



*Grateful for the Past
Vision for the Future*

**MAY 1, 2016
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

A NOTE FROM REV. DR. PAUL KIRBAS



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the gift of mothers. This month we will experience the celebration of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. And this month, we will culminate our capital campaign Westminster 2020. This has been an exciting time in the life of our church as we have been focusing on our vision for the future. We are in a capital campaign to raise the funds needed for a major renovation of our church facility. During the last several weeks, we have been sharing this vision in many ways. During this time, several leaders of our church have been stepping up to offer advanced leadership gifts to begin the process of reaching our goal of \$5.5 million dollars. Next Sunday, May 8, we will offer an announcement in worship in which we will share the total dollar amount of these advanced leadership gifts. Then, it will be up to our whole

congregation to join these leaders as together, we reach our goal. Next week, you will receive a special mailing with information about the campaign and a pledge card for your use. Please remember that these are financial gifts that can be offered over a three year span, and are meant to be over and above our regular stewardship giving to the church. Our Capital Campaign Commitment Sunday is May 22. Let us join together and make Westminster 2020 a clear vision for the exciting future of our wonderful church!

In God's Love,
Paul J Kirbas
Pastor/Head of Staff

Dear Congregation,

As we begin the month of May, we enter a time of transitions and celebrations. This month some of our young people will be graduating from high school or college. This month we will celebrate

DOWNTOWN BIBLE STUDY

We are starting a new downtown Bible study that will be held on Fridays at noon. 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:

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Join us for
A Service of
Ordination to Ministry
For
Jennifer Kirbas
Saturday, May 7
4:00 PM
A reception follows in the
Payne Garden Court

NEW MEMBER CLASS

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR
NEW MEMBER CLASS.**

**PLEASE JOIN US TODAY, AT 9AM IN THE PARLOR
(NURSERY SERVICES AVAILABLE)**

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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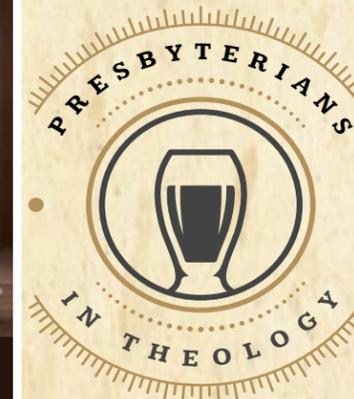
Widower's Coffee



Please join Glenn Dunn in the Parlor on Sunday, 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.

For more information contact:
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**We hope to see you at
the next PINT!**

**PINT (Presbyterians in
Theology) is a
gathering intended for
young adults to meet
with our pastors to
have non-judgmental
faith dialog and
foster spiritual growth.
It is especially for those
in their 20/30's and
young professionals.**

**RSVP to Michelle@wpcokc.org or
sign up for the event online at
<http://www.wpcokc.com/pint>**

**RSVP to Anisa if you will need childcare at
agonzales@wpcokc.org**

May 6th @ McNeillie's Public House
at 6PM.
Located at 1100 Classen Dr.,
Oklahoma City, OK

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

Prelude: *Heut Triumphieret Gottes Sohn* *BMV 630*

J.S. Bach

Today the Son of God triumphs, He who rose indeed from the dead, alleluia! alleluia! in great splendor and glory. For this we thank Him forever. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Time of Welcome

*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Risen Lord appeared to his disciples and said, "Peace be with you". May the peace of the Living Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Call To Worship

Jeremiah 29:10-11

Leader: For thus says the Lord, "When your seventy years are completed, I will visit you

People: and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place.

Leader: For surely I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for your welfare and not for harm,

People: to give you a future with hope."

Processional Hymn: #409 *God Is Here!

Abbot's Leigh

+(verses 1 and 4)

Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, You are the anchor amidst our fears. You know the sins we can't even admit to ourselves. You show your faithfulness even when we reject you. You offer grace even when we offer judgement. Forgive us, God. Help us overcome our fears. Help us face all of our sins. Help us to be faithful. Help us to be full of grace. Remind us that we are a people of redemption, not a people imprisoned by our sins. And help us to live as people of hope, shaped by your forgiving love. Lord, hear this confession, and those we now offer in 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: #175 *Seek Ye First*

Lafferty

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

Psalms 148:1-14, p. 582

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Moment for Westminster 2020

Cliff Hudson

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

Hymnal p. 35

Reading from the New Testament

John 21:15-17, p. 116

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

++Anthem: *God Is Here*

Eleanor Whitsett

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share:
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font and pulpit, here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's celebration, all we have to give, receive; we who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe.

Chancel Choir; Matin Ringers Bell Choir; Steve Thompson, Organ

Sermon: "SECOND CHANCES"

Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

Hymn of Discipleship: #301 *Let Us Build a House

Two Oaks

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

Hymnal p. 35

Invitation to Offering

++Offertory: *Hymn of Promise*

Natalie Sleeth Arranged by Martha L. Thompson

Matin Ringers Bell Choir, Bethany Sanders, Conductor

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

Old Hundredth

++Prayer of Thanksgiving

++The Sacrament of Holy Communion

++Recognition of New Members

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

Cwm Rhondda

+(verses 1 and 4)

*Benediction

Postlude: *God of Grace and God of Glory* Cwm Rhondda

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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.

Leading in Worship

Pastor/Head of Staff: Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care: Rev. Michelle Junkin

Associate Pastor for Youth and Education: Rev. Abbey Walker

Director of Worship and Music: Josh Phelps

Organ: Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Carillon: Lisa Hart

Acolyte: Amira Junkin

CHILDREN



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who were great friends and loved each other. Who are some great friends that God has given you? Talk about this with your children during the week.

In 1st-4th grade we are learning about Contentment, deciding to be happy with what you've got. The story today was about when Paul was in prison and how he was content even though things weren't that great. Our memory verse is, "I have learned the secret to being content no matter what happens. I am content whether I am well fed or hungry. I am content whether I have more than enough or not enough." Philippians 4:12b

In Club 56 our bible point for the week is "God can help us face people who intimidate us." Bullies can make us feel vulnerable and afraid. The good news is that God is with us. Let's look at an example of this in the Bible. Sometimes when others

intimidate us, it feels like we're all alone. But Psalm 124 reminds us that "God can help us face people who intimidate us." Psalm 124:8 says; "Our help is from the Lord, who made the heaven and earth." Think of a way God helped you when you felt afraid, threatened, or intimidated. Pause. Now silently tell God thanks for helping both you and the writer of Psalm 124.

We now have 82 children signed up for VBS and only 14 volunteers! Please contact me if you are able to help! heather@wpcokc.org

Children receiving Bibles this Sunday: Avery Corthen, Clara Ferate, Camden Vesta, Emily Dunham, Sam Purnell, Max Pollack, Laura Pollack.

Have a blessed week,
Heather

Hello Parents,

We are learning about being good friends in our nursery classes this week. The memory verse is "Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do." Ecclesiastes 4:9. The story we heard was about Jonathan and David

YOUTH AND EDUCATION



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



STUDENT SUNDAY

We are recognizing this year's high school Seniors on Sunday, May 15th and need to know which Seniors would like to participate in the worship service. If you or your graduate would like to participate, please contact Rev. Abbey Walker. This will be a day where we celebrate with graduates and their families as they follow God's call into a new stage of their lives. We encourage the congregation to support these students by writing letters or cards to the students to present that day.

K.N.O.W.S.

May 13th is K.N.O.W.S., If you need a night out sign your kids up for Kids Night Out Westminster Style! Cost is \$5 per child and includes dinner and many fun activities. RSVP online or email Amanda at abreninger@wpcokc.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

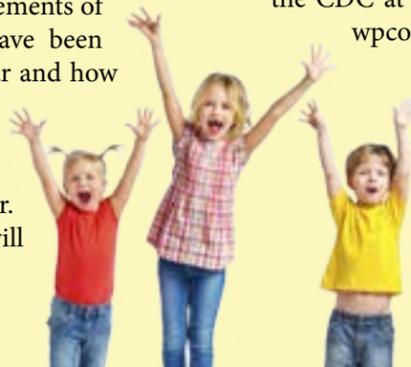
Mark your calendar for VBS, June 6th-9th. Kids will spend each day spelunking through activity stations with the Cave Crews where they will learn about God's love in amazing ways! You can sign up online under the childrens page. WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need volunteers to help make this important week happen. 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 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.



Senior High Mission Trip to Jamaica

Location: Mandeville in the central mountains

Dates: June 20-29, 2016

Cost: \$1450

Ministry Partners: Manchester Infirmary,

Salvation Army, local churches and individuals

Accommodations: bunk-style camp facilities @ Moorlands Camp

Possible Work Projects: concrete/ block home or church construction, present a VBS-style program at a nearby elementary school, visiting residents of Infirmary and improving their facilities

Free/Fun day? Yes, there will be a day at Dunn's River Falls and the craft market in Ocho Rios.

Questions? Call Laurel Hall at 405.822.8641

Friday Friends Dates: May 6, 13, and 20



IMPORTANT

JHaMS

The sign-up deadline for JHaMS is here! Make sure you have signed up with Rev. Abbey Walker and have paid your \$175 by June 1st. After that, the price jumps to \$200, so hurry and get on board! You won't want to miss it.

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: Jeb Joseph - Please contact him for congregational care needs at 210-3589.

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. Mark Schlegel, Hal Brown, Alison Taylor, John Frick, Tim Cheek, Cliff Hudson, Sarah Frank, Paige Bass, Ellen Morgan, Chris Stephens or Jim Richard.

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.

MOMS' NIGHT OUT May 19th at Upper Crust on Classen Curve at 5:30pm. RSVP to Rev. Michelle Junkin at mjunkin@wpcokc.org or sign-up online. If you need childcare signup at www.wpcokc.com/children.

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 1: Madeleine Carroll; Ellen Morgan

May 2: Diana Gilchrist; Natalie Haymaker; Hayden Bowles Lyon; John Trigg

May 3: Abby Robinson; Susie Vesper; Debra Wood

May 4: Jean Dale; Linda Ferguson; Stephen Schnabel; Alex Swisher

May 5: Jason Mullen

May 6: Barth Bracken; Alison McCubbin; Judy Wilson; Richard Zahn

May 7: Nancy Arnold; Morton Weir

COMMUNION* DATES

**served every Sunday in the Chapel service*

BAPTISM DATES

(2nd Sunday of each month)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

(3rd Sunday of each month)

Worship Flowers

Flowers in the Chapel and Sanctuary may be purchased to honor a loved one or special occasion.

These dedications will be mentioned in the bulletin.

Please sign up in the book at the reception desk or online at wpcokc.org.

Cost is \$60 per vase and there are 2 vases each week.



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Sunday mornings on KSBI (check local listings) at 7:30a and 10:30a
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