

# The Spire

JUNE 2025

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Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" - Isaiah 6:8



It is with great jubilation that the Pastor Nominating Committee unanimously recommends to be the next installed pastor of Westminster By The Sea Presbyterian Church - Rev. John Joseph. Rev Joseph has over 16 years of excellence in worship and church leadership. He has served several churches in Southern California and South Carolina.

Love for all God's people, strong and vibrant faith and the energy to do God's work along with their congregation are some of the attributes Rev. Joseph will bring to us. Rev. Joseph has stated, "that ministry is the purpose God planted in his heart. There is no greater joy than leading God's people to see the good news of the Gospel, to experience and know God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ."

Nearly 2 years ago we began our journey to find the person that God was calling to lead this church. Back in the fall of 2023 you participated in the Mission Study, which identified our strengths, goals and dreams for Westminster. This Mission Study report was used to form our Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP/Church Resume). This document was posted on the PC USA data base for pastors seeking a church and churches seeking a pastor to apply for consideration.

We reviewed over 130 Pastor Discernment Profile (PDP/Pastor Resumes) watched lots of sermons online, had zoom interviews, and in person visits to Westminster. We continued to pray and walk in faith that God and the Holy Spirit would bring us together. You continued to pray for us as we discerned what God wanted.

God opened and closed doors. Each time we sharpened our focus for what Westminster By The Sea needed in a pastor. Then one Tuesday evening we met Rev. John Joseph via Zoom. We talked for over an hour and we left knowing that we wanted to continue our conversations. Three zoom calls later, and a weekend, the PNC knew that this was God's choice for Westminster. Rev. John Joseph's authenticity, humor and love for his family inspired us to lean into God's plan and purpose for our church. Rev. Joseph's love for God, helping all people, and growing the church has excited the PNC about our next chapter under his leadership.

When Rev. Joseph, his wife Kimberlee, and their sons, Isaac, Andrew and Daniel visited Westminster we knew that God has answered our prayers.

Today it is with great joy and excitement that your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) presents Rev. John Joseph as our candidate to be the next Pastor of Westminster By The Sea Presbyterian Church.

With gratitude and thanks,  
Westminster By The Sea Pastor  
Nominating Committee

## SERMONS

June 1 - John 17:20-26  
A Prayer for Unity

June 8 - Ezekiel 37/John 20:19-22  
Receive the Holy Spirit

June 15  
Insiders and Outsiders  
Rev. Paige McRight preaching

June 22 - Luke 7: 11-17  
Compassion

June 29 - Luke 7: 36-50  
Forgiven

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session approved the Pastor Nominating Committee's recommendation to call a congregational meeting for Sunday, June 1, 2025 immediately following the worship service, so that the congregation may hear and act upon the final report from the Pastor Nominating Committee of Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church.

Good News Reports: We have a candidate!; FEMA money is on its way; money for the large projects is in process; Ashley is very close to receiving her DCE endorsement! Thankful for the CPR training provided by Ken Moorhouse

Administration: Millie's restaurant has agreed to give \$1500/year to WBTS for the use of the overflow parking lot  
Christian Education; The Youth Bake Sale raised \$1,507; VBS planning is underway with a prayer challenge to serve 60 children

Congregational Life: cards were sent out to many of our homebound members

Operations: Discussion focus on landscaping ideas/ implementations; reported that columns should be installed by end of month

Outreach: Discussion focus on ideas for mission giving; donations to Rose Marie Bryant Center have been started

Worship: Discussion focused on development of a brochure that would present worship opportunities for service: usher and greet new people; be liturgists; help prepare communion; care of and change out the paraments; and decorate the sanctuary for all seasons of the church year



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### RECURRING EVENTS

#### MAH JONGG

Returns in September

#### GAME TIME

Thursdays - 12:15 p.m.  
Community Room - Room 9  
Board games & card games!

#### YOGA

Returns in September

#### BOOK CLUB

June Book:  
Next Meeting: April 28 at 3:30  
Contact: Kristin Downer -  
386-235-0574

### STAY CONNECTED

#### FOLLOW US:

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SEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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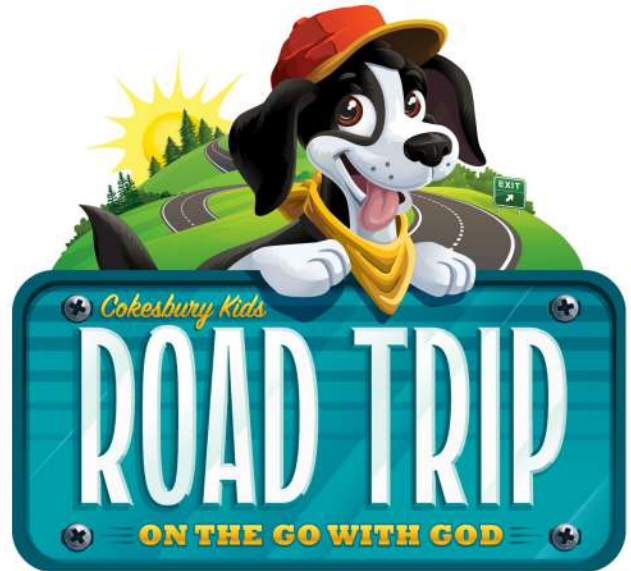
SUBSCRIBE TO OUR EMAILS BY  
SENDING A REQUEST TO:  
WBTSCHURCH@GMAIL.COM

### ONE-TIME EVENTS

#### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, July 27 at 11 am

Following the 10 a.m. service  
Come join us for our annual ice  
cream social! Free for all!  
Includes: Hot Dogs, Chips, and  
Ice Cream w/ all the toppings!



### Vacation Bible School June 23-27

**REGISTER NOW!**  
Go to [wbts.org](http://wbts.org)

## GROUPS

#### Men's Breakfast Returning in the Fall

**Caregivers Support Group**  
Sundays 8:45 am - 9:45 am  
Library



**MomCo**  
Resumes in August  
1st Friday of the month  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
See our MomCo website for special  
gatherings over the summer  
months

### SUPPORT GROUPS

**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 the 10 a.m. service.  
Rooms 5 & 6

# Hello Summer

**Youth and Adult Sunday School classes are off for the summer months. We will resume in August. Have a safe, relaxing and fun break!**

On Mother's Day we had the joy of recognizing all those who attended Sunday School this year along with all the teachers and leaders who gave their time and talents for the many ministries we offer here at WBTS. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

**DON'T  
MISS OUT!**

Vacation Bible School  
Register before spots fill up!  
See the flyer on the next page.



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



We had the joy of dropping off a collection of snacks for the staff lounge at RJ Longstreet Elementary in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week!

Our church family at Westminster By the Sea is so grateful for the dedication, heart, and hard work of every teacher and staff member who pours into the lives of their students every single day. These treats are just a small token of our appreciation for the big impact you make!

Thank you for all you do today and every day!

[#TeacherAppreciationWeek](#) [#ThankYouTeachers](#)  
[#Wbtschurch](#) [#CommunitySupport](#) [#rjlcarnivals](#)



### UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS



Our Youth are looking forward to their trip to Montreat, NC July 5<sup>th</sup> through the 12th! You will hear more about it in the August edition of the Spire.

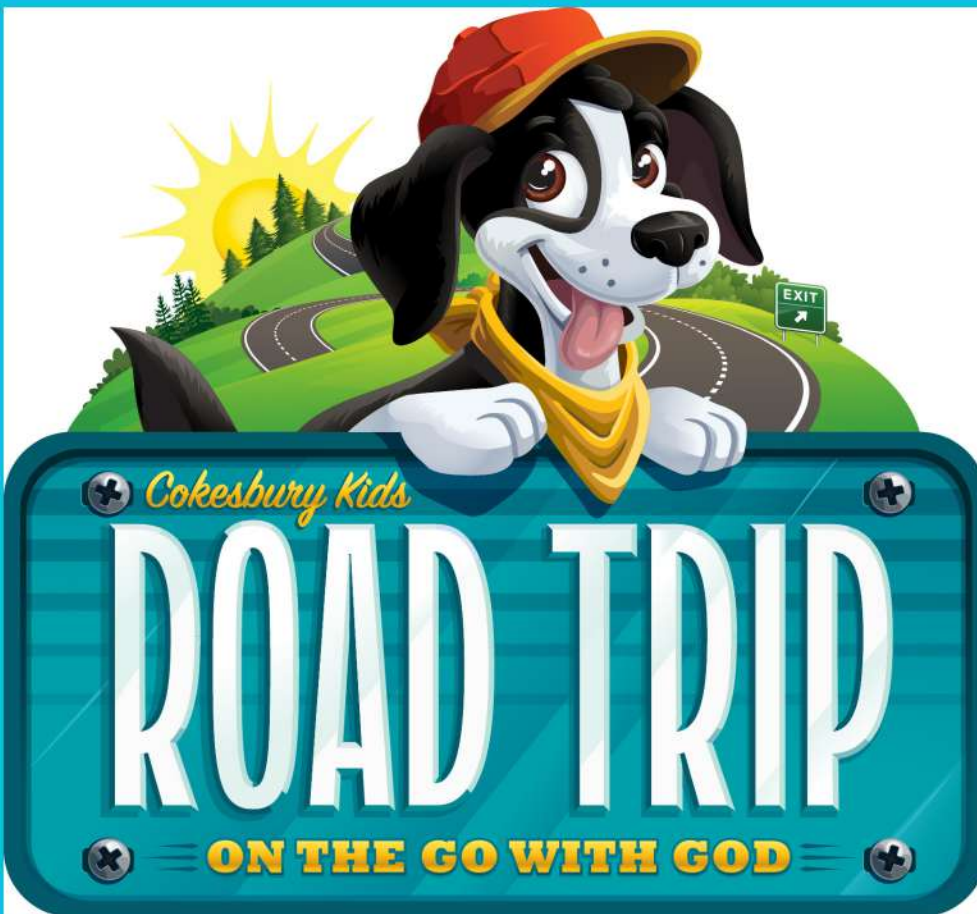


We have one youth, Lauren Camp, who was selected to be a participant in the 2025 Presbyterian Youth Triennium. She is a part of the Central Florida delegation.  
Congratulations to you!



# **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**