



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CENTRAL CAMPUS
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23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 8TH, 2020

WESTMINSTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Prelude: *March on a Theme* by Handel, “*Lift up Your Heads*”, op. 15

Alexandre Guilmant

Time of Welcome

Call to Worship

Proverbs 3:5-6

Leader: Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

People: And lean not on your own understanding.

Leader: In all your ways acknowledge him,

People: And he will direct your paths.

***Processional Hymn: #14** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Dix

Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, who has in mind a mighty vision for your people and your church, we confess that we do not always possess a willing spirit. At times we are resistant to your gentle nudge. Often we fail to obey your clearly spoken word. Sometimes we even run in the other direction as did Jonah so long ago. Forgive us, Lord, for the times that we have failed to yield to your plans for us. Give us the boldness to say as did Samuel, “Speak, Lord, for Your Servant is listening.” Lord, hear our confession and those we 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. Thanks be to God.

***Response to Forgiveness: #581** *Glory Be to the Father*

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament

II Chronicles 7:12-16

Then the Lord appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him: “I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. For now I have chosen and consecrated this house so that my name may be there forever; my eyes and my heart will be there for all time.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Reading from the New Testament

Galatians 3:19-29

Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring would come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained through angels by a mediator. Now a mediator involves more than one party; but God is one. Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Anthem: *I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked*

Geoffrey O'Hara

Cameron Law, Tenor; Dr. Sallie Pollack, Piano

Sermon: "RED STATE, BLUE STATE"

Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

*Hymn of Response: #694 *Great God of Every Blessing*

Aurelia

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

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: *Variations Based on Old Hundredth* Arranged by Don Shannon/Michael Burkhardt

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:20)

Though we work and worship separately, carefully, and thoughtfully during this time, the work of God's Kingdom continues through acts of kindness and compassion.

You may click this secure hyperlink to give your offering or tithe:

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You may also mail your check to:

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4400 N. Shartel OKC, OK 73118.

*Doxology: #606 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

WESTMINSTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn of Discipleship: #712** *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

Forest Green

***Charge and Blessing**

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** *Now Thank We All Our God, Nun Danket Alle Gott*

Arranged by Paul Manz

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*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
Parish Associate, Volunteer: Rev. Jennifer Kirbas
Associate Director of Music: Anne Dawson
Organ: Steve Thompson, Principal Organist
Piano: Dr. Sallie Pollack
Carillon: Lisa Hart

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

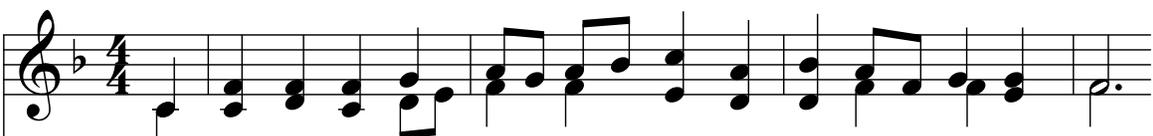
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

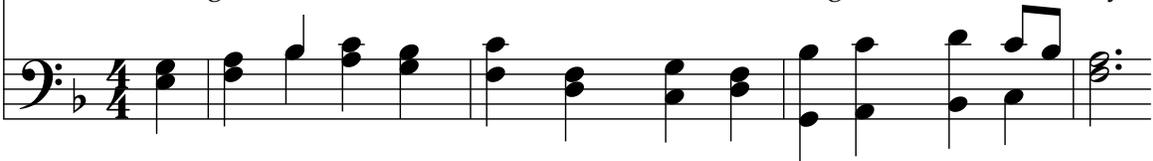
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As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought 712



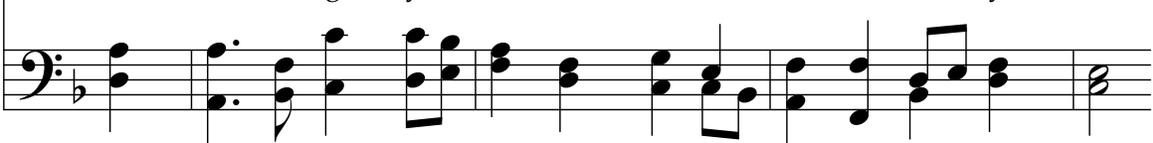
1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,
3 In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to-day,



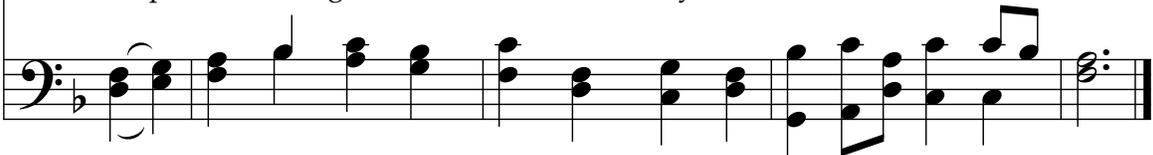
to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.



so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:
O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.
help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.



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Central Campus Office Hours

Westminster office buildings are closed at this time. Please abstain from visits to the office if you have essential business at the church contact church staff via email or phone call to schedule an appointment. The church voice mail and email are monitored regularly.

Sunday Services

Our 10 AM worship service will be live-streamed Sundays at 10 AM on [Facebook Live, wpcokc.com](https://www.facebook.com/wpcokc), and [Livestream](https://www.livestream.com/wpcokc). The broadcast will be archived on our website for later viewing.

Service Streaming

Sundays -

- online via our LiveStream at: <http://www.wpcokc.com/live-streaming>

Westminster Worship Line

To hear our worship service live by phone Dial (405) 337-0452 at 10 AM on Sunday. No internet needed!

I would like to speak with a pastor or ministry leader...

Rev. Dr. Paul Kirbas, ext. 275
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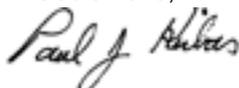
Dear Congregation,

Earlier this fall, the session designated a special task force to study the situation involving the current pandemic in relation to the activities of Westminster Presbyterian Church. This task force was made up of church members who have wide experience, education, and knowledge of medical issues and epidemics. In addition, current staff members, and the incoming new pastor Landon Whitsitt, were part of these discussions. We are very grateful for the many hours of study and discussion that this task force held. At the November session meeting, the session received and approved the report and recommendations of the task force. Here are some of the major points of this report:

- Given the current rise of cases in Oklahoma, in-person worship will not be held through the remainder of 2020. When positive cases are under 25 per 100,000 in our area, in-person worship can be considered after the first of the year.
- Essential activities will be allowed. These include Administration, weekday childcare programs, funerals, and kitchen activity, but everyone must wear masks and practice social distancing as much as possible
- Small group meetings can be considered, but these groups must fill out a form that describes number of participants, room set up, and how the groups plan to observe safety guidelines. These forms will serve as applications, that will be considered for approval.
- Your staff team, under the guidance of Landon Whitsitt, will be offering many creative developments for online worship, education, and fellowship. During this time, Westminster programming will evolve in new ways for a new world.

I know that all of us are growing tired of ongoing COVID19 restrictions. Many of us are feeling increasing sadness for the lack of social contact with our church community. This sadness can increase as we enter the Advent Season, which is traditionally such a heartfelt time in church life. One day this will change. One day we will be able to return from this exile. In the meantime, our prayers are for each and every one of you, and for Westminster Presbyterian Church.

In God's Love,



Dr. Paul J Kirbas
Pastor/Head of Staff

CONGREGATIONAL OFFERINGS

Westminster Presbyterian Mobile Blood Drive / Nov 17th / 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Schedule a time to donate by clicking the link below:

https://www.yourbloodinstitute.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/344995

The WPC Feed My Sheep is providing Thanksgiving dinner for S.P.A.R.K., Hope House, and other families in need this year. If you would like to help provide these families with Thanksgiving dinner, Feed My Sheep is asking for a \$50 donation for each family. You can send your check to the church with Thanksgiving dinner noted on the memo line. Please make checks payable to WPC. Thank you for helping during this difficult time.



SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDIES

Small Group Reading

Selections in two novels by Louise Erdrich (*Love Medicine* and *The Bingo Palace*) Proposed for Tuesdays at 7:30 PM, on Zoom, beginning right after Thanksgiving contact Dave Thompson, david-thompson@ouhsc.edu.

Let's Discuss / Sundays / 11:15 AM / Zoom

A time for congregants to discuss the sermon and scriptures used during the worship service aired at 10 AM. Contact Kim, kim1879@sbcglobal.net.

Cornerstone Sunday School Class / Sundays / 9:15 AM / Zoom

Study Henry and Richard Blackaby's book, "*Fresh Encounter*". Contact Sarah Morgan, sarahmarshall11@hotmail.com.

Adventurer's Sunday School Class / Sundays / 9 - 9:45 AM / Zoom

Contact Alison Taylor, acetaylor50@aol.com.

WPC Youth Hype Night / Nov 14th / Top Golf / 5 - 7 PM / Tylar@wpcokc.org.

Club 4/5 (4th & 5th grades) / Zoom / Tylar@wpcokc.org.

Virtual bible study: Wednesdays at 5 PM

Virtual game night: Fridays at 5 PM

Youth Game Night Sundays at 6 PM / Zoom / Tylar@wpcokc.org.

Middle School & High School Bible Study / Zoom / Tylar@wpcokc.org.

Middle School: Wednesdays at 6 PM

High School: Thursdays at 7 PM OR Sundays at 11 AM.

Support for Infant Loss Group / November 18th, 6 - 8 PM

Contact Abbey Ahern, 405-501-4388 or abbeyahern@gmail.com.

BIRTHDAYS

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.

Nov 8th - Kay Bird; Casey Callahan; Jessica Greene; Burton Harbison; Lindsey Ridgway; Elisa Thompson

Nov 9th - Jeff Beeler; Ruth Ann Frick; Mary Ann Martin

Nov 10th - Chris Faris; David Gentry; Kristi Hoover; Y'Vonne Jones; Natalie Stringer; Mike Turpen

Nov 11th - Tracy Leigh des La Tours; Mike Edwards; Hanna Hensley; Richard Hollander; Carolyn Howell; Steven Mott

Nov 12th - Jenny Dunham; Laura Garrett; Laura Waggoner

Nov 13th - Shannon Edwards; Lisa McConnell; David Carl Price; Shawn Thompson

Nov 14th - Alex Cameron; Adele London; Emily McLain; Alan Puls; Roseanna Smith

SUNDAY SERVICE STREAMING OPTIONS

Below you will find all the streaming options, worship bulletin link, and offering link. Thank you for your patience as we work with our website provider.

[Facebook Live](#)

[wpcokc.com streaming](#)

[Giving of your offerings](#)

[Worship bulletin for November 8th](#)

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