

Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 12, 2016
4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A NOTE FROM REV. MICHELLE JUNKIN



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had to leave the young church and did so confident that they were off to a great start. Then, Paul receives news that his work is being undermined by Jewish-Christian missionaries who believe that the Gentile Galatians need to be circumcised. These Missionaries believed that if the Gentiles truly believed in Jesus then they should willingly submit to full covenant membership by being circumcised, that Paul had failed to instruct them properly about God's law and that circumcision was necessary as a means of entering covenant relationship with the God of Israel.

Despite that these missionaries might mean well and sought in the name of Jesus, to extend the good news about the law of God to the Gentiles, Paul was outraged. Why? In a nutshell, Paul has a different view of Christology and emphasizes God's grace, which is shown through Jesus' death on the cross for our sake, over the missionaries' conditional ground that circumcision equates to membership within the covenant. Paul believes that Gentiles do not have to be circumcised as a condition to receive God's grace. Paul professes a belief that grace is God's goodwill and favor reaching out to redeem us and we are justified by faith in Jesus Christ, both sanctified and empowered by the Holy

Spirit. I love how scholar George H. Ledbetter states it, "Paul saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the long arc of God's love and God's inclusion, an arc bent toward making Gentiles full members of the family."

Within this passionate letter, we learn again about Covenant grace and God's pursuing love that extends to the Gentiles without conditional clauses, strings attached, or fine print. Take time this week and into the summer months to reflect on this good news, that in faith, we are called to simply trust the relationship of love that God offers to us. It is the gift of God and it is not earned by merit or condition or worth, or by what we have done or left undone. Paul summarizes it well in another one of his letters saying, "By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

To God be the glory,

Michelle Junkin

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism:

Brylie Alane Fehr

daughter of Kara and Bryan Fehr
granddaughter of Darlene Simmons

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

Recognizing God: Images of the Divine in Performing Arts, Film, and the Visual Arts

Sundays at 9:30 AM in Room 103

The Pastors' Class in June will explore the vast multitude of ways that Jesus and God have been represented, portrayed, and interpreted through visual and audial images of the Divine in Film, Performing Arts, and the Visual Arts. In class we will watch film clips, read portions of scripture, study musical interpretations, and view slideshows of masterpieces. We will consider how these artistic interpretations ultimately reveal or challenge our understandings of God, Jesus, and our Christian Faith. Art offers us an opportunity to see God through a new lens and this class will use different types of artistic expressions to broaden our horizons. This class will be co-taught by the Reverend Michelle Junkin and Reverend Abbey Walker.



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 June 29th, 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

Knitting For Beginners

You are invited to come learn how to knit. This class will cover the basics of knitting and will be offered periodically for those interested in gaining skills such as needle selection, casting on, the knit stitch, the purl stitch, how to cast off, and selecting patterns. Call Shawna Berryman at (405) 205-0247 for more information and to sign-up for this class.

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

Knit 'n Purls

The next Knit N Purls meetings will be June 30th & 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.

Have you noticed the friendly greeters on Sunday morning as you enter the church? If you are interested in participating in this ministry, we are looking for volunteers. Contact Elder Holly Carlin at 517-5895 for more information.

Balance: Stability produced by even distribution of weight or forces

Our lives are delicately balanced. A small shift in one area of life can set us off balance. A major change can send us spinning out of control.

Stephen Ministers can help when life gets out of balance. They listen and care and, most importantly, bring the stability of Jesus' love and grace into people's lives.

If your life or that of someone you know has shifted out of balance, consider Stephen Ministry. Contact Rev. Michelle Junkin, our pastor for congregational care to learn more about a Stephen Minister's care.

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Relax! God put the “wobble” 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: *Cwm Rhondda*

Arr. J. Bert Carlson

Time of Welcome

*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the peace of God with one another.

Call To Worship

Leader: In the morning, O Lord, You hear our prayers.

People: In the light of this day we praise Your name.

Leader: Through the abundance of Your steadfast love You have gathered us into Your house.

People: In the holiness of Your presence, we bow down to worship and adore You.

*Processional Hymn: #409 *God Is Here*

+(verses 1 and 4)

Abbot’s Leigh

Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God of Eternal Wisdom and Mercy, we confess that You pour out incarnate love and we take Your love for granted. We have wandered away from Your truth, and we have failed to trust Your promises. We fall short of Your call to serve as Christ exemplified. We confess that we tire easily. We are prone to distraction, caring more for the things of this world than Your command to spread the good news of life abundant in Christ. Forgive us for our selfish ways rather than trusting Your leading and faithful guidance. Ground us again, O Holy One, in the written wisdom of Scripture and in the living Word which is Christ Jesus. Lord, hear our confession and those we now offer in the 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: #410 *God Is Calling through the Whisper*

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As the children come forward, the congregation shall sing (verse 1); as the children return to their seats, the congregation shall sing (verse 3).

++Sacrament of Baptism

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament

Psalm 5:1-8, p. 490

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

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

Reading from the New Testament

Galatians 2:15-21, p. 188

++Anthem: *Devotion*

John Ness Beck

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to Thee. Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in Thine. Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to Thy precious, bleeding side.

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.

Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord! Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.

Chancel Choir, Dr. Sallie Pollack, Piano

Sermon: “THE LONG ARC OF GOD’S LOVE”

Rev. Michelle Junkin

*Hymn of Discipleship: #246 *Christ Is Alive!*

Truro

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

Hymnal p. 35

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: ++*The Lord is My Light*

Frances Allitsen

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom then, shall I fear? Whom then, shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; the Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom then, shall I be afraid? Though an host of men were laid against me.

Yet shall not my heart be afraid; and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him. For, in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle, yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

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The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then, shall I be afraid? Of whom then, shall I be afraid?

Arnold Rawls, Tenor; Dr. Sallie Pollack, Piano; Steve Thompson, Organ

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

Old Hundredth

++*Prayer of Thanksgiving

+The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Recessional Hymn: #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Cwm Rhondda

+(verses 1 and 4)

*Benediction

Postlude: *Cwm Rhondda*

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.

✿ Worship Flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God and given in honor of Dennis Noble on the anniversary of his birth, by Sandra Noble.

✿ Worship Flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God and given in celebration of his parent’s anniversary, by James O’ Bannon.

Leading in Worship

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care: Rev. Michelle Junkin

Associate Pastor for Youth and Education: Rev. Abbey Walker

Elder Liturgist: Tanja Boyd

Organ: Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Carillon: Lisa Hart

CHILDREN



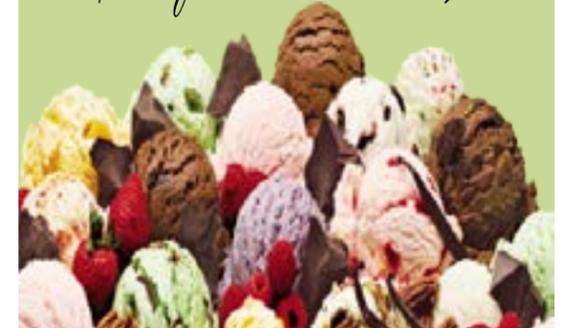
VBS 2016

YOUTH AND EDUCATION



Club 56 Frontier City
hang out day
June 25th
from 9a-12p

*Family Ice Cream Social
July 8th from 3-5p at church
(all families welcome)*



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2016 SUMMER CALENDAR

JUNE:

25: FRONTIER CITY HANGOUT FROM 9AM-12PM (5-8TH GRADE)

JULY:

8: FAMILY ICE CREAM SOCIAL FROM 3PM-5PM (ALL AGES WELCOME)

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 9AM-12PM (5TH-8TH GRADE)

TO SIGN UP EMAIL NICOLE AT NMENCER@WPCOKC.ORG



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DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
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HEATHER@WPCOKC.ORG

JR WEST AND WEST CAMPS

We are excited to announce that we have reached our maximum of 60 kids in summer camp. We are still taking names for our wait list. Please email Nicole at nmencer@wpcokc.org for more information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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.

"Fill In the Gaps" Summer Care

With all of the excitement around West/ Jr. West Camp this year, we want to let you know that we have heard your request for additional care during the off weeks. The CDC is able to accommodate a few families, up to 10 children, during a four-week period of time. Those weeks are: July 5-8, August 8-12, and August 15-18. It is important to note that these weeks will be operated by the CDC and not by West Camp. If you would like more information, please contact the CDC at 405-524-7120 or childcare@wpcokc.org. Space is limited to the first 10 children who have a completed registration form and pay the \$75 deposit. Please note that this is a complete session of care and not an a la carte option.

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 wpccares@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: Diane Riggert - Please contact her for congregational care needs at 609-7300.

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.

Adult Christian Education Classes Sundays at 9:30 AM

Adult Bible Study: This "55-ish and over" group through scripture study and personal sharing reflect on life's journeys and hopes for the future. The topic of "Judgment & Salvation" will be the focus during June as the class studies passages from Zephaniah. 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 June.

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.

June 12: Marv Avery, "Observations about the Muslim Religion."

June 19: "The Deterioration of Jewish-Roman Relations from Tiberius through Vespasian, to the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD," presented by a member of the Jewish community.

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.

June 12: Paul Carlile; Susannah Collier; SoRelle Fitzgerald; Harrison Grove; Kris Mattison; Deanna McSwain; Gordon Robertson; Sam Stringer

June 13: Helen Dailey; Beth Godwin; Eileen Hroch; Lee Ann Nordin; Nick Psencik; Lory Randolph; Cathy Warren

June 14: Linda Land; Laure McCutcheon; Margaret Mize; Matthew Morrow; Theresa Nelson; Leslie Reid; Richard Smith; Frank Wilson

June 15: Cindy Biddinger; Deborah Hudson; Stewart Jones; Cindy McCharen; Matthew Veneklasen

June 16: David Boggs; Don Fitzgerald; Shelley Speer; Jim Gibbs; Kyle Nelson; Jim Richard; Nancie Webb

June 18: June Parry; Matt Thompson

COMMUNION* DATES

**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.

- Widows Service Project Support -

We will also be supporting the Widows Service Project on June 25th

- 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 r1zahn@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>