A photograph of the Westminster Presbyterian Church building, a red brick structure with a prominent white steeple and classical columns. The church is set against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. Green trees are visible in the foreground and background, framing the building. The text 'Westminster' is written in a large, elegant, white cursive font across the top, with 'PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH' in a smaller, white, all-caps serif font below it.

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JULY 31, 2016
11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A NOTE FROM REV. DR. PAUL J. KIRBAS



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Dear Congregation,

We have arrived at the last Sunday in July, and heading for the month of August. Soon many of our children will be heading back to school, and a new program year for Westminster Presbyterian will be off and running. Our August/September newsletter is on its way to you, and when you get it, you will see many exciting opportunities coming this fall season. Please look through it, and mark the things you are interested in participating.

Another communication that is on the way is a Westminster 2020

letter, which offers up-to-date news concerning our capital campaign and facility renovation plans. Because of your generosity, we have received \$4 million in pledges to date. Our goal, as a reminder, is \$5.5 million. If you haven't yet made your pledge to this campaign, please consider doing so. Our goal is within sight, and within reach!

And now, let's turn our attention to our service this morning. As we continue the Lectionary readings in Luke, we come to the parable of the Rich Fool. Is it a sin to be rich? Let's hope not, because in terms of the world's population, we are all in trouble! The real issue here is not so much about wealth, but rather, about the real consistency of life. It's an important and timely message for us today, as we seek to be faithful disciples in a culture of greed. As Jesus said, "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God!"

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. 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. 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!

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 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



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.

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!

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



I Am Weary

"Woe is me! The Lord has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning and I find no rest."
Jeremiah 45:3

Often we're worn down with the work and projects which consume our lives. We're getting the job done effectively, but at the end of the day we say, "I am weary." In all of the busyness, we do not experience joy and fulfillment.

What would you rather be doing with your life? What wears you? What "great things" would you rather seek for yourself? Stephen Ministers are available to be with you during times of weariness and to help you discover new options.

If you are feeling weariness pertaining to your life's work—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.



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: *Meditation on “St. James’ Air”*

Harold Darke

Time of Welcome

*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace. May the peace of God be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Call To Worship

Leader: Summer and winter, springtime and harvest

People: The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof

Leader: Amid the changing seasons, Great is God’s faithfulness

People: Let us worship God.

Processional Hymn: #630 *Fairest Lord Jesus

+(verses 1 and 4)

Crusaders Hymn

Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus your Son, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we offer our prayer to you, and the prayer we now offer in silence...(a silence is kept). 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: #175 *Seek Ye First*

Lafferty

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 107:1-9, p. 559

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 12:13-21, p. 74

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

++Anthem: *Treasures in Heaven*

Joseph W. Clokey

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on Earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal.

But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you, for everyone that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Chancel Choir; Nicole Pearce, Mezzo-Soprano; Dr. Melissa Plamann, Organ

Sermon: “THE CULTURE OF GREED”

Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

Hymn of Discipleship: #716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

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

Hymnal p. 35

Invitation to Offering

Offertory:

+*Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

++*Fear No More the Heat of the Sun* from *Let us Garlands Bring*

Gerald Finzi

Fear no more the heat o’ the sun, nor the furious winter’s rages; thou thy worldly task hast done, home art gone, and ta’en thy wages: golden lads and girls all must, as chimney-sweepers, come to dust.

Fear no more the frown o’ the great; thou art past the tyrant’s stroke; care no more to clothe and eat; to thee the reed is as the oak: the scepter, learning, physic, must all follow this, and come to dust.

Fear no more the lightning flash, nor the all-dreaded thunder stone; fear not slander, censure rash; thou hast finished joy and moan: all lovers young, all lovers must consign to thee, and come to dust.

No exorciser harm thee! Nor no witchcraft charm thee! Ghost unlaid forbear thee!
Nothing ill come near thee! Quiet consummation have; and renownèd be thy grace!

Andrew Wannigman, Baritone; Dr. Sallie Pollack, Piano

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

Old Hundredth

++*Prayer of Thanksgiving

+The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Recessional Hymn: #712 *As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought

Forest Green

+(verses 1 and 3)

***Benediction**

Postlude: *Ceremonial March*

Herbert Sumsion

*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 honor of Josh Phelps on his 5 year anniversary at Westminster, with appreciation and love for our wonderful music.

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: Glenn Dunn

Director of Worship and Music: Josh Phelps

Organ: Dr. Melissa Plamann, Artist in Residence

Carillon: Lisa Hart

CHILDREN



We have had a great time learning about creation in the nursery this summer. We are finishing up our series with a creation party today! We will review the days of creation and create some fun things of our own!

In 1-4th grade we continued our series on the Good Samaritan. We practiced helping others in class and made our own skit about the parable.

Blessing of the backpacks will be August 21st during the 10:30 service. Please bring your child's backpack with you on this Sunday!

Thank you,
Heather

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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:

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

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



VOLUNTEER

We would love for you to volunteer in Children's Ministry this fall! We need Sunday school teachers and assistant teachers. Even if you can only commit to one Sunday a month we would LOVE to have you! Please contact Heather at heather@wpcokc.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL



Mark your calendars for August 21st! We invite you to join us for an all family meet and greet in the Social Hall during our Sunday School hours. We are excited to reveal our new curriculum and schedule for this fall.

WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS! If you are interested in volunteering your time in our middle school ministries please contact Nicole Brown at: nbrown@wpcokc.org

Like Us On Facebook: Westminster Presbyterian Church- Middle School

Follow Us On Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat: @msatwpc

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THE ULTIMATE
YOUTH VS PARENTS
**KICKBALL GAME
AND COOKOUT!**
SUNDAY, AUG 14TH
5:30-7:30 P.M.
DOUGLAS PARK

YOUTH AND EDUCATION



Rev. Abbey Walker
Associate Pastor for
Youth and Education
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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**

SAVE THE DATES

FALL FEST:
October 28th

5TH AND 6TH GRADE
LOCK IN: October 14th

7TH AND 8TH GRADE
LOCK IN: November 4th



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.

2016 SUMMER CALENDAR

AUGUST:

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

20: RIVERSPORT ADVENTURE FROM 11:15AM-

2:15PM(5TH-8TH GRADE)

21: PARENT MEET & GREET 9:30AM-10:15AM IN SOCIAL HALL

TO SIGN UP EMAIL NICOLE AT NBROWN@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: Jane Adair - Please contact her for congregational care needs at 664-6446.

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 31: Brett Barrowman; Katie Davenport; Carol Ann Fisher; Ginny Harrison; Elizabeth Reynolds; Lynn White

August 1: James Baker; Caroline Drummond; Glenn Hightower; Nancy Ann Johnston; Jim Kirk; Ann Nordin; Juanita Sykes

August 2: Matthew Bachman; Laura Beard; Jarrod Busby; Duane Dahlgren; Christy Esterline; Carolyn Russell

August 3: R. Kent Carlin; John Kenney; Michael LeForce; Phil Montgomery; John Walker

August 4: Mary Frazier; Mary Lynn Fryer; Abby Lawrence; Larry Logan; Carol McPheeters; Stewart Meyers; Angela Powell; Mike Webb; Gary Wood

August 5: Jeff Allen; Glenn Dunn; Jennifer Smith; Preston Withers

August 6: Scott Cameron; Amy Covert; Jenny Goodson; Aaron Sharpe; Charles Smith; Randy Von Netzer

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.

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

COMMUNION* DATES

September 11, 2016

October 2, 2016

November 6, 2016

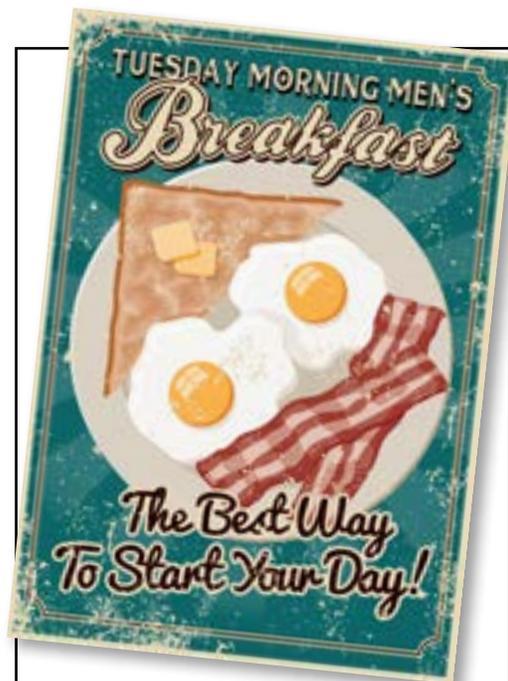
*served every Sunday in the Chapel service

BAPTISM DATES

(2nd Sunday of each month)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

(3rd Sunday of each month)



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!

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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>