

# The Spire

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## SERMONS

October 6th Matthew 14: 13-21  
The Attitude of Abundance

October 13th 1 Corinthians 12: 1-12  
The Attitude of Gratitude

October 20th 2 Corinthians 8: 1-15  
The Attitude of Generosity

October 27th Dr. David Keck Preaching

## THE ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Everyone has something to be thankful for – some blessing worth bowing down before God in thanks and praise. What blessing in your life causes you to want to give thanks to God? Is it your family, your children, good friends, your health, the ability to work, a comfortable home, the church, our nation, or your faith?

When we take time to seriously examine our lives and the many ways in which we are blessed a profound attitude of gratitude emerges that needs to be expressed in a tangible way. Gratitude causes us to realize that thanks is not so much the words we say – it is an attitude of the heart that influences the way we live our lives. One of the dominant features of the attitude of gratitude is a desire to share with others the gifts that God has given.

The theme for this year's Stewardship Campaign is "Attitudes of the Heart." Each week we will explore an attitude of the Heart that expresses our Love for God and compels us to thank God with our Stewardship gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

I hope you will join us for worship at 8:45am or 11:00 am during the month of October as we explore the attitudes of the heart that motivate our thanks and praise to God for every gift we have been given. God has poured out many blessings on each one of us and on Westminster by the Sea Presbyterian Church. Now it is our opportunity to let the "attitudes of our Heart" express our thanks to God for His amazing Love.

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## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

From Rev. Foley:

- Sympathy given for the death James Hunt (09/10/24)
- Stewardship Campaign- Schedule of sermons, themes, presentations, and activities through 11/10/24 was presented
- Security- Question raised about open doors during Sunday morning service; decision made to schedule meeting with police for recommendations
- Elder Training- this training will begin soon

Update on Building Repairs:

- Sanctuary Speakers- All Wired Tech has run all the new wiring for the updated speaker system; estimated date of installation 09/25/24
- Gate- deposit of \$2,845 (50%) was paid to AAA Fence on 09/10/24 and permit was applied for; estimated date of installation 10/04/24
- Chimes- have been repaired and have been running for two weeks; after applying donation of \$1,500, remaining balance of \$1,266 was paid
- Fire Alarm- has been repaired with a new electric panel installed; final cost of \$2,745
- Roof- Jeff Walker Roofing responded quickly to repair five areas that were causing leaks
- Sanctuary ceiling- appears to be buckling; in process of getting a quote from Hall Construction

Administration

- Draft of 2025 budget was presented and reviewed

Christian Education

- Decided to offer children's church during the 8:45 service
- The 9:45 Youth Sunday School will remain for now
- Adult Bible study class has 15 attendees
- Five mothers attended the 09/06/24 MomCo meeting
- Continue to need a leader for the Women of Westminster group
- Received thank you from Camp Boggy Creek
- Ashley attended the "Excellence in Christian Education" workshop on 08/17/24

Congregational Life

- The list of members who are homebound was reviewed and cards sent

Operations

- Tom Arbogast has completed many maintenance and repair projects

Outreach

- Approval given for the following funding requests:
- Friendsgiving 11/21/24- provide tip/tax (estimate- \$100)
- Port Orange Family Days 10/12/24- \$150 participation fee
- Replenish gift cards for those in need: total of \$700
- For Reader's Theater on 12/08/24 "Scrooge Has Left the Building": license/scripts/stage items (estimate: \$300)
- One-page ad in News Journal (calendar of church events)- \$395
- Cooperative endeavor with Kristin's Social Events: A different Christmas Market on November 24 - shopping for items that give back to charities, "Gifts That Keep On Giving": Those not representing a charity, will give part of their profit to a choice of options: Presbyterian Disaster Relief; Presbyterian Hunger Program; or choice from Presbyterian Giving Catalog
- Food Drive- 09/15/24 ... then 10/20/24; Many thanks for all the generous food donations ... and for the total of \$600 that has been donated
- Hope Place- 09/12/24 ... then 10/10/24; we have four new volunteers!

Worship

- Continue to need head-ushers, greeters, and liturgists
- Training for new head-ushers is being considered

Pastor Nominating Committee

- reviews of Call-seekers continues

Presbytery Commissioners for 09/10/24 meeting

- Elders Linda Jacobs and Jeanne Keiper attended and presented highlights of the meeting

## OPERATIONS UPDATE

Hello everyone! So much has been happening around the church, we want to let everyone know about all the work that has been going on.

Our Spire Chimes have been fixed! We are just as glad as you are for this we're sure.

Our gate out the back of the playground area is being replaced with one that can be opened by a push-bar. This means no one will be locked in anymore. We had been having at least one person a month who had to call for help about this, so we are grateful for the change. If the gate is locked, you will still need a key to enter.

All of our palm trees have been trimmed--all 50 of them!

Our sound system in the sanctuary has been upgraded with new speakers, all new wiring, and an additional speaker in the narthex. The controls have been relocated to a brand new sound booth in the balcony. Thanks to Doug Coleman and Tom Arbogast for building and installing the booth.

There have been several rooms and outside areas recently painted.

Our equipment is mostly all protected with surge protectors or back up batteries. The fire alarm panel had been damaged by lightning, and had to be fixed.

Boards in the ceiling of the sanctuary will be inspected and repaired.

In the near future, we will be having the twenty-year-old roof of the sanctuary replaced.

A big shout out to all the people who worked so hard to make these things happen.

Members of your Operations team: Rodney, Roger, Linda.



## OTHER WAYS TO HELP

October is all about gratitude and giving. There are more ways to give than monetarily and we have a lot of opportunities for you to get involved in your church! Talent sheets will be going out this month where you can check all the areas you would be interested in helping. Here are just a few areas we are in need.

- Enjoy working with the kids? Christian Education has multiple opportunities including teaching various ages, assisting in the nursery, and shepherding in the K-5 class.
- Love those fun events? Social Committee led by Kristin Downer plans all of our dinners, games, and activities. Help out here!
- Worship needs help on Sundays! Greeters are always needed and you can sign up in the Narthex for the week of your choice. Training is provided and its easy! Communion prep is also an area with need and so many more!
- Are you a handy person? Sign up to help our operations committee and property manager with tasks around the church. This can include painting, gardening, minor repairs and cleanup. All expertise levels welcome!

Over the next few weeks we have multiple events where tables and chairs need to be set up or taken down in our two halls. If you are able and willing, we would love your help on these transitions, otherwise your office staff does it all by themselves! If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Kristin in the office at 386-767-8342.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## RECURRING EVENTS

### GAME TIME

Thursdays - 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
Community Room - Room 9  
Board games & card games!

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Wednesdays - 10 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Community Room - Room 9  
All levels welcome!

### BOOK CLUB

October Book: At the Coffee Shop of  
Curiosities by Heather Webber  
Next Meeting: October 28, 2024  
3:30 p.m. in Room 8  
(off the breezeway)  
Contact: Kristin Downer –  
386-235-0574



## ONE-TIME EVENTS

### Port Orange Family Days

October 12 9a.m. - 5p.m.  
Port Orange City Center  
Come out and share the good news of  
what our church has to offer in our  
community!

### Activities Showcase

Sunday, October 13  
Fellowship Time  
Come have a light snack and peruse all  
the ways you can get involved in the  
church. We have classes, fun activities,  
and volunteer opportunities!

### Art Class - Open Bezel Jewelry

Monday, October 14  
10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall  
2 pieces for \$35

### Body, Mind & Soul Sheriff Mike Chitwood

Scams that affect the elderly  
Tuesday, October 15 at 10 a.m.  
Sanctuary  
Volusia County Sheriff Mike Chitwood  
joins us again to talk about scams  
affecting the elderly, our community,  
and what we can do to prevent us from  
falling victim.

## GROUPS

### Men's Breakfast

2nd Friday @ 7 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall  
Leader: Rodney Bookhardt

### Caregivers Support Group

Sundays 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  
Library

### MomCo

Formerly known as MOPS  
1st Friday of every month  
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



### Spiritual Study Group

Led by Pete Zahn  
Wednesday 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

**ACA:** Mondays at 7 p.m

**GA:** Tues. & Thurs. at 7 p.m.

**Al-Anon:** Thursdays at 12 p.m.

**OA:** Thursday at 10:30 a.m.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Nursery

Newborn to Pre-K  
Hours 8:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Children's Church

Kindergarten to 5th Grade  
Following the Children's Message  
at 8:45a.m. and 11a.m.  
Rooms 5 & 6

#### Youth Class

6th-12th grade  
9:45a.m All Sundays  
Room 3

#### Adult Sunday School

Sundays at 9:45 a.m.  
Room 12A  
Teacher: Jan Toles

INTERESTED IN TEACHING?  
PLEASE REACH OUT TO  
ASHLEY CAMP



**CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK  
AND INSTAGRAM POSTS!**



Pastor Mike Foley wrapped up his sermon series on Hero's in Faith with a potluck dinner that had a fabulous turn out! Groups were able to discuss who were/are the hero's that helped to define and shape their own personal faith journeys. It was a wonderful evening to share in testimony and fellowship. Check out the calendar on our website to see other upcoming events you might want to attend!



**THANK YOU STAFF SARGEANT IAN SAURE AND AIR FORCE RECRUITS FOR HELPING  
US WITH THE NEXT PHASE OF OUR PLAYGROUND RESTORATION PROJECT!**



## YOUTH GROUP

### OCTOBER 6TH

Painting with Janie Lew  
Fellowship Hall 1p.m. - 3p.m.

### OCTOBER 13TH

FELLOWSHIP HALL  
Table at Activities showcase by the  
Montreat Bulletin Boards

### NOVEMBER 3RD

Back Alley Lanes Bowling  
2400 S Ridgewood Ave Suite  
6, South Daytona, FL 32119

### NOVEMBER 17TH

Help Outreach Division with  
Food Drive

# We are hosting Fish 2.0

## REGISTER TODAY!



**November 1-2, 2024**

**Westminster by the Sea Presbyterian  
& El Caribe Resort & Conference Center  
Daytona Beach, FL**

**For More Information  
and to Register Go To:**  
<http://www.cfpresbytery.org/equip.html>



**Keynote Speaker**  
**Rev. CeCe**  
**Armstrong**  
**Co-Moderator**

**FISH 2.0 will also feature 8 workshops offered by outstanding leaders  
from St. Augustine and Central Florida Presbyteries and beyond**

**226th General Assembly PC(USA)**

**The workshop cost is \$55.00 and includes a catered lunch from Aunt Catfish. If you have any questions or trouble registering please contact Ashley Camp at [acamp@wbts.org](mailto:acamp@wbts.org) or call the Church office.**

## FISH WORKSHOPS

**SESSION I: 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

### I-A FAITH AND SINGING SOUND BOWLS

Join us for a transformative and soul-nourishing experience that incorporates Christian reflections, meditations, prayer, and therapeutic sounds of crystal singing bowls. This workshop is designed to utilize simple flowing sequences as well as slower-paced movements along with harmonious vibrations and the healing power of the Holy Spirit to help wash away stress, anxiety, and negativity. Come to refresh the mind, body, heart and spirit!

**Leader:** Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin, Spiritual Wellness Practitioner, Congregational Consultant, and Coach

### I-B CREATING SUCCESSFUL OLDER ADULT PROGRAMS

Participants will learn of successful programming and resources for older adult ministry. There will be time for sharing and brainstorming ideas for empowering thriving older adults in congregations of any size.

**Leader:** William Wildey, Co-Moderator of POAMN (Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network) and Director of Adult Ministry, Palms Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville Beach.

### I-C CONFIRMATION: A JOURNEY WORTH TAKING

Confirmation is a significant milestone in the Christian faith, marking a commitment to Jesus Christ and the Church. It's a time of personal reflection, growth, and deepening of your relationship with God. But did you know it isn't just for youth? During this workshop, we will explore various Confirmation resources and curricula, learn some best practices, and explore just how meaningful this process can and should be no matter the curriculum or size of your group!

**Leader:** Jimmy Steele, Ruling Elder, Palms Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville Beach

### I-D HOW TO RESPOND IN A FAITHFUL WAY DURING TIMES OF ANXIETY

Mental health matters happen to everyday people—even to believers who have a strong faith; hardship is not caused by flawed faith. Seeking healing may be the most powerful act of faith that God calls us to today. Being able to respond to ourselves and others in a faithful way during times of anxiety is possible for us all. This workshop will explore how Jesus calls us to respond to ourselves and others when we are feeling the most broken and wounded.

**Leader:** Lisa Benitez, LMHC, Clinical Director, Presbyterian Counseling Center, Ormond Beach

## FISH WORKSHOPS

**SESSION II: 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

### II-A CHRISTIAN YOGA AND MEDITATION

This is a beginner's level yoga class on the mat but can be modified to do in a chair (chair yoga). We will apply scripture to poses to express faith through our physical practice. We learn deep breathing techniques to relax the mind and body as we move through our practice. The last 15 minutes we'll spend in meditation. We will open and close with prayer.

**Leaders:** Christine Bartell, LMT and Yoga Instructor, Westminster-by-the-Sea Presbyterian Church, Daytona Beach Shores

### II-B FORMING FAITH AROUND THE TABLE

Around the Table is an initiative in the PC(USA) that will engage faith communities and parents and caregivers in innovative practices of sharing stories that grow intergenerational communities to support household faith formation. Come learn more about the opportunity to consider how to pass on the Christian faith from generation to generation.

**Leaders:** Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin, Project Manager, Around the Table PC(USA)

### II-C THE CONNECTIONAL CHURCH: STICKING TOGETHER DURING STRESSFUL TIMES

"Better Together" is more than merely a slogan to be repeated, it is a truth to be embraced. Scripture reminds us that "Two people are better off than one...Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken." Join us as we explore how the application of this spiritual insight can cultivate peace in times of anxiety, calm in the midst of chaos, and unity in the face of difference and division. This workshop will be undergirded by anti-racist principles and will provide space for courageous conversation.

**Leader:** Rev. Erika Rembert Smith, Pastor, Washington Shores Presbyterian Church, Orlando

### II-D PRAYING WITH BUSY HANDS

Sometimes our brain needs help in slowing down. We will explore five "craft" ideas that can help prepare our minds for prayer. Beads, yarn, straws, paint...sounds like FUN!

**Leader:** JoAnne Sharp, Certified Christian Educator and Director of Faith Formation, Hodges Boulevard Presbyterian, Jacksonville