

*Westminster*  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 29, 2016  
2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# A NOTE FROM REV. DR. PAUL J. KIRBAS



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Dear Congregation,

I hope you are having a very blessed Memorial Day weekend. Thank you for spending this holiday Sunday here at Westminster Presbyterian. It is our hope and prayer that this will be a meaningful service for you.

I also want to thank you for your generous response to our Capital Campaign Commitment Sunday. Last Sunday was a glorious worship experience, and it was followed by a wonderful beginning to our campaign goals. Currently, we have received pledges totaling 3.8 million dollars, which is a good step toward our goal

of 5.5 million. If you haven't yet offered your pledge, I want to invite you to do so. Together, with each of us doing our part, we can accomplish the tasks before us.

And now, let us turn our attention to the teachings of Jesus, as he told us that proverbial lesson of "turning the other cheek", and of "Going the Extra Mile".

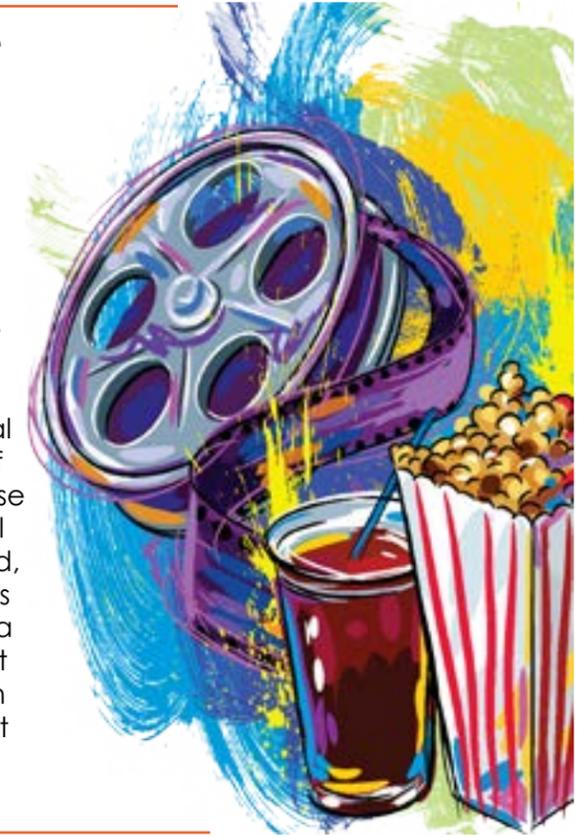
In God's Love,

**Dr. Paul J Kirbas**  
Pastor/Head of Staff

# CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## 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.



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

Ecclesiastes 3:1

## Today's Guest Organist



Dr. John D. Schwandt is Associate Professor of Organ and Director for the American Organ Institute at the University of Oklahoma. He is a nationally acclaimed performer and is in demand as a clinician, recitalist, leader of hymn festivals, silent film accompanist, adjudicator, and as an organ consultant. Dr. Schwandt has been a featured performer for conventions of the American Guild of Organists and the Organ Historical Society. Select performances have also been featured

on American Public Media's Pipedreams broadcasts. Equally at home on a classical or theatrical pipe organ, he is known for his award-winning improvisational skills, his musical versatility, and his ability to excite and engage audiences of every kind.

Prior to Dr. Schwandt's appointment to the University of Oklahoma faculty, he was Assistant Professor of Music and curator of organs at Indiana University from 2001 through 2006. John Schwandt has served churches in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Indiana as a parish musician. He has recorded for the Calcante and GIA labels, as well as independent producers. Dr. Schwandt is under management with En Chamade Artists.

John Schwandt began his formal organ study with Dr. George Damp at the Lawrence Conservatory of Music. His undergraduate studies were at St. Olaf College under the tutelage of Dr. John Ferguson. Graduate degrees, as well as the prestigious Performer's Certificate, were earned at Indiana University, where he was an organ student of Dr. Larry Smith. Dr. Schwandt placed first by a

unanimous jury decision in the 1998 National Competition in Organ Improvisation held in Denver, Colorado in conjunction with the American Guild of Organists' National Convention. At the Institute, Dr. Schwandt teaches applied organ lessons, performs solo and collaborative faculty recitals, and coordinates organ concerts and master classes. He also acts as primary liaison between the Institute and University of Oklahoma administration, coordinates Institute funding and development, and consults on Institute projects. He is also one of those rare people who are as comfortable repairing, tuning, and voicing pipe organs as they are playing them. Even amid a hectic schedule, one can sometimes find Dr. Schwandt tuning organs in Norman as well as in the shop working alongside the staff and students.

John Schwandt resides in Norman, Oklahoma with his wife, Kirstin, a board certified Genetic Counselor.

- BM-St. Olaf College
- MM-Indiana University
- DM-Indiana University

## 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)

## Memorial Weekend Schedule Update

- **There will be one worship service  
TODAY at 10:30 AM**
- **The church offices / building will be  
closed on Monday, May 30th**



## Turning A Curse into A Blessing

**"...yet our God turned the curse into a blessing."**  
Proverbs 13:2

Have you ever tried to repair a broken relationship? Found yourself loving a person who had previously been difficult to even like? Have you experienced a painful and difficult time—and only later did you see blessings come from what seemed the worst possible scenario?

In the miracle of God's loving power, what seems negative can often lead to something positive. Is there something in your life right now that feels as though it can't be repaired?

A Stephen Minister can be a presence beside you during times of challenge, listening and caring for you, helping you to discover hope and experience God's love and care. If you would like to know more about how Stephen Ministry can care for you, please contact Rev. Michelle Junkin, our pastor for congregational care.

## Knit 'n Purl

The next meeting of Knit N Purl will be May 31st 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.

## 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](mailto:slberryman1@yahoo.com)

# 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:** *Improvisation on “Sing Praise to God”*

## Time of Welcome

### \*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: ‘Where two or three are gathered together in my name,’ says the Lord, ‘there am I in the midst of them.’ May the peace that comes from the presence of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

## Call To Worship

Leader: Now is the moment of grace. This is the hour of blessing.

People: **Today is the day of salvation. Here is the path to new life.**

Leader: Already joy is abounding, and love is flowing.

People: **For this is the day God is making. Let us rejoice and sing.**

\***Processional Hymn: #645** *Sing Praise to God*

Mit Freuden Zart

## Time of Confession

### Invitation to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, O God, when we limit you – when we remake you in our image, when we claim our causes as your own, when we box you in, and explain you away, and in our attempts at understanding, whittle away all mystery. Forgive us for our human impulses, and change us: awaken us to your blinding glory, confound us by your love, shower us with grace so that we will be made new, recreated in your image, grateful for all that we cannot know. Lord hear this confession and those we now offer in silence...(a silence is kept). In the name of Christ, who brought us closer to you, we pray. 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: #300** *They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

We Are One

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 96:1-10, p. 550

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**

Matthew 5:38-42, p. 5

**Anthem:** *Sing!*

Charles-Marie Widor Arranged by Sir David Willcocks

Sing we praise to God, who reigns above; God the fount of love; friend, protector, guide;  
Ever by our side; let us all our voices raise and sing to God a joyous hymn of praise.  
Sing praise! Sing we with Joy! Hallelujah, Sing Praise! O sing, O sing! Sing praise, hallelujah!

*Chancel Choir; Dr. John Schwandt, Organ*

**Sermon: “GOING THE EXTRA MILE”**

Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

\***Hymn of Discipleship: #738** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Maryton

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

Hymnal p. 35

## Invitation to Offering

**Offertory:** *Adagio* from *Symphony No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor

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

Old Hundredth

\***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

\***Recessional Hymn: #331** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

National Hymn

\***Charge and Blessing**

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

Peter C. Lutkin

*Chancel Choir*

**Postlude:** *Sinfonia* from *Cantata No. 29 “Wir Danken Dir, Gott”*

J. S. Bach Arr. Dupre

\*This sign is an invitation, to all who are able, to stand as they offer God thanks and praise.

## Leading in Worship

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

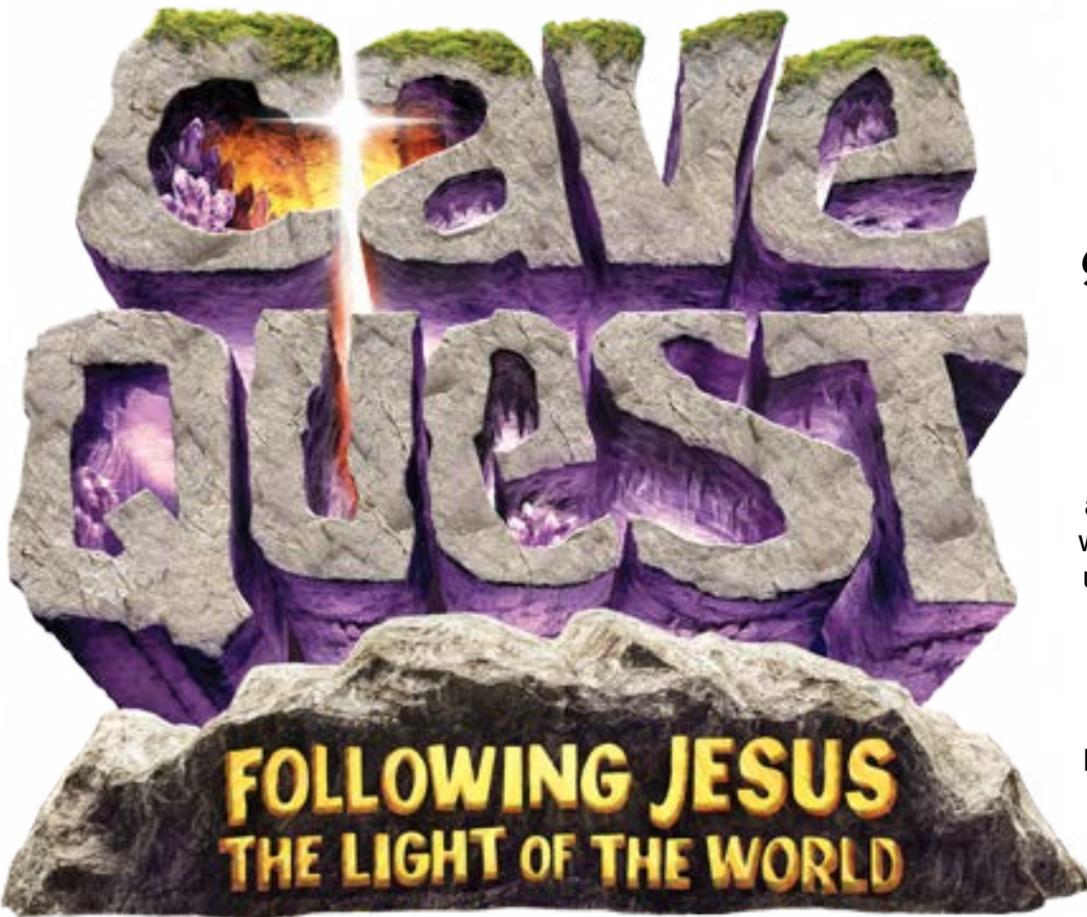
**Associate Pastor for Congregational Care:** Rev. Michelle Junkin

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

**Organ:** Dr. John Schwandt, Assoc. Professor of Organ and  
Director for the American Organ Institute at the University of Oklahoma

**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](mailto: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](http://wpcokc.com)



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

*Family Ice Cream Social  
July 8th from 3-5p at church  
(all families welcome)*



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

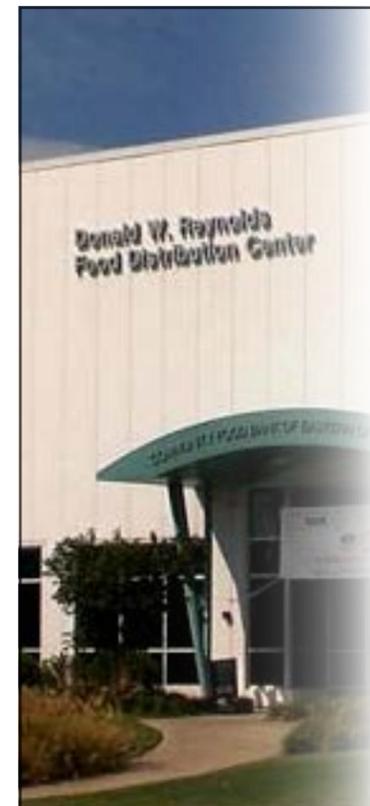
**When?** June 9th-11th We will meet at the church at 3:30 pm on June 9th and arrive back at the church June 11th around 3:30 pm.

**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](mailto:nmencer@wpcokc.org) to sign up or for more information



## Confirmation Class

**Bottom L-R:** Anna Buckley, Anna Payne, Josie Clark

**Top L-R:** Ruby Berryman, Payton Leonard, Claire Richardson, Mart Smith

# 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](mailto: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:** Ferrelyn Oakes - Please contact her for congregational care needs at 613-7325.

**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 9:30am

**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.

**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 29:** Jane Austin; Carleigh Berryman; Corinne Burkhardt; Gale Hobson; Mollie Raymond

**May 30:** Jo Ann Dodson Kessel; Robin McAlister; Pat Northwood; Gerry Underkoffler

**May 31:** Barbara Anspaugh; Jennifer Brand; Drue Diesselhorst; Adrienne Husted; Courtney McLaughlin-Skitt; Linda Robertson; Mike Tucker; Phillip Weirich

**June 1:** Carol Mears; Mark Mitchell

**June 2:** Gayle Jones

**June 3:** Cindy Kiner; Laurie Miller; Tim Selement; James Stapp; Kimi Vesta;

**June 4:** Chandler Bair; Jordan Braun; James Drummond; Ronald Hornbeek; Christina Schleider; Doug Wallace

### 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](http://wpcokc.org).

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



## 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 Shawanna Berryman at (405) 205-0247 for more information and to sign-up for this class.

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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>