

*Grateful for the Past
Vision for the Future*

**MAY 15, 2016
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

A NOTE FROM REV. ABBEY WALKER



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reasons. Pentecost is the celebration of the birth of the Christian church, of the Holy Spirit in our midst, and the reminder that as a Reformed people, we believe that God is constantly growing and changing us and our faith through the Holy Spirit. For our Seniors in high school, this is an acknowledgement and reminder of their baptism, a recognition of their faith journey thus far, and a celebration of hopefulness to send them forward.

As we grow and learn, these are the moments where we get to look forward and back at the same time. We look to the past to know where we as God's people have been since the beginning, and we look forward with hope to see where the Holy Spirit is leading us to go. We are constantly invited to keep both perspectives in mind as we pursue a lifelong relationship with Christ. In this pursuit, though, we recognize milestones, and today is one such

milestone in the lives of some of our brothers and sisters. Today we are invited to share in the celebration of their graduation from high school with these young people by sending them onward with support, encouragement, love, and prayer. In all transitions of life, we know that God is in our midst, breathing Christ's love and grace through us by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God for the Christian church and for the opportunity to be the Church to these high school Seniors, and each other, through life's many milestones, this day and always.

May God's grace and peace be with you all.

Rev. Abbey Walker

Good morning, brothers and sisters!

We are so glad you are here today to celebrate those in our midst who are graduating from high school. This is an extra special day because it is both Senior Sunday and Pentecost. These two days coincide well for many

Westminster 2020 Capital Campaign

Our Capital Campaign Commitment Sunday is Sunday, May 22nd. Let us join together and make Westminster 2020 a clear vision for the exciting future of our wonderful church!

Please join us after the 10:30am worship service on May 22nd, in the Payne Garden Court, for a reception to celebrate the future of Westminster

June White Retires

Please join us Sunday, May 22nd, after the 10:30am worship service, in the Payne Garden Court, for a reception honoring June White, who has served the Westminster Presbyterian Church family since September, 1967!



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

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.

CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Small Group Ministries and Excursions

Small group gatherings provide opportunities for individuals and families to share fellowship in settings where they can learn more about themselves and about one another while participating in spiritual nurture.

One such opportunity will be on Saturday morning, May 21, when Westminster members, friends and family who would like to spend a few hours in God's Creation are invited to hike together at the Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge on the north side of Lake Overholser.

Information about the refuge is online at: <http://www.tulsaadubon.org/guides/stinchcomb-wildlife-refuge.htm>. The hike will start from Gate 3 (the website listed above provides a map) at 10:30 AM. Those who want to car pool can meet **Dave Thompson (dave-thompson@ouhsc.edu)** at the church at 9:45, drive to the refuge to meet the rest of the group at 10:30.

If the sun is out, it will be behind us as we walk north and west, thus illuminating the bird species we hope to see. We will have extra binoculars for those who want to get a closer look. We plan a leisurely and family-friendly hike of an hour or so. Afterward, some might want to consider having lunch.



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MOMS' NIGHT OUT

Whether a working mom, stay at home mom, single mom, church member or non-church member...this is a shout out to all types of mothers of young children and their friends to come find some respite, spiritual nurture and fellowship with others who are in the same boat (who understand all that you juggle day to day as a mom.) Feel free to spread the word and welcome others to attend!

May 19 at Upper Crust on
Classen Curve at 5:30pm.

RSVP to Rev. Michelle Junkin
at mjunkin@wpcokc.org or signup online.

If you need childcare sign up at www.wpcokc.com/children. Regarding childcare drop-off for this event, if you need the code for the church to enter after hours, email Michelle at michelle@wpcokc.org or call front desk during normal business hours.

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



WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

Prelude: *Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott*

Dietrich Buxtehude

Time of Welcome

*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

++Amber Pentz

Leader: In Christ, through Christ, and with Christ we are offered grace upon grace. Let us now offer that grace as a sign of peace to one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

++Introit: *I Will Pour Out My Spirit**

Ovid Young

Chancel Choir; Steve Thompson, Organ; Vincent Johns, Narrator

*Commissioned by the Mary Margaret Heath Choral Music Endowment of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Call To Worship

Psalm 104:24, 30, 33

++ Rebecca Puls

Leader: How manifold are your works, O Lord!

People: In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Leader: You send forth your spirit, and they are created;

People: and so you renew the face of the earth.

Leader: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

People: I will praise my God while I have my being.

*Processional Hymn: #289 *On Pentecost They Gathered*

Munich

+(verses 1 and 4)

Time of Confession

++Thayer Thompson

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Without your power, O God, we are lost. We have done the things we should avoid, and what you desire, we have not done. By your purifying fire transform our lives; guide us into honesty and compassion so that, filled with your peace, our dreams and visions may be one with yours; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, we confess these things and those we now offer in silence...(a silence is kept). Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

++Mary Puls

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: #188 *Jesus Loves Me*

Jesus Loves Me

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

++Logan Satterlee

Reading from the Old Testament

Genesis 11:1-9, p. 9

++Elizabeth Reynolds

++Reading from the Psalter

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, p. 555

Scott Cameron

++Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

Hymnal p. 35

Laura Mitchell, Scott Frank, Aubrey Hermen

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

++Reading from the Gospels

John 14:8-14, 25-27, p. 108

Ann Nordin

Reading from the Epistles

Acts 2:1-21, p. 119

++Will Harlow

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "THE HOLY SPIRIT BREATHES"

Rev. Abbey Walker

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

Trentham

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

Hymnal p. 35

++Dylan Dobson

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: *Munich*

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

++*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rachel Puls

+The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Recessional Hymn: #688** *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

+(verses 1 and 5)

Morecambe

++*Charge and Blessing of Graduating Seniors

++***Choral Benediction:** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Chancel Choir; Steve Thompson, Organ

John Rutter

Postlude: *Jig in a minor*

Neil Harmon

*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.

Leading in Worship

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care: Rev. Michelle Junkin

Associate Pastor for Youth and Education: Rev. Abbey Walker

Senior High Members of the Graduating Class of 2016

Director of Worship and Music: Josh Phelps

Organ: Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Carillon: Lisa Hart

Acolyte: Cole Boyd

CHILDREN



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Hello Parents,

The nursery children learned more about being a good friend in class today. King David helped a man named, Mephibosheth, who was crippled. He moved him into the palace so that he would be taken care of. Our truth this week was, "God made me and God wants friends to help each other"

In 1st-4th grade we continued our discussion on Contentment - deciding to be happy with what you have. Our story was about the Israelites when they wanted to go back to Egypt because they were tired of the desert. They were so focused on what they used to have that they were missing what God was doing for them then. Too often we get caught up in the way things used to be and forget that God is still doing amazing things now.

Matthew 11:28 says: "Then Jesus said, 'Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest'" This week in Club 56 we will be discussing how God cares for hurting families as a shepherd watches over his sheep. We will also examine the experience of a family in the Bible that faced crises, and learn ways to work together during family crises.

In Full Circle today we will have a fun time reviewing everything we have covered this school year! Next week is

our last Full Circle until the fall. Please make plans for your children to attend the end of the year beach party.

VBS is June 6th-9th from 9:00am-Noon for children that have completed PreK-4th grade. This years Cave Quest promises to be a blast as we learn about "Following Jesus, the Light of the World". You can sign up online under the children's page. We would also LOVE to have YOU volunteer at VBS this year! Please email heather@wpcokc.org for more information.

Mission Week is June 9th-11th in Tulsa, OK. Our Club 56 kids will be heading up there to help serve at different nonprofits around the city. It will be a great time of service, fellowship and fun! You don't want to miss it! Sign up online or email nmencer@wpcokc.org for more details.

Have a blessed week,
Heather

for our wait list. Please email Nicole at nmencer@wpcokc.org for more information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Full Circle will have its last session for the school year on May 22nd. It 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. 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.



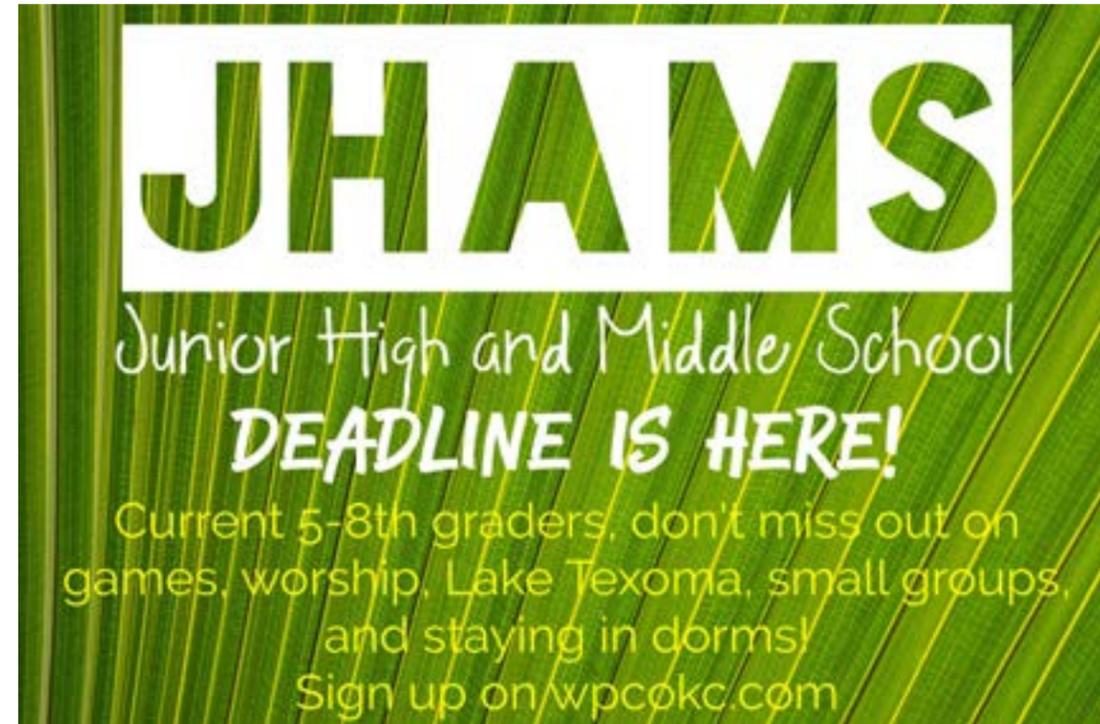
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

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Mission Week 2016 #Mycover

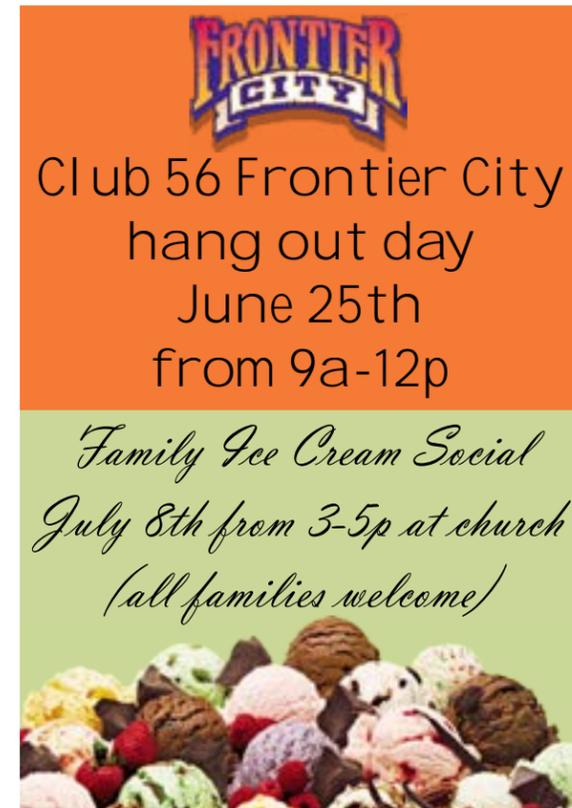
When? June 9th-11th We will meet at the church at 3:30 pm on June 9th and arrive back at the church June 11th around 3:30 pm.

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
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to sign up or for more information



Friday Friends After School Program

Ages: 3rd - 8th grades

Dates: May 20th

Times: 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Please join us for snacks, games, and devotions that teach basic truths found in the Scriptures!

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 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: Mollie McCurdy - Please contact her for congregational care needs at 833-7468.

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 Did you know that the Westminster Presbyterian Church currently has several Endowment Funds? They range from Youth Ministries to the Campbell Trust Fund that is used mainly to support our Members who are pursuing the Ordained Presbyterian Ministry. If you would like to start your own Endowment Fund, 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.

May 15: Scott Fisher

May 16: Robert Benham; Casey Delaney; Linda Echols; Kristina Harlow; Judi Jones; Ran Leonard; Michael Mena

May 17: Kathy Bookman; Jim Mays

May 18: Dee Anne Heaton; Timothy Hough; Todd Kiner

May 19: Deal Bowman; Sarah Campbell; Marcus Hill; Adam Mock; Julie Oseland; Sue Raybourn; Gary Sutton; Betsy White

May 20: Bruce Brown; Dylan Deeds; Bryan Fuller; Ingrid McNutt

May 21: Reed Arnold; Larkin Dykstra; Nina Gaugler; Mallory Grossman; Randel Polk

COMMUNION* DATES

**served every Sunday in the Chapel service*

BAPTISM DATES

(2nd Sunday of each month)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

(3rd Sunday of each month)

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

Adult Christian Education Classes Sundays at 9:30am

Adult Bible Study: This 40 and over traditional adult Bible study class meets in the Library (room 205) on the Second Floor. They follow *The Present Word* curriculum. In May they will be learning about the *Fullness of Faith* in the Book of Luke.

Adventurers Class: Comprised of adults ages 40 and over, the Adventurers meet downstairs in room LL30. Through May John Shelley will be leading a study about the Sermon on the Mount.

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. They are following *The Present Word* curriculum. In May they will be learning about the *Fullness of Faith* in the Book of Luke.

Widower's Coffee



Please join Glenn Dunn in the Parlor TODAY, May 15th at 11:30am for a time of fellowship over coffee and with other Widowers in our church.

We will join together in this social gathering as a time for encouragement and fellowship with other men who share in this life transition.

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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>