

Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 5, 2016
3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A NOTE FROM REV. ABBEY WALKER



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wonderful week of children's events and programming at WPC! This week is Vacation Bible School—Cave Quest, and the beginning of West and Jr. West Summer Camp. If you haven't been downstairs yet to see the conversion of the basement into a cave, I highly recommend going to see the creative and genius work of the Children's Ministry staff and committee.

Speaking of conversions, today's text is the story of the Apostle Paul's conversion from an oppressor of the early Christians to becoming a mouthpiece for the Christian movement in the first century. This is the very beginning of his letter to the people of Galatia and he uses these verses to talk about how and why he has the right to speak and the right to be heard.

We have a lot to learn from the Apostle Paul's story. While part of his story is experiencing a dramatic conversion,

our own, individual stories of faith may seem less glamorous than that. But, to give testimony to God's work in the world is a big, crucial job that takes courage, vulnerability, and honesty. Our lesson today, then, begs the following question: "What gives me the right to speak about God and what do I have to contribute to this conversation?"

Today, we get to discover how Paul's story and testimony prepares the way for us to follow suit. May we each be beckoned in a new way to use the voice God has given us to use.

Grace and peace,

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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For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dear brothers, sisters, and friends of Westminster Presbyterian Church,

I'm excited to have you with us this morning as we begin a month of learning in Galatians and kick off a

THANK YOU!

For the kind words and the congregation's amazing response, the lovely flowers, my favorite hymn, and the choir singing the blessing in the May 22nd service; for the beautiful reception table and the generous gift cards; for the many cards with sweet words and unexpected gifts I thank you. But most of all I appreciate the privilege, the blessing, the gift of being with kind, generous, caring and loving staff and members these many years. Carol Burnett said it well: "I'm so glad we had this time together." **June White**

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.

Widow Support Group



Any Widow who is interested in participating in a monthly support group, please contact Rev. Junkin to indicate your interest in the formation of such a group. We also would welcome you to invite other widows for this time of support, fellowship and encouragement, whether they are members of our church, or a friend in the community. We hope to offer ongoing monthly meetings and occasional social gathering for Widows in our Church and Community, especially if we have interest from a core of Widows who would attend and help launch a new program. Please share your insights, feedback, and interest – we look forward to hearing from you.

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.



To Adapt Or Conform To New Conditions

Have you—or someone you know—recently had to adjust to any of these situations: a new job, a new baby, a new boss, a new house, a separation, a grown child moving back home, a seriously ill parent, a death, a best friend who has moved?

Caring can be helpful to those around you who are having to make adjustments in their lives. You can make a difference and really help by encouraging them to talk to someone. Also remember that our Stephen Ministers are trained and available for listening to and helping people as they face changes in their lives.

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

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
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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 D Major*

David N. Johnson

Time of Welcome

*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

All: United in this one body, let Christ’s peace abide with you.

Leader: And also with you.

Call To Worship

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you His faithful ones, and give thanks to His holy name.

All: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

Leader: May my soul praise you and not be silent.

All: O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

***Processional Hymn: #610** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Azmon

+(verses 1 and 5)

Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We come to you, O Christ, confessing the fears that twist our lives and keep us from the inner calm and peace that come only from You: the fear of ourselves, that we cannot do what is expected of us; the fear of being found out for our littleness and pride in ourselves; the fear of being left out when joy and richness come to others; the fear of not being ready when opportunities present themselves for service; the fear of death, that when it comes our time to die, we won’t have done the things we wanted to do because we were afraid to venture out. We find ourselves shrinking back before the unknown, wanting assurance where we must have faith. We find ourselves hesitating to follow the Risen Christ, afraid the cost may be too great and life may pass us by. Give us the strength and peace that only You can give. Hear these confessions of our mouths, O God, and listen now for the silent confessions 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: #515 *I Come with Joy*

Dove of Peace

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

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament

Psalm 30, p. 505

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 1:11-24, p. 187

++Anthem: *O Heavenly Word*

Richard Shephard

O heavenly Word, eternal Light, begotten of the Father’s might; Who, in these latter days, was born, for blessing to a world forlorn.

Our hearts enlighten from above, and kindle with Thine own true love; that we, who hear Thy truth today, all wrong desires may cast away.

O let us not, for evil past, be driven from thy face at last; but with the saints for evermore, behold Thee, love Thee, and adore.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, ever One; praise, honor, might and glory be, from age to age eternally. Amen.

Chancel Choir; Steve Thompson, Organ

Sermon: “GOD SPEAKING”

Rev. Abbey Walker

***Hymn of Discipleship: #703** *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love To Me*

St. Catherine

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

Hymnal p. 35

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: *Dialogue sur les Grands jeux*

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

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

Old Hundredth

++*Prayer of Thanksgiving

+The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Recessional Hymn: #163** *Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice*

Aberystwyth

+(verses 1 and 3)

*Benediction

Postlude: *Toccata: Aberystwyth*

David Bednall

*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 the 65th anniversary of their marriage, June 8, 1951, Enid, OK, by Jay and Margaret Henry.

✿ Worship Flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God and given in memory of James W. Caylor on his birthday June 10, by Ann and Sarah.

Leading in Worship

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care: Rev. Michelle Junkin

Associate Pastor for Youth and Education: Rev. Abbey Walker

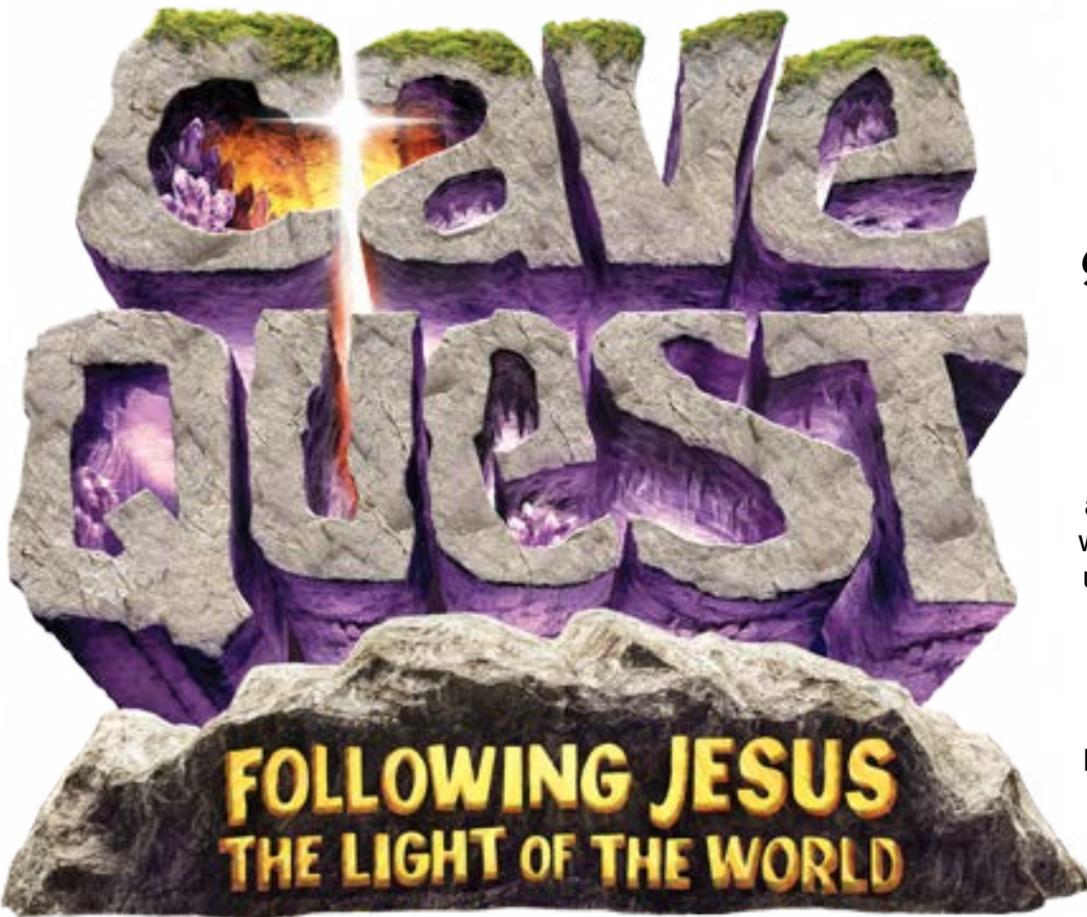
Elder Liturgist: Laurel Hall

Director of Worship and Music: Josh Phelps

Organ: Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Organ: Carillon: Lisa Hart

CHILDREN



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 6TH-9TH 9:00AM TO NOON

Each day the children will spelunk through activity stations with their Cave Crews where they will learn about God's love in amazing ways! You can sign up online under the Children's Ministry page.

We need YOU to make this week happen!

If you are able to help before or during VBS please email Heather Selement at hselement@wpcokc.org.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION

JHAMMS

Junior High and Middle School
DEADLINE IS HERE!

Current 5-8th graders, don't miss out on games, worship, Lake Texoma, small groups, and staying in dorms!
Sign up on wpcokc.com



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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendar for VBS, June 6th-9th. Kids will spend each day spelunking through activity stations with the Cave Crews where they will learn about God's love in amazing ways! You can sign up online under the children's page. WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need volunteers to help make this important week happen. If you are available to help before or during VBS please contact Heather Selement, heather@wpcokc.org, for more information. We also have a table in the Garden Court with a list of items that we need for VBS. Please consider picking up a couple of items to donate.

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: May 31-June 3, 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.

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.



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Mission Week 2016 #Mycover

When? June 9th-11th We will meet at the church at 3:30 pm on June 9th and arrive back at the church June 11th around 3:30 pm.

Where? We will be staying at First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa in their youth building.

What? Mission week will look different this year, instead of staying in the city we will take a trip to Tulsa, Ok to serve the community around Tulsa. We will be serving at the Tulsa Food Bank and the Tulsa Day Center for the homeless. We will also be having a dodgeball tournament Thursday and going to Main Event on Friday night.

How much? \$80 Per child

Email Nicole at nmencer@wpcokc.org to sign up or for more information



Presbyterian Youth Triennium

Date: Tuesday, July 19 – Saturday, July 23, 2016

Location: Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Who: High School Age youth and accompanying adult advisors (Entering freshmen through graduated seniors; adult advisors must be 21 years of age).

Cost: \$505.00 per person (includes housing, meals, program costs)

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: Nancy Riddell - Please contact her for congregational care needs at 842-9493.

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 5: Kris Steel of T.E.E.M, "The Criminal Justice System in Oklahoma is Broken," and current attempts to correct this situation.

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

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 5: Bruce Bincow; Valerie Couch; Liza Cryder; Louise Hickey; Noel Williams; Joanna Wyatt

June 6: Nick Clark; David Lamb; William Mills; Mary Lynne Portman

June 7: Lee Esterline; Adam Ottinger; Kadie Ramsay; Darlene Simmons; Janice Trigg

June 8: Charli Bullard; Nancy Darnell; John Moler; Lee Nichols; Mary Roberts; Shay Rowe; Mia Schmidt

June 9: Mike Kelley; Sally Kern; George Nigh; Riki Snyder

June 11: Michael Johnson; Tish Johnston; Marta McCubbin; Dennis Noble; Bill Oakes; Megan Price

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 rizahn@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>