

Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 24, 2016
10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A NOTE FROM REV. DR. PAUL J. KIRBAS



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Dear Congregation,

We are in the middle of a hot summer, in terms of the weather and the news. In these times of turmoil, fear, anger, and conflict, the place we gather, called "a Sanctuary", takes on new meaning. May the Sanctuary be more than a physical place you sit to worship this Sunday morning. May it be for you a true respite, an oasis of peace and love, where the cool waters of God's grace reduce the boiling blood that is pulsing through our country's veins. We have entered something we all need: A Sanctuary!

Even though we are in the summer months, where church activity slows down, there are

many things happening behind the scenes. One of them is that we are working on our new season of our TV education program "The Exchange". Our new season is an 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 the road to several faith traditions, to see if there is a clear path to living a fear free life. We'll discover the secrets of the Buddhist faith, the Jewish faith, the Muslim Faith, and the Christian faith, to see if there is a common understanding of how we can become fearless in a world in which fear is the number one product. This series will begin on Sunday, September 11, and is shown on KSBI at 7:30 AM Sunday mornings. If you know of a friend, neighbor, relative, etc, who is dealing with fear and could use some positive spiritual support, please let them know about this program.

And now, let us find God's peace here in this Sanctuary, and let us gather under the teachings of Jesus as he tells us why there is a power that can be found in persistence!

In God's Love,

Dr. Paul J Kirbas
Pastor/Head of Staff

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.

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



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 169 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.



Stress: Constraining forces or influences that can cause bodily or mental tension

We've all felt it and know what it is. But sometimes the stress level reaches a point where things begin to break. Don't let your stress reach that point.

Stephen Ministers are available to help you work through life's difficulties and to give you a safe, confidential place to vent your troubles.

If you are feeling stress 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.

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 24th through August 14th!



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.



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: *Trumpet Processional*

Alfred Fedak

Time of Welcome

*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: In life and in death, we belong to God. May the peace of God be with you always.

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.

Psalm 100

***Processional Hymn: #663** *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

+(verses 1 and 3)

Morning Hymn

Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we recognize that Your ways are mysterious. Teach us to be still and to wait for You. We confess our sinfulness, our need for control, and our discomfort with the unknown. Instead of turning to You, we numb our pain with temporary distractions. We pretend to have our lives together when we really feel inadequate and insecure. God of grace, You show up in our lives in the most unexpected ways. Surprise us this week with an awareness of Your presence. Replace our fear with trust. Turn our anxiety into wonder. Give us Your peace and joy as we live by faith and not by sight. 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: #661** *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

Sparrow

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

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament

Psalm 85, p. 543

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 11:1-13, p. 72

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

++**Anthem:** *Appalachian Lord’s Prayer*

Rick Sowash

Beloved God, beyond the mountains, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kin-dom* come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav’n.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation.

Deliver us, we pray, from evil, for Thine is the kin-dom,* the pow’r of morning, the sunset glory, now and forever more. Amen.

Chancel Choir

**Composer’s Note: “Kin-dom” instead of “Kingdom” is consistent with Jesus’ teachings about being “kin” with God, that is, being in the family of God as “kinfolk,” a term and a concept which Appalachian persons cherish.*

Sermon: “THE POWER OF PERSISTENCE”

Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

***Hymn of Discipleship: #465** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Converse

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

Hymnal p. 35

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Arr. Richard Elliott

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

Old Hundredth

++**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

+**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

***Recessional Hymn: #839** *Blessed Assurance*

Assurance

+(verses 1 and 3)

***Benediction**

Postlude: *Fanfare*

Robert Lind

*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 Herschal Crow’s life, with love from his family.

❁ Worship Flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God and given in memory of Harold and Margaret Lambertus by James Lambertus.

❁ Worship Flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God and given in loving memory of Christina Rozack on the anniversary of her birth July 24, 1896, by Anne and Ken Love, Tina and Tim Ridley, Tim, Susan, Michael and Jack Love, Aubrey and Macon Carroll.

Leading in Worship

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

Associate Pastor for Youth and Education: Rev. Abbey Walker

Elder Liturgist: Shawna Berryman

Director of Worship and Music: Josh Phelps

Organ: Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Carillon: Lisa Hart

CHILDREN



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the dinner table: What is your favorite animal? What are some of your favorite flowers?

In our 1st-4th grade we started a new series on the Good Samaritan. We learned that everyone is our neighbor and we should always be willing to help someone in need. At dinner you could ask, What are some ways we can be good neighbors?

I hope that you will make plans to join us on August 21st for an all family meet and greet in the Social hall during the Sunday School hour. We will be revealing our new curriculums for this fall and your children will have the opportunity to visit their new classrooms!

In our nursery we are finishing up our summer series on creation. Our main point is God created everything, even me! The kids have had a great time learning about all of God's amazing creations this summer. Here are a few things you could ask around



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:

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

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

YOUTH AND EDUCATION



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Last week I spent an amazing week of ministry with 70 middle schoolers and adults! At JHaMS (Junior High and Middle School), the planning team and I (the director) watched as our months of planning came to fruition. There were moments of tears, laughter, learning, and a group of mostly strangers who became a single congregation. I am so proud of the youth who attended and am grateful for their honesty and willingness

to open themselves up to something new. From Westminster, Nicole took five youth--2 from WPC, 2 from First Presbyterian Church OKC, and 1 who attended the CDC as a child. It was an incredible opportunity to share our resources and trips with other people and churches in our community. Please take a moment to see the pictures from our time together on Facebook at "JHaMS at AC".



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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

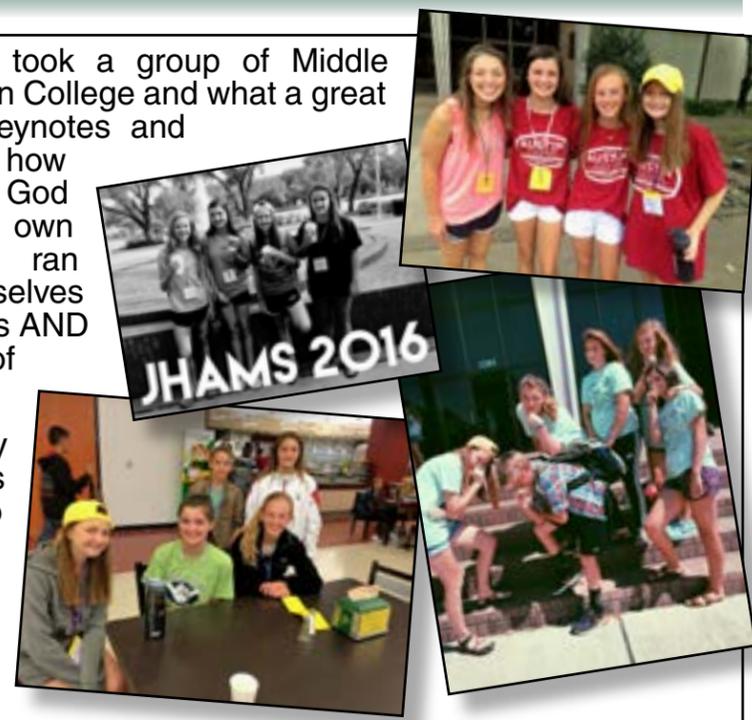


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Wow! This past week we took a group of Middle Schoolers to JHaMS at Austin College and what a great experience we had. Our keynotes and small groups focused on how Jesus is "like me." "When God created humans in 'God's own image', God's imagination ran wild. Our calling is to see ourselves and each other without labels AND to celebrate the diversity of God's Crayon Box."

"Jesus' humanity, particularly in his adolescence, helps us to identify with a Savior who is like us."

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2016 SUMMER CALENDAR

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

PARENT Meet & Greet

**August 21st, 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 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: Gary Young - Please contact him for congregational care needs at 747-7676.

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 24: Link Barr; T. Anne Dakil; Natalie Dubuc; Matt Schaefer

July 25: Elaine Anderson; Mark Bodenhamer; Dianne Busby; Amy Peterson; Lindsay Peterson; Virginia Scott; John Shelley

July 26: Lisa Barrowman; Nadine Holloway; Roy Love

July 27: Laura Furnish; J.J. Gourley; Chandler Lenz; Julie Meaders

July 28: Robert Berg; Polly Fleetwood-Griffin; David Huffman; James Jones; Chip Land; Katie Livingston; Anna Medley; Brooke Peyton; J. Rodman Seely

July 29: Cindy Batt; Gail Daniels; Larson Keso; Jody McLane; Barbara Priddy; Bobby Thompson

July 30: Jo Frances Baren; Jonathan Cromwell; Tristan Richardson

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.

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:

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 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.

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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>