



Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A NOTE FROM REV. ABBEY WALKER



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Dear Westminster Family and Friends,

We find ourselves already halfway through June, and so much has been and is taking place in the life of Westminster Pres! First, we had an incredible turnout for Vacation Bible School from June 6th-9th, hosting children from our church family and community for Bible learning, games, imagination activities, video learning, snacks, and opening and closing worship which included songs and prayer. This is an incredible outreach and ministry that WPC offers to the Oklahoma City community, and we as a church put our best foot forward and provided an incredible week

to those who joined us. I invite you to turn to the Children's page in the bulletin to learn more about the specific details from the week.

At the conclusion of VBS, Nicole Brown and Heather Selement took 5th and 6th grade youth to Tulsa for a mission trip! They worked, played, and learned about being the hands and feet of God in the world while there. Between this Club 56 mission trip and VBS, we provided ministry to 215 different kids in one week! And, beginning tomorrow, we have another mission opportunity for the older youth of our church. They are headed to Jamaica for almost 10 days of building houses, worshiping God, hosting a Vacation Bible School for local children, and having fun. I invite you to pray for them as they journey there and home over the next ten days. Their names are listed on the Youth page in the bulletin.

What a great and bright future for Westminster to have this many young people present and involved in the ministry of God!

But the really exciting thing we're doing in worship this week is celebrating our fathers! This is a celebration of our own fathers, the fathers of our church and faith, and the father of our brothers and sisters throughout all of time—Father

Abraham. We will read the covenant made between God and Abraham from Genesis where God promises Abraham that he will have generations upon generations of descendants, and because of Abraham's faithfulness, God will be their God. We will then see how the Apostle Paul calls on this covenant to remind us that we live and abide within this covenant still, acknowledging our brothers and sisters from all walks of life.

In a week where this nation mourns two Orlando tragedies and the world mourns even more, we are called to unite together and remember that we are bound together by the love of God and by the grace of Jesus Christ through this covenantal promise with Father Abraham. We'll address in the sermon together some of these issues and think together about how we live in and care for the world faithfully, even when we disagree and especially when tragedies occur.

Brothers and sisters, God has put good work before us. May we strive to listen with willing ears, see with compassionate eyes, and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Grace and peace to you all,

Rev. Abbey Walker

CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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

Sundays at 9:30am 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



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

Psalm 103:13

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.

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.



Compassion: Deeply sharing the suffering of another, together with the inclination to give aid or support

As we look at Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, we observe the ultimate example of compassion. He now calls us to follow his example and to be deeply concerned for one another.

Stephen Ministry is a ministry filled with compassion. It provides compassionate Christians with a place where they can use those gifts in ministry as a Stephen Minister. It also provides a haven where those in need of compassion can receive it in a confidential relationship with a Stephen Minister.

If you would like to know more about Stephen Ministry, please contact our pastor for congregational care, Rev. Michelle Junkin.

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
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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: *Trumpet Tune in A* Johnson

Time of Welcome

*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: In Christ, with Christ, and through Christ we are one body, brothers and sisters, descendants of the one Triune God. May we experience and share together the grace God so freely offers to us all.

All: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Leader: And also with you.

Call To Worship

Leader: In Christ Jesus we are all children of God through faith:

People: There is no longer Jew or Greek

Leader: There is no longer slave or free

People: There is no longer male and female

Leader: There is no longer old or young

People: There is no longer poor and rich

Leader: There is no longer abled and disabled

People: For all of us are one in Christ Jesus

Leader: By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us worship our God, who makes us one!

People: Let us worship Christ, for we are Christ’s body on earth!

Processional Hymn: #318 *In Christ There Is No East or West St. Peter
+(verses 1 and 4)

Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Wholeness, we confess that we are broken as a people. We have built up dividing walls and dug trenches. We have drawn lines in the sand and have not allowed others to cross. We have kept some people in, but kept many more out. Forgive us for our dividing ways, loving God. Heal us from our wounds of division. Comfort us when we have been left out. Call us into accountability when we have been the ones who have pushed out others. Lead us into the margins, across the boundaries, out of our comfort zones, to be the body of Christ in this world. And so we pray in the name of Christ, who became broken for us so that we might be made whole, by saying both these words together and these silent prayers of our hearts...(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: #766 *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* McKee

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

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

Reading from the Old Testament Genesis 17:1-9, p. 13

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 Galatians 3:23-29, p. 189

++Anthem: *One Bread, One Body* John Foley Arranged by Mark Hayes

One bread, on body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. One bread, on body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. One bread, on body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. We are all one body in the Lord.

Chancel Choir; Steve Thompson, Piano

Sermon: “FATHER ABRAHAM” Rev. Abbey Walker

Hymn of Discipleship: #733 *We All Are One in Mission Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)** Hymnal p. 35

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: *Restoration*

Doxology: #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Arr. Travis Old Hundredth

++*Prayer of Thanksgiving

+The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Recessional Hymn: #761 *Called As Partners in Christ’s Service Beecher
+(verses 1 and 4)

***Benediction**

Postlude: *Beecher* Arr. Hustad

*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 Susannah and Russell Brown’s birthdays, by Cindy and Michael Biddinger.

✿ Worship Flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God and given in memory of Mary H. Shaw on the anniversary of her birth, by Bob, Harry, John and Gail Shaw.

Leading in Worship

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care: Rev. Michelle Junkin

Associate Pastor for Youth and Education: Rev. Abbey Walker

Elder Liturgist: Kay Ludwig

Director of Worship and Music: Josh Phelps

Organ: Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Carillon: Lisa Hart

CHILDREN



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Wow! We have had a wonderful start to our summer! Last week was Vacation Bible school and Mission Week. We had the opportunity to minister to 198 different children in VBS! It was such a blessing to see so many children in the building learning about Jesus and being loved on by our wonderful volunteers! I cannot thank those of you who volunteered enough for your time, love and the energy you gave to these kids. I think one of my favorite parts was at the very end when the children received the head-lamps and were reminded that we are now to take Jesus' light and love into the world. All week long they had been receiving Jesus' love from all of you who volunteered and now as they go out, they have had great examples of how to share Jesus' love with others. Thank you for all of your hard work and I hope you will make plans to volunteer again next year! God is doing great things in the life of this church and we are so excited to see what happens the rest of this summer.



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 - 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. For 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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Last week we took a group of 21 fifth and sixth graders on a missions trip to serve downtown Tulsa and to share the love of Jesus with those around us. While we were there we served at the Food Bank, the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless, and at Villages at Southern Hills retirement center. The group we took did an amazing job of being respectful and helpful everywhere we went. What an awesome opportunity for the 5th and 6th graders of our church to get to go and serve the communities around us. Next time you see one of them give them a big high five and tell them thank you for all of the work they did last week.

Thanks,

Nicole



YOUTH AND EDUCATION



Westminster Presbyterian Church is sending 12 youth and 2 adults to Jamaica this week for an international mission trip. They will help build houses, teach Vacation Bible School, attend worship, have group building opportunities, get to know local Jamaicans, and have a little fun along the way. We are excited for their work and ministry together this week on behalf of Westminster. Therefore, please join me in praying for these young people and adults as they experience a new path on their faith journey.

Youth: Kate Abernathy, Ellie Baze, Maddie Gee, Arden Hall, Anna Medley, Amber Pentz, Alex Powell, Gabe Powell, Caroline Rowland, Logan Satterlee, Saxon Thomas, and Ali Wright

Adults: Laurel Hall and Richard Mencer

They'll be gone June 20-29th. Please pray with me!



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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

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: Marianne Sharpe - Please contact her for congregational care needs at 740-2328.

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 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.

June 26: The lessons will begin to explore the new Contemporary Presbyterian Curriculum "The thoughtful Christian."

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 19: Katy Grossman; Michael McClintock; Joseph Ramsey; Stephanie Rowe

June 20: Mark Boozer; Dale Jordan; Shannon Pentz; Nancy Records; Anna Shaffer; Janet Zotigh

June 21: Molly Brown; Jeff Earnest; Miles Pringle; Dean Robertson

June 22: Davis English; Kelly Ottinger; Diane Visor

June 23: Tyler Frederickson; Mac Kennedy; Nancy Leonard; Tyler Morey; Caroline Rowland; Herb Seay; Beau Turrentine

June 24: Chris Delluomo; Catherine Laster; William London; Linda Rooker

June 25: Barbara Dahnke; Barbara Hazard; Terrye Robertson; Craig Story; David 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 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>