



*Westminster*  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# A NOTE FROM REV. MICHELLE JUNKIN



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be held in human sinfulness and bondage of self-interest. We must ask ourselves, “How easily we get bound up in work that is self-serving and secularly materialistic? How easily we get distracted by relying on our own power-seeking tendencies that happily travel down paths that personally satisfy our own physical desires, individual goals, while we seek to gratify the desires of our own need rather than wholeheartedly pursuing and devoting our lives for the welfare of others above our own needs and wants?”

Paul reminds us within this passionate letter that God-given freedom in love, sets us apart and free from the status quo of self-interest and widespread societal belief to “look out for numero uno.”

“So what does this life of Freedom that Paul exhorts, look like?” In a nutshell, it means to be set free from a self-centered existence, from human vices, from all the destructive offenses that come from a self-centered orientation – to be set free from strife, jealousy, anger, envy and to instead live into a life earmarked by the fruits of the Spirit while trusting and acknowledging that God’s Spirit will guide us. Paul affirms that it is in Christ that we are given the freedom to abandon human self-interest and thus become released in freedom to seek the path of loving our neighbor as ourselves as Christ commanded. Exemplifying Christ’s

love and seeking to fully “live by the Spirit, and be guided by the Spirit” transforms our lives and decisions through a reorientation to seek first to always provide for those who have need for charity, justice, and loving-kindness. To “walk by faith,” and “live by the Spirit,” means that we must engage in faithful Christian life practices with bold, active participation as individual disciples and as active participants within the Christian Community.

This is where the rubber hits the road, for Paul’s letter reminds us that we do not get to sit on the side-lines and we do not get to pursue our own self-interested passions! Instead, we are empowered, set free, to participate in the ongoing work of Christ in the world. It is Christ who has set us free to be for others – it is a call to be partner’s in Christ’s service. Throughout the summer, reflect on Paul’s letter and take time for a personal inventory on the ways that you can be more fully a partner of Christ’s service?

May we each be open to the leading of God’s Spirit within our own lives and within our communal life as partners in Christ’s service at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

To God be the Glory,  
Rev. Michelle Junkin

# 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. 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. **The Pastor’s Class will not meet on July 3rd.** Beginning July 10th, Rev. Dr. Paul Kirbas, joined by commissioner and church member Craig Stanley, will lead the class on Sunday mornings to share details of the General Assembly meeting.



## 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

## 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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## 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.



## Control: To exercise directing influence, power, and authority over conditions

Humans like to be in control, having the power to choose exactly what is going to happen and when. Unfortunately, life isn’t like that—we only think we’re in control. So when something happens and we realize we’re not in control, we feel lost, overwhelmed, angry, even terrified.

Stephen Ministers are trained to help when things are out of control. They provide support and encouragement while helping a person put faith and trust in God.

If you would like to know 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 “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:** ++*A Westminster Carillon*

*Matin Ringers Handbell Choir*

Michael Bedford

## 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: With Thanksgiving and Praise let us remember the many blessings and deeds of the LORD.

**People: Let us recall God’s handiwork and all the wonders of old.**

Leader: Great is God’s faithfulness. Let us worship God.

**\*Processional Hymn: #279** *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*  
+(verses 1 and 4)

St. Agnes

## Time of Confession

### Invitation to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we acknowledge that we are prone to distraction. We admit that we desire what is not your will. We fear failure. We cling to our old habits. Instead of following the leading and nudging of the Holy Spirit to work towards needed change, too often we overlook your everlasting presence. We are prone to call upon your name only when we need something that is beneficial to our plans and personal circumstances. Change our hearts, O God. Open our eyes to new ventures that help us love our neighbors as ourselves. Fashion us, guide us, and shape us, by the leading of the Holy Spirit to follow Christ’s ways which set us free to bear the fruit of your Holy Spirit, in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Ground us again, O Holy One, in the written wisdom of Scripture, 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: #408** *There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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 77:1-2, 11-20, p. 537

**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

Galatians 5:1, 13-14, 22-25, p. 190

++**Anthem:** *Christ Sends the Spirit*

Richard Proulx

The Christ is throned as lord of all the worlds, the name above all names, at God’s right hand, his praise the pulse that shakes the universe: the gale of God, the singing fire of life, the gale of God, the singing fire of life. He led his brethren to the mountaintop and, blessing them with lifted, nail-scarred hands, commanded them to wait his promised gift: the gale of God, the gale of God, the singing fire of life. “Go out to all the world and tell my news. You are my witnesses, for you have seen; my heralds, for Yahweh will breathe on you! The gale of God, the singing fire of life, the gale of God, the singing fire of life. Above, around the hurricane unleashed bore down upon the roof, a storm of sound, vast beating wings of wind that rocked the house: the gale of God, the singing fire of life, the gale of God, the singing fire of life. A wind that swelled and burst in trumpet call, a vocal flame that flowered on the air, and hung in garlands over ev’ry head: the gale of God, the singing fire of life, the gale of God, the singing fire of life, the singing fire of God.

*Chancel Choir; Steve Thompson, Organ; Dr. Jennifer Peck, Flute*

**Sermon: “FREEDOM TO LOVE AND SERVE”**

Rev. Michelle Junkin

**\*Hymn of Discipleship: #287** *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*

Njoo Kwetu, Roho Mwema

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

Hymnal p. 35

## Invitation to Offering

**Offertory:** ++*If With All Your Hearts*

Felix Mendelssohn Arranged by Arnold Sherman

*Matin Ringers Handbell Choir; Bethany Sanders, Conductor*

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

Old Hundredth

++**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

+**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**\*Recessional Hymn: #286** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Trentham

+(verses 1 and 4)

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** *Toccata*

Flor Peters

\*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 the birthday of June H. Parry, wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, and with the remembrance of her parents, Richard and Lillian Howorth, by her husband Bill with known loving support of her family.

### Leading in Worship

**Associate Pastor for Congregational Care:** Rev. Michelle Junkin

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

**Elder Liturgist:** Richard Darnell

**Director of Worship and Music:** Josh Phelps

**Organ:** Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

**Carillon:** Lisa Hart

# CHILDREN



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## SUMMER CAMP



**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.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL



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## 2016 SUMMER CALENDAR

**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

# YOUTH AND EDUCATION



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There is Still Room Available for JHAMS 2016! Sign up at [wpcokc.org](http://wpcokc.org)

## Mission Trip Book Markers

Keep our students and leaders in your prayers while they are on their mission trip to Jamaica!

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.

Please pick up a mission trip bookmark reminder at the WPC's front desk!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSION TRIP STUDENTS AND LEADERS

- ALEX
- ALI
- AMBER
- ANNA
- ARDEN
- CAROLINE
- ELLIE
- GABE
- KATE
- LAUREL
- LOGAN
- MADDIE
- RICHARD
- SAXON

AND FOLLOW OUR BLOG AT [WPCOKC.ORG](http://WPCOKC.ORG)



# JHAMS 2016

## "Like Me"

AN AWESOME CAMP JUST FOR YOU!

RISING 6<sup>TH</sup> - RISING 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

JULY 14-17<sup>TH</sup>  
Austin College in Sherman, TX

# 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](mailto: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:** Amy Smith - Please contact her for congregational care needs at 580-445-8890.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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 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 26:** The lessons will begin to explore the new Contemporary Presbyterian Curriculum "The thoughtful Christian."

**July 3:** "Hamilton and the American Revolution," Attorney David Lee

**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 26:** Jud Collins; Elizabeth Croll; David Dean; Kristen LeForce; Joe Dan Trigg; Kim Williams

**June 27:** Bonnie Blausler; Mrs. C.B. (Jo Carol) Cameron; Jan Enos; Anne Hasenfratz

**June 28:** Victor Bird; Packy Evans; Marjorie Frank; Janet Kirk; Jeff Lee; Barbara Piland; Bill Portman; Phyllis Whiteley

**June 29:** Joi Adams; Jeffrey Black; Scott Carlin; Anne McQueen; Julie Rivers; Bobby Wegener

**June 30:** Rebecca Arnold; Laurie Keffer; W. Dave Pardue

**July 1:** Vickie Ayres; Michael Cross; Ev Ernst; Peggy Hale; Julie Ann McGuffee; Michael Parry; Barbara Randlett; Patty Reily; Walter Spencer; Chad Vesta

**July 2:** Roger Grove; Robert Neville; Ryan Randolph; Bruce Robertson

### COMMUNION\* DATES

**July 3, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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>