

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

ADULT BIRTHDAYS

- 1/12 Olivia Stodel
- 1/13 Christina Borgioli
- 1/14 Tom Zhou
- 1/15 Robert Daly
- 1/16 Pamela Lazor
- Beth Owen

CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

- 1/16 Simon Gallant (3)



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- + Sally Evans who fell and broke her hip and is in a rehabilitation center.
- + Rita Ries, who is now home from the hospital and celebrates her 90th birthday today.
- + Pastor Mark Jones as he continues to heal from his lumbar laminectomy a month ago. He is focusing on his recovery now, but looks forward to returning to work when the time is right.

Our prayers continue for those of our faith family in need of God’s healing touch:

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| Rubina Andonian | Eva Hrachovec | Rita Ries |
| Polly Berger | Ian Hrachovec | Linda S. Spitser |
| Susan Chapman | Nancy Immel | Kuki Sullam |
| Aiden Cohen Davis | Mark S. Jones Sr. | Amy Tan |
| Christopher Davis | Nina Louie | Ron Tranquilla |
| Earl Ellis | Queen Esther Rankins | Wes Truitt |



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **Christ Church Uniting in Kailua**. We pray for these congregations as others pray for us when the flame is here. The **Flame of Unity** is a symbol of our shared mission and service in Christ, appearing each week at one of the congregations of the Presbytery of the Pacific.

COMING UP

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| Sun. Jan. 11 | WPC Worship Service— Baptism of the Lord | 10:00am |
| Sun. Jan. 18 | WPC Worship Service— 2nd Sunday after Epiphany | 10:00am |
| | Pizza on the Playground Salvation Army Clothing Drive | 11:00am |
| Wed. Jan. 21 | Women Reading | 7:30pm |
| Thurs. Jan. 22 | Homeless Count | 9:30pm |
| Sun. Jan. 25 | WPC Worship Service— 3rd Sunday after Epiphany | 10:00am |
| Wed. Jan. 28 | Immigration Series Begins | 7:00pm |
| Sun. Feb. 1 | WPC Worship Service— 4th Sunday after Epiphany | 10:00am |

WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

MINISTERS
All the People

PASTORAL

Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian, Pastor
Rev. Mark S. Jones Sr., Pastor of Mission, Outreach, and Pastoral Care
Rev. Paula Mann, Executive Associate Pastor

PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

Anne Cioffi, Coordinator of Membership Ministries
Marin Miller, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Jake Putich, Director of Faith Formation & Creation Care
Dan Redfeld, Director of Music
Michelle Whelan, Interim Student Ministries Director

MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT

Sarah Davis, Director of Operations
Farrah Mikail, Financial Manager
Linda Martinez, Administrative Assistant & Contributions Coordinator
Javier Torres, Maintenance
Lourdes Torres and Joshua Torres, Custodial

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Abi Abanto, Aidan Hall, JJ Hickey, Emily Leaver, Nick Pelayo, AV Tech
JA’Michael Davis-Hoag, Sunday Receptionist
Laurel Sanders, Organist
Paul Workman, Sound & Lighting Engineer

SECTION LEADERS

Elias Berezin and Emerson Boatwright, tenors
Christina Borgioli and Devon Davidson, sopranos
Emily Kerrigan, alto
Matthew Lewis, bass

PRESCHOOL

Tajmaya “Taj” Anders, Preschool Curriculum Specialist
Priscilla Glaza, Preschool Office Assistant
Brianne Naiman, Preschool Director
Heidi Rudd, Preschool Office Manager



NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

BAPTISM OF THE LORD —*TODAY!*

Today, the Christian calendar celebrates the Baptism of our Lord. But it is more than Jesus’ baptism in the River Jordan that we celebrate! As the New Year unfolds, we also take this opportunity to recommit our own lives to following him. Whether or not you have been baptized, we hope you will find this service an encouraging way to refresh your faith and renew your intentions for the year ahead.



WELCOME BACK DR. JEANNIE COBB!



Our Music Director, Dan Redfeld, is in London for three weeks this month. **Starting today**, we welcome back Dr. Jeannie Cobb as our guest Choir Director. Jeanne served as a Minister of Music & Worship at St Peter’s by the Sea Presbyterian Church in Rancho Palos Verdes (1995-2012) and Director of Music at St Francis Episcopal Church in Palos Verdes Estates (2012-2020). She led multiple choirs in worship as well as concert performances of major works. Jeannie currently lives at Monte Vista Grove Homes in Pasadena and sings at All Saints Episcopal Church. Welcome Jeannie!

SALVATION ARMY CLOTHING DRIVE
—NEXT SUNDAY!



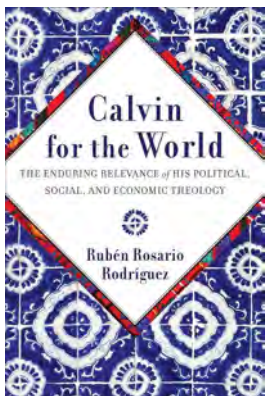
Next Sunday, donate your gently used clothes and household items (infant/toddler clothes and toys included) for a Salvation Army Pick-up at the church. The Salvation Army will also accept books, accessories, purses, small electronics, housewares, and small furniture! Bring all items that you wish to donate, and a Salvation Army truck will accept them **in the front parking lot from 11:00am - 3:00pm**. All donations must be brought to the church on January 18. (There is no room to store items for early drop offs.) Spread the word and start collecting your items now! Recycle and Reuse to care for God's good earth.

PIZZA ON THE PLAYGROUND
—NEXT SUNDAY!



Children and youth, grab your parents and **join us next Sunday on the playground at 11am**, immediately following Sunday School, for some fun, some fellowship, and some delicious pizza! On the way to the playground, you can swing by the Salvation Army truck and drop off those gently-used clothes you've outgrown. We can't wait to see you there!

FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT'S NEW WINTER STUDY
— CALVIN FOR THE WORLD



Starting next Sunday, Faith, Search, & Support will embark on a new 10-week study of Rubén Rosario Rodríguez's *Calvin for the World*. Many of us know John Calvin only through caricature – either as a hero or a villain. Rodríguez offers something far more interesting: a thoughtful and accessible retrieval of Calvin's theology that asks what it might mean for the church to practice faith in public, to love neighbors concretely, and to seek the common good in a complex world.

Join us Sundays after worship at 11:30am, either in person or on Zoom! **Books are available for purchase on the Side Porch for \$15**. Whether you're a longtime Calvin-curious Presbyterian or simply hungry for thoughtful, grounded conversation, you're warmly invited!

CHRISTMAS TURKEY DINNERS



This Christmas, WPC provided turkey dinners to 700 underserved families in L.A.! Thanks to everyone who donated and volunteered. If you are still able to help, we welcome your additional contribution. Each family-sized meal costs \$38, and we just need the final **\$4,000** to reach our goal of **\$26,600** towards this amazing cause. You can still contribute through the month of January by making your donation **online by scanning the QR code and selecting "Christmas Turkey Dinners"** or by writing a check to Westwood Presbyterian Church with "Christmas Turkey Dinners" in the memo line.

WOMEN READING —WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21



Women Reading invites you to join us on Zoom **on Wednesday, January 21 at 7:30pm** to discuss the book *The Last Fire Season: A Personal and Pyronatural History* by Manjula Martin. Both a love letter to the forests of the West and an interrogation of the colonialist practices that led to their current dilemma, *The Last Fire Season*, follows Manjula as she seeks shelter, bears witness to the devastation, and tries to better understand fire's role in the ecology of the West.

Newcomers are always welcome—contact the church at office@westwoodpres.org if you would like to receive the Zoom link to join our thoughtful community of women readers!

WHY IS PER CAPITA IMPORTANT?



One of the blessings of being Presbyterian is being connected with other churches: through worship services, youth gatherings, and mission priorities - including fire relief, immigration issues, and earth care. We also support our denomination's important work that equips congregations across the country. To keep the Presbyterian Church (USA) faithful and healthy, this year each church is contributing \$56 per member on the active roll. To support our efforts, we ask that each member please give **\$56** towards 2026 **Per Capita** to help offset the total out of our own tight church budget. Scan our QR code below and select Per Capita to give today.

Donate to WPC today



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HOMELESS COUNT —THURSDAY, JANUARY 22



On Thursday, January 22 from **9:30pm-1:30am**, thousands of volunteers will take to the streets to count our unhoused neighbors for the 2026 Los Angeles Homeless Count. This year, WPC will once again serve as a deployment site for all volunteers in the Westwood area.

We encourage our faith community to take part in this vitally important event. The data that is collected by volunteers will help direct funding and resources to alleviate the needs of our unhoused neighbors in the year ahead. You can volunteer as an individual or as a group online at westwoodpres.org.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IMMIGRATION SERIES



On Wednesday, January 28, WPC will launch a four-session series, "Let's Talk About Immigration." Sponsored by the Mission & Outreach and Adult Education Committees, this timely conversation invites us to engage thoughtfully with an issue that elicits strong, diverse convictions.

We will gather **in-person and on Zoom Wednesdays at 7pm on January 28, February 4, 11, and 25**; we will pause on February 18 to honor Ash Wednesday. Each meeting will include prayer, reflection, and discussion facilitated by Pastor Chris and Jake Putich. We'll use the *Doing Justice* online curriculum from Fuller Seminary's Brehm Preaching, a Lloyd John Ogilvie initiative. The program reviews key concepts and history around immigration and then presents four different Christian responses. As we grow to understand why some hold differing positions, we hope this series will be more honest and go deeper than many of us have experienced. We also hope we develop a renewed, clarified passion that reflects God's heart for justice and mercy around this complex topic.

Preparation includes readings, online videos, and reflection questions. **The cost is \$10 per person; scholarships are available.** Sign up on the Side Porch or online at westwoodpres.org.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you pledged for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, your complimentary 2026 offering envelopes (alphabetized by last name) are available in the narthex this month. Please pick up the envelope box with your name on the top after worship this month. Please contact Linda Martinez at lmartinez@westwoodpres.org if you have questions.