

The Spire

MARCH 2025

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Wednesday March 5th marks the beginning of the season of Lent. This year the Ash Wednesday worship service will be held at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary. This worship service announces the beginning of our Lenten observances and will include scripture reading, sermon, prayer, singing and putting ashes on one's forehead as a sign of repentance. This service is appropriate for the whole family and children are encouraged to participate.

ATTEND A COMMITTEE MEETING

Administration Division

3rd Sunday: 9:45 a.m.
Church Office

Christian Education Division

1st Sunday: 9:45 a.m.
Ashley Camp's office

Congregational Life Division

1st Thursday: 10 a.m.
Community Room

Operations Division

2nd Sunday: 12 p.m.
Library

Outreach Division

2nd Sunday: 9:45 a.m.
Community Room

Worship Division

1st Friday: 10 a.m.
12A

SERMONS

March 2 - Luke 9: 28-43
Defining Moments

March 9: Luke 4: 1-13
Life Lessons - The Power to Say No

March 16: Luke 11: 1-13
Life Lessons - The Power of Prayer

March 23: Matthew 11:28-30
Life Lessons - Yoked

March 30: Luke 13:6-9
Life Lessons - A Fruitless Fig Tree

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Update on Building Repairs

- Kitchen rebuild/Columns replacement: all permits have been cleared; work will be ongoing this week- scaffolding for replacement of columns will be put in place and materials have been ordered; Culver Construction will replicate the capitals of the columns at no extra cost; FEMA is currently in final review for approval; and "Come Worship With Us" sign will be placed at the column construction site

From Rev. Foley

- Seven Strategic Goals for 2025 were reviewed with a discussion about how to be a more welcoming church
- A schedule of services for Holy Week was presented; in order to bring the congregation together, approval was given for one worship service at 10:00 a. m. on Easter Sunday
- Howard Mars and Sandra Stephenson will attend Presbytery meeting on 03/08/25
- sympathy and gratitude for their life and faith was given for the death of Louise Lauthain (12/10/24) and John Tennant (02/16/25)

Administration

- Review of Financial Reports from January 2025 - revenue is above projected, but typical for this time of year with a surplus of \$4,306.19.
- Hurricane financials: FEMA paperwork has been accepted and is being processed. Even with the new federal changes, claims in process will continue. We should see money from our emergency repairs (\$32,211) soon. Both the emergency repair claim and the standard claim look good and should be paid.
- Custodial supplies will fall short of projected budget. We are using more supplies than anticipated.

Christian Education

- Sunday school attendance has been lower in both K-5 and 6-12 grade classes; Jan Toles' adult class continues to flourish
- Application done for membership with the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network (POAMN), which will provide us with additional resources for our programs.
- MomCo group saw great engagement on social media throughout January
- Playground dedication was a great success on 02/16/25 with many thanks to those who were involved in its construction

- Youth Group happenings: A planning meeting was attended for the upcoming Presbyterian Youth Triennium, which will be held at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville; to support the youth group's trip to Montreal, a fundraiser at Red Robin was organized
- Ashley recently attended the APCE conference in Memphis, Tennessee where she participated in the Worship & Sacraments certification course. While at APCE, it was announced that she was officially selected to be part of the Connect Mission Team, where she will contribute to the restructuring of the organization. She also had the opportunity to meet with WOW Grant donors and was featured in the APCE February newsletter.
- Promotion for the Church Officer Leadership Event (COLE) has been distributed; Rev. Foley will be leading a Luncheon & Learn session titled "Best Practices in Stewardship".

Congregational Life

- Approximately eighteen mail/phone contacts were made to those who are homebound
- The church's 70th anniversary celebration will be a catered event on 04/06/25 after the 11:00 service.

Operations

- Looking into adding signage ... especially for location of restrooms and for directionals of parking lots; discussion about need for help with replacement of dead shrubs

Outreach

- At the Division meeting, there was an impressive presentation by Janet Bryant from the Rose Marie Bryan Center. The center serves families in the surrounding community by offering after-school and summer programs. The Division is considering offering financial support.

Worship

- Continue work on finding people to assist with the various components of worship: ushering, liturgy, communion, and getting the sanctuary ready for events; more volunteers are needed to join in these activities
- A giant shout out of THANK YOU! to all who have been doing these various tasks over the years. Pastor Nominating Committee
- From 01/10 thru 02/17, the committee received and reviewed the PDPs of five Call-seekers and conducted three interviews

The PNC requests your continued prayers, patience, and support

WHY I AM EXCITED ABOUT WESTMINSTER BY THE SEA'S FUTURE

Imagine the four columns that stand in front of our beautiful sanctuary as statements of what makes Westminster the kind of Church that I would want to attend.

The first column stands for Westminster's proud tradition of worship that sings joyful songs of praise through majestic anthems, choral concerts and organ preludes that inspire us to sing praise to God. Worship at Westminster honors God as the good news is proclaimed through Word and Sacrament and members respond with their heartfelt prayers of thanksgiving, confession and intercession.

The second column stands for the dedicated team of enthusiastic members who welcome children and families to Vacation Bible School and fun Sunday morning activities. Our members make youth mission trips and summer Montreat Conferences a priority in their schedules. Westminster members rolled up their sleeves and installed a beautiful new children's playground that some adult members could not resist taking a ride on the new swings. Westminster has a great opportunity to reach the many new families that are moving into our area.

The third column stands for Westminster's faith that is resilient despite the storms of life. Westminster was hit hard by Hurricane Milton and sustained over \$200,000 worth of water and wind damage. The Session and a team of members began assessing the repairs that were needed and began working with contractors to get the church building functioning to welcome our congregation and support our ministry.

Westminster members have generously stepped forward providing the financial support needed to complete the repairs. We are confident we will raise the remaining money needed to complete the repairs in time for our 70th Church Anniversary. The fourth column stands for the joyful spirit that Westminster members are showing as they remember that "Invitations are Doorways" and they invite friends and neighbors to join them for Sunday worship or a Concert. The number one reason that most people give when they join a church is that a friend "invited" them. Westminster members are proud of their church and are glad to share this treasure with others who are seeking a place to worship and serve Jesus Christ.

The four columns support a sheltering roof which reminds us of our mission to the least of these whom Jesus has called us to show mercy to and love. We provide that sheltering mercy through the Presbyterian Counseling Center, Mission Co-Workers in Guatemala and Niger, Hope Place, Port Orange Food Pantry, Fine Sober Living Program, and Halifax Urban Ministry.

I hope you are as excited and proud of Westminster as I am.

Pastor Mike

UPCOMING EVENTS

RECURRING EVENTS

MAH JONGG

Wednesdays - 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Last meeting on Dec. 11.

Returns January 8

Community Room - Room 9

All levels welcome!

GAME TIME

Thursdays - 12:15 p.m.

Community Room - Room 9

Board games & card games!

YOGA

Thursdays - 1 p.m.

\$10/session

Teacher: Christine Bartell

Yoga & Chair Yoga at the same time!

All levels of experience welcome!

BOOK CLUB

November Book: Last Twilight in Paris

by Pam Jenoff

Next Meeting: March 31 at 3:30

Contact: Kristin Downer -

386-235-0574

ONE-TIME EVENTS

ART SERIES: OPEN RESIN JEWELRY

MARCH 10 AT 11 A.M.

3 PIECES FOR \$30

TEACHER: JANIE LEW

Join us to make beautiful jewelry in this teacher led class. Lots of molds to choose from! Make any 3 pieces you choose (earrings, key chains, necklaces)



WESTMINSTER CONCERT SERIES:

Stetson University Concert Choir & Bethune

Cookman Concert Chorale

Friday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Free for the community!

A free will offering will be collected at the end. All donations go towards the continuation of our concert series.

READER'S THEATER PRODUCTION:

Complaint Department and Lemonade

Sunday, March 30 at 3:00 p.m.

FREE for the community!

Come check out the WBTS Players as they put on another Reader's Theater production. This show will have you laughing as the complainers become the complained to!

GROUPS

Men's Breakfast

Returning: TBD

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

10a.m. - 12 p.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.

AI-Anon: Thursdays at 12 p.m.

OA: Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

APRIL 13, 2025, 8:45 AND 11 A.M. - SANCTUARY

PALM SUNDAY EVENSONG

WBTS CHANCEL CHOIR

APRIL 13, 2025 AT 5 P.M. - SANCTUARY

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

APRIL 17, 2025: 6:15 P.M. - 7:15 P.M. - SANCTUARY

&

SOUP AND BREAD SUPPER: 5 P.M. - 6 P.M. - THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

"AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS"

APRIL 18, 2025 AT 12-NOON - SANCTUARY

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025: 10 A.M. - SANCTUARY

&

EASTER SUNDAY DESSERT CELEBRATION

FOLLOWING EASTER SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



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

YOUTH



Thank you to everyone who ordered from Red Robin to support our fundraiser for the Youths upcoming trip to the Montreat Youth Conference! We're sure it was **YUMMMMM!**

Please see the flyer on page 6 if you know a High School student who would be interested in this incredible opportunity to attend the 2025 Presbyterian Youth Triennium in Louisville KY



CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK
AND INSTAGRAM POSTS!



Our playground renovation is finished, and it has already brought so much happiness to the children who were able to join us yesterday! This project was made possible by the generosity of our Men of Westminster, dedicated church members, and hardworking volunteers including an incredible team from the U.S. Air Force who lent a helping hand.

This space is more than just a playground it's a place where friendships will grow and be celebrated, and children will feel safe and welcome. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed!

Come check it out!

#wbtschurch#PlaygroundJoy
#CommunityInAction #GrowingTogether
#FaithAndFun
#dbairforce



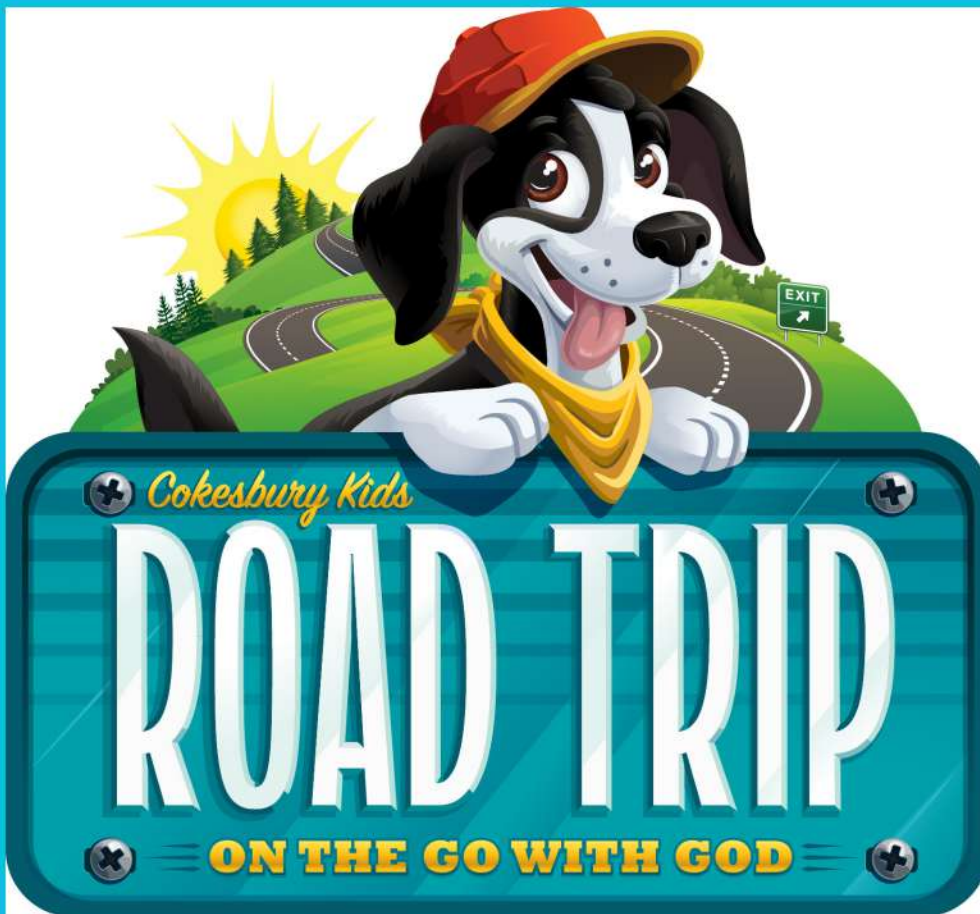
Westminster By the Sea

Presbyterian Church

Vacation Bible School

June 23rd-27th

9am to Noon



3221 S. Peninsula Drive Daytona Beach, FL 32118

**You can register using the QR code or go to <https://wbts.org> or
call 386-767-8342**



Announcing the... Presbyterian Youth Triennium

In July 2025, the Presbyterian Church (USA) will welcome thousands of its high school age youth and their adult youth workers to Louisville, Kentucky for four days of worship, recreation, bible study, outreach, and faith formation all around the theme.

Most programming and meals will be held at the Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC) with all participants housed at nearby Triennium hotels.

Sign-Up using the QR code below if you are interested in attending this exciting event with a Delegation from Tampa Bay and Central Florida.

Cost breakdown:

The total cost is shared equally: the participant, the Presbytery, and (hopefully your church) can each contribute about 1/3 towards registration, transportation, and hotel lodging. Scholarship funds are available to help participants or churches with financial needs.

Contact Carole Pate for more information 407-898-6571

Deadline to apply May 9th 2025



SCAN HERE!