



Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CENTRAL CAMPUS
WESTMINSTER

NORTH CAMPUS
CONNECTING POINT

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 9, 2018

AT A GLANCE

Central Campus

4400 North Shartel Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118
(405) 524-2224
facebook.com/wpcokc

Sunday Schedule

- 8:30 AM - Sanctuary Worship
- 9:30 AM - Christian Education
- 10:30 AM - Sanctuary Worship

North Campus

14501 N Rockwell Ave, Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma 73142
(405) 509-9368
facebook.com/OurConnectingPoint

Sunday Schedule

- 4 PM - Christian Education
- 5 PM - Worship

Central Campus Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8 AM - 5 PM
Online www.wpcokc.org

Service Broadcast

Sundays -

- 5 AM on KOKH (*check local listings*)
- 11 AM on KOCO (*check local listings*)
- online via our LiveStream at:
<http://www.wpcokc.com/live-streaming>

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

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A NOTE FROM REV. DR. PAUL J. KIRBAS

Dear Congregation,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the people, both in front of the crowds and behind the scene, who made last Wednesday's Christmas Dinner and Festival of Lessons and Carols possible. It was, in every way, a blessed and inspirational evening. If you missed the service or would like to see it again, please note that we will have an hour-long special broadcast of our Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, December 23, at 1:00 PM on KOCO, the ABC station.

Last Wednesday was a great way to experience the real meaning of this season. Another way to experience Advent is to participate in mission work, and here at Westminster, you will find many opportunities to do that. One important opportunity is our Dinner with Love program, happening on December 20 and 21. Visit the table in the Garden Court to learn about ways you can help provide Christmas meals to thousands of people in Oklahoma City.

Finally, use this season of preparation to follow the example of the magi, as they offered their gifts at the feet of the manger. Give generously to the church this season, especially if you have remaining balances on your pledges for 2018. To finish the year strong, please consider above and beyond gifts to help us reach the finish line.

And now, let us turn our attention to the inn in Bethlehem, where the Holy Family is turned away because there is no room for them there. Is your heart any different? Let's make room for this newborn king!

In God's Love,



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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Advent 2018 Pastor's Class / John Kenney Today Through - Sunday, Dec 23 / Both Campuses

The Preachers And Teachers Of Christ's Message Of Everlasting Hope

The first candle we light for Advent symbolizes HOPE. Christ's message of belief, faith, love, grace and salvation has brought HOPE to the world since Christ walked the earth. Many suffering from oppression, brutality, personal loss, loneliness, depression and a circumstantial lack of any HOPE for a better future have been saved by Christ's message through the work of great theologians, preachers and teachers. We will focus on a few of those whose writings and preaching have served, at critical times, to provide or renew the HOPE all persons need to live and thrive in a sometimes volatile world. HOPEfully you will leave with a renewed wonder of this life in Christ.

Stewardship Update

As a church family, we count the many blessings and we reflect with gratitude for our members who pledge commitments of time, talent, and treasure. Your gifts support, enrich, and bless WPC while helping us glorify God in the world we are called to serve. As we look ahead to the year's end, remember there is still time to turn in outstanding 2018 commitments, 2019 pledge cards, and also the fulfilling of 2020 promises. And if possible, if you are in a position to give beyond your pledge to help us meet our budget, that would be extremely helpful. Regardless of how or when you give, your gift is important. We look forward to the new year and in the next few months we will have an update on how your generosity has impacted the Church as we outline plans for the new season.

Total Giving Annual Budget -	\$2,000,000
Est'd November Giving -	\$1,696,500
Funds Still Needed By Year End -	\$ (303,500)

Please remember that to be credited for the 2018 tax year, checks must be postmarked by December 31, 2018.

Church Playground

You may have noticed that work is underway on the church playground. We anticipate that the current work will conclude around the end of the year, at which time, we expect to be able to use the outdoor playground again. In the meantime, children are enjoying play time in our indoor gym areas. Currently, workers are constructing an improved sidewalk to the new chilling system that services the heat and air system for the church, and the large pipe near the basketball court is being removed. We expect these improvements will result in less mud in the play area following rainy weather. We are hopeful that we will be able to make more noticeable updates to the playground area over the next year. We are working with a playground design company to explore options that will enhance play and optimize safety for all of the age groups the playground serves. We will provide updates as they are available.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • CENTRAL CAMPUS

Prelude: *+Theme and Variations I, II, IV*
++Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Vom Himmel hoch, Arr. Walter Pelz
J.S. Bach

Time of Welcome

*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: In this season of hopeful waiting, may the peace we await be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of Invocation

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen.

***Processional Hymn: #97 Watchman, Tell Us of the Night**
+(Verses 1 & 3)

Aberystwyth

Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God, our lives reflect your values of justice and righteousness, but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world, that your values take second place. Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the child of Bethlehem, our source of power and life. May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in you, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more, in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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: Advent Gloria**

Besaçon Arr. Richard Shephard

Glory to God in highest heav'n, peace to all your people given,
Almighty God, your grace abounding, We give you glory, our praise resounding;
We worship you, and sing today, Christ, our Hope, is on the way.

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament

Micah 4:1-4, p. 670

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

++**Children's Moment: #106 Prepare the Way, O Zion**

Bereden Väg För Herran

As the children come forward, the congregation shall sing **verse 1**. As the children return to their seats, the congregation shall sing **verse 3**.

Children (5 years – 2nd grade) may accompany our Children's Ministry Leader, to attend Full Circle (10:30am service only).

Parents may pick up children after worship from the Children's Worship space to the right of the stairs on the 2nd floor.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Reading from the New Testament

Matthew 25:31-40, p. 22

++**Anthem: There Shall a Star From Jacob Come Forth from Christus**

Felix Mendelssohn

There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a sceptre from Israel rise up.

There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and dash in pieces princes and nations.

As bright the star of morning gleams, so Jesus sheddeth glorious beams of light and consolation!

Thy Word, O Lord, radiance darting truth imparting gives salvation; Thine be praise and adoration!

Chancel Choir ; Dr. John Schwandt, Organ

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • CENTRAL CAMPUS

Sermon: “MAKING ROOM... THROUGH SERVICE”

Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

***Hymn of Response: #104** *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

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

Hymnal p. 35

++Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer *(Traditional)*

Hymnal p. 35

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: *+O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

++Good Christians Friend, Rejoice

Arr. Tim Doran
Paul Manz

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

Old Hundredth

+Sacrament of Holy Communion

++Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn of Discipleship: #105** *People, Look East*

+(Verses 1 & 5)

Besaçon

***Benediction**

Postlude: *+Variation III on Vom Himmel hoch*

++Improvisation on “People Look East”

Arr. Walter Pelz
John D. Schwandt

The Service of worship concludes after the postlude. The music can be enjoyed and this time can be used for prayer.

You may remain seated or depart quietly

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

+This sign indicates 8:30am Worship Service only.

++This sign indicates 10:30am Worship Service only.

✿Worship Flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God and given in loving memory of her mother Virginia L. Parsons, and her friend Calvin H. Risen, by Pat Tucker.

✿Worship Flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God and given in loving memory of J.C. McNutt on his birthday December 10th, by his wife Ingrid McNutt.

Leading in Worship

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

Senior Associate Pastor of Congregational Life: Rev. Michelle Junkin

Associate Pastor for Youth and Education: Rev. Abbey Walker

Commissioned Lay Pastor: Glenn Dunn

Elder Liturgist: George Dahnke

Director of Worship and Music: Josh Phelps

Organ: Dr. John Schwandt;
Grace Jackson, Organ Scholar

Carillon: Lisa Hart

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP • NORTH CAMPUS

Prelude

*Welcome and Gathering Hymn:#104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

People: for God has looked favorably upon the people and redeemed them.

Leader: The Lord has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of God's servant, David.

People: Let us worship God!

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn: #92

While We Are Waiting, Come Waiting (Cason)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Power and Peace, we confess that we know not your peace. You call us into the wilderness, you guide our feet in the ways of peace, you send us messengers, and yet we are in conflict. Forgive us when we wield whatever power we hold and when we react aggressively out of fear. Forgive us that we default to a desperate state of fight or flight instead of remembering to "be still and know." Into our hearts, breathe your peace, so that we might live in assurance and become agents of sanity and calm in your world; to the glory of your name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness (Responsive)

Leader: Alleluia! Glory be to the Holy One who makes all things new!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

*Response to Forgiveness: #581

Glory Be to the Father Gloria Patri

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

New Testament Lesson: Luke 3:1-6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

This Little Light of Mine Traditional

Sermon: "SENDING A MESSAGE"

Laurel Hall

*Hymn of Response: #106

Prepare the Way, O Zion Bereden Väg För Herren

*Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed Hymnal p. 34

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Loving God, we lift our hearts to you as we share our joys and concerns with you and one another.

Petitioner: (shares a joy or concern) I lift up my heart.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: And now hear our voices as we join together in the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray saying,

People: Our Father...

Invitation to Give as We Have Been Blessed

Offertory

*Doxology: #606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Discipleship: #366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Hyfrydol

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude: #600 Amen

Amen

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Leading in Worship

Pastoral Intern: Laurel Hall

Liturgist: Elisa Thompson

Director of Worship and Music: Josh Phelps

Worship Music Coordinator: Tyler Eckert

Worship Music Team:

Abbey Ahern, Jessie Eckert, Angela Michael,

Opal Jane McDermitt

CONGREGATIONAL OFFERINGS



Dinner With Love

December 20th & 21st

Volunteers are needed to assist with *Dinner with Love*. There are a variety of ways volunteers are needed to help prepare these boxes of "love." Please consider signing up to help cook, sort, assemble, box up meals, or work as a driver to aid in delivery. Drivers will receive a box with the name and address of a family and deliver the meals personally. Stop by the Garden Court to learn more. This is one way you can share with a family in need. Questions? Contact Rev. Junkin at michelle@wpcokc.org.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2019

What's at the H.E.A.R.T. of giving...giving from the heart! We are now five weeks into our 2019 Stewardship Campaign and there are many things to be excited about.

As of today, 232 families have turned in their pledge cards for the 2019 Stewardship Campaign totaling \$1,249,294 towards the goal of \$1,800,000 to maintain our current programs and ministries of Westminster.

It is an amazing time in the life of our church. Together, let's explore what God can do through our giving! Collection baskets for your 2019 pledge card are at the church entrances and front desk.

Windsong Chamber Choir At WPC

"Rediscovered"

Sunday Dec. 16, 4 p.m.

WPC Sanctuary

\$15 admission, Free for music educators and students
Windsong returns to Westminster for a winter concert featuring the music of Marcel Tyberg, a victim of the Holocaust whose work was lost for more than 50 years. This performance marks the Oklahoma state premier of Tyberg's Mass No. 1 in G major and is only the second performance since its discovery. Featuring Steve Thompson, organ, the program also includes Tyberg's Piano Trio in F major, with Sallie Pummill-Pollock on piano. Tickets available at the door or online at windsongchoir.org.

HOLIDAY CAMPUS CLOSURES

Please note: church offices/buildings will be closed at both campuses in observance of the upcoming holidays on the dates listed below:

- December 25 & 26 - Christmas
- December 31 - January 1 - New Year

CHILDREN

KKA Christmas Program

December 14th at 2 PM

CDC Christmas Program

December 14th at 3 PM

Drop & Shop Has Been Rescheduled

We have decided to have the Drop and Shop next Saturday, the 15th, from 9 AM - Noon. This event is kind of like a Kids Night Out, you can drop your kids off to do fun activities with us where you go where shop for Christmas presents. The cost is \$20 for 1 kid, \$30 for 2 or more. Please email me, hselement@wpcokc.org, to RSVP. Space is limited. We will have snacks for the kids while they are here. We will also be showing parts of the Polar Express.

The Advent Workshop And Christmas At Westminster Were Big Successes!



YOUTH

Confirmation / TODAY

Central Campus / 11:45 AM - 1 PM

We will meet on the Central campus in the youth room downstairs. Lunch will be provided each week.

Holly Jolly Christmas / Dec. 16th / 6:30 PM

We are having a Holly Jolly Christmas Bash at Central Campus for grades 6 - 12. There is no cost and be sure to wear an ugly sweater!



LET EVERY HEART
PREPARE HIM ROOM

Advent Schedule

DECEMBER 23RD

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CENTRAL CAMPUS

ONLY ONE 10:30 AM SERVICE

NORTH CAMPUS

5 PM SERVICE

DECEMBER 24TH

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

CENTRAL CAMPUS

10:30 AM - FAMILY SERVICE

NORTH CAMPUS

5 PM - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

CENTRAL CAMPUS

8 PM - TRADITIONAL SERVICE

CENTRAL CAMPUS

11 PM - TRADITIONAL SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

DECEMBER 30TH

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

WORSHIP SERVICE

NORTH CAMPUS

ONLY ONE 5 PM SERVICE

NO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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, home bound, or simply needing prayer, please notify the church by e-mail at wpc cares@wpcokc.org or by phone at 524-2224 ext. 222. 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: Sally Buxton. Please contact her for congregational care needs at 615-2664.

Membership: Please send membership announcements (birth, marriage, death of relative) and changes (address, email, phone) to June White, june@wpcokc.org, 524-2224 ext 249.

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.

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: Paige Bass, Sally Bentley, Cliff Hudson, Hank Johnson, Steve Rasmussen, Jim Richard, Brett Robinson, Chris Stephens, Alison Taylor, Phil Truss, and Richard Zahn.

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.

December 9: Tammy Adams; Amy Bay; Bill James; Carol Orr; Tyler Ray; Sharon Taylor

December 10: Hailey Bair; R.J. Barrett; Faith Mary Everest; Earl Ingram III; Kelly Killough; Kathy Lyon

December 11: Bill Amalong; Chuck Covington; Betty Green

December 12: Linda Bracken; Jack Graves; Susie Gray; Joe Heaton; Mitzie Lilly; Charles Lybrand; Shawn Smith; John Sutter; Jim Witcher

December 13: Louise Covert; Marci Johnson; Andy Long; Ron McMillan; Glenda Talbot

December 14: Eddie Edwards; Janet Graber; Robin Hibbard; Alex Schick

December 15: Lee Baum; Sarah Bozalis; Wade Cockrill; Joe Crosby; Sean LaFleur; Debra Sartin; Jim Shaffer; John Simpsen; Neil Steimer; Jill Swisher

COMMUNION DATES*

**served every Sunday in the 8:30am service*

Dec. 24, 2018 Christmas Eve (11pm service only)

BAPTISM DATES

2nd Sunday of each month

MINUTE FOR MISSION

3rd Sunday of each month

Assisted Hearing Devices

Please stop by the sound room on Sunday mornings if you need an assisted hearing device.

Worship Flowers

Flowers in the Chapel and Sanctuary may be purchased to honor a loved one or special occasion. The dedications will be mentioned in the bulletin. Please sign up in the book at the reception desk or online at: www.wpcokc.org. Cost is \$60 per vase and there are 2 vases each week.



Adult Christian Education Sundays At 9:30 AM

Adult Bible Study: Adult Bible Study: Join us in "Our Love for God", a 3-month scripture study focusing on God's infinite love and how we are given hope for a new future. On the cross, God defeated sin and death, finally The good news is that the brokenness of our lives is not the last word. There is hope for renewal and transformation. The class meets in room LL28.

Adventurers Class: This class meets in room LL30.

Cornerstone Class: For adults in their 20s, 30s and 40s, meets in room LL29, led by Sarah Morgan.

BLANKETEERS

Put your quilting skills to use by making blankets for our new babies. Join us the third Friday of each month at 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM in Room 104. Contact Marjorie Frank: 751-1018.

Are You Ever Looking For Archived Sermons Or Pastor Classes

We have an amazing archive of past worship sermons and pastor classes online. If you would like to access these videos, please visit www.wpcokc.org/videos1

NORTH CAMPUS

Wednesday Nights In December

We will meet 6 PM - 8 PM at the North Campus on December 12th & 19th for a workshop on writing personal faith statements. Join us! Be sure to check the Facebook Event each week to see how the potluck is shaping up and let us know what you're bringing.

Important Information

North Campus

Are you interested in serving the church by leading in worship? Are you good at reading aloud? Be a liturgist! You don't even have to write your own material - all of the prayers are provided. Talk to Laurel if you want to find out more about serving our community in this important way. To sign-up to serve as liturgist, greeter, or communion server, visit our Facebook page to find the online sign-up.

Inclement Weather Notice

**In the case of inclement weather,
please check local television weather
cancellation listings before you travel to
Westminster.**

**We will notify local stations of any
cancellations by 7:00 AM.
A notification will also be posted to the
WPC website and Facebook page.**