the Spirit. Our memory verse is Galatians 5:22-23, "By contrast the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. There is no law against such things." Here are some questions to ask around the dinner table: What kind of things might you do that are not healthy? Why don't we always follow the fruit of the Spirit? How can you be more loving and joyful?

If you are in 3rd-6th grade we hope you will make plans to join us July 22nd for our Dodge ball tournament from 5-7pm. To sign up please email heather@wpcokc.org

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.

Does your child play a sport, or an instrument or dance? We would love to have their sport schedules and to know when recitals are so that we can attend when possible. Please send them to heather@wpcokc.org

SAVE THE DATES

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

The dates are:

Pizza & Dodgeball
July 22nd from 5-7
(3rd-6th grade)

Elevation Hang Out
August 5th from 5-7
(1st-6th grade)

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL



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2016 SUMMER CALENDAR

JULY:

14-17: J.H.A.M.S (RISING 6TH-RISING 9TH GRADE)
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



Jamaica Mission Trip 2016

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 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: Judy Thompson - Please contact her for congregational care needs at 815-7593.

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.

July 10: Joan Fleetwood; Katherine Nichols; Anna Payne; Kirsten Smedley; Preston Stinson; Bonnie Tibbs

July 11: Ann Asbury; Sandy Barr; Chad Bisel; Randy Buttram; Nancy Dawson; Randy Moore; J. Robert Reneau; Sarah Turpen; John K. Williams

July 12: Colette Buxton; Brooke DeGraffenreid; Kay Earnest; David Harlow; Charlotte Mitchell; David Reynolds; Martha Roberts

July 13: Rhonda Bruno; Stacy Crouch; Bob Ellis; Jim English; Nancy Herzel; Jane Hosman; Clark Laster; Barbara Paul

July 14: Toni Cook; Jay Henry; Jo Ann Johnson; Jessica Jones; Don Marsh; Allan Meadors; Susan Thompson; Meredith Wegener

July 15: Lauren Carlile; Susan Edwards; Christopher Gilchrist; Ali Holloway; Susan Porter; Linda Sheffield; Jenni Weidman

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 (room205) 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.

July 10: Program presented by Ferrelyn Oakes

July 17: "The Deterioration of Roman/Jewish Relations from Tiberius to the Destruction of the Temple"

July 16: Mike Jones; Ian Ogilvie; Kay Oliver; Shannon Rowland; Susan Short

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:
john.kenney@mcafeetaft.com

- 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 5pm 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.

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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>