

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

11/17 Katie Mahler
11/18 James Lawson
11/19 Eric Flenner
11/22 Anne Cioffi
Jeff Rakness



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- † Pastor Mark Jones whose anticipated surgery is scheduled for December 11. Pastor Mark was given a Lumbar Epidural last week for potential pain relief management.
- † Jim Spitsner as he continues to recover at home, and for Linda as well, for strength and health.

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

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

FAITH CONVERSATION VIDEO RECORDINGS



If you missed the Faith Conversation with Rev. Shelvis Smith-Mather last Sunday, stay tuned, the recording will be available to view on our YouTube channel soon!

Please go to [youtube.com/](https://www.youtube.com/)

[@WestwoodPresbyterianChurch](https://www.youtube.com/@WestwoodPresbyterianChurch) and look for the Faith Conversations playlist to view any of our videos!

COMING UP

Sun. Nov. 16	WPC Worship Service— Deacon Sunday New Member Info Seminar Pt. 2	10:00am 11:00am
Wed. Nov. 19	Women Reading	7:30pm
Sun. Nov. 23	WPC Worship Service— Thankfulness Sunday Choir Retreat	10:00am 12:00pm
Thurs. Nov. 27	Thanksgiving—Church Office Closed	
Fri. Nov. 28	Church Office Closed	
Sun. Nov. 30	WPC Worship Service— 1st Sunday of Advent	10:00am
Thurs. Dec. 4	Ember	7:00pm
Fri. Dec. 5	Messiah Sing-a-Long	7:00pm



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **New Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles**. 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.

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

WORSHIP

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

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



NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

DEACON SUNDAY

Today is Deacon Sunday at WPC - Deacons will be hosting in the service and the fellowship hour. You can spot Deacons wearing boutonnieres. In our denomination, “The office of Deacon is one of compassion and service after the example of Jesus Christ.”

Here at WPC our Deacons are committed to delivering flowers, cards, and visits to those dealing with a loss, a surgery recovery, or simply to cheer. Deacons prepare communion in church each month and deliver home communion quarterly to our home bound members. Deacons lovingly decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias or lilies during the holidays. If you feel a call to serve and have a more meaningful relationship with our members in the service of Christ, let us know and ask questions. It is very likely that you will receive more than you give. Please say “hello” to a Deacon and find out more!



NEW MEMBER INFO SEMINAR — TODAY!



If you are a visitor, we encourage you to attend these two seminars! These sessions over lunch help you get to know WPC (including our Presbyterian tradition), ask questions, and find ways to get involved. Though both sessions are required for those interested in official membership, they are open to ALL!

Join us today for part 2 of the seminar at 11:30am in the Downstairs Lounge. Those wishing to join will be received into membership during worship Sunday, November 23. For more information, contact Anne Cioffi at acioffi@westwoodpres.org, or reach out to any of our pastors. All are welcome!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS



Rehearsals for our Children's Christmas Pageant, "The Friendly Beasts," meet Sundays after worship, 11:30am-12:30pm in Rooms 1 & 2. We will also use time in Sunday School to rehearse each week. All children are welcome! If you would like to join the cast or if you have any questions, reach out to Marin Miller at mmiller@westwoodpres.org.

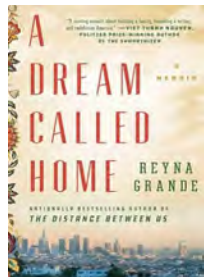
THANKFULNESS SUNDAY — NOVEMBER 23



Every year we celebrate Thanksgiving - but WPC celebrates in a special way! It was in November 1947 that our church was founded and every year we gather to give thanks.

Join your family of faith next Sunday, November 23 for worship, followed by finger-food and festivities in Hoffman Hall. This year we'll be treated to a special premier screening of our Sunday's School claymation short film: *A Friend for Zaccheus*. Thank you, children, for this offering! Be thinking about something for which YOU are personally thankful this season!

WOMEN READING — THIS WEDNESDAY!



Women Reading invites you to join us on Zoom this Wednesday at 7:30pm to discuss the book *A Dream Called Home* by Reyna Grande. This 2018 memoir begins when the author arrives at UC Santa Cruz after crossing the border from Mexico when she was 9 years old. Growing up in Los Angeles, she shares her journey to try to find her own identity and pursue her dream of becoming a writer.

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!

MESSIAH SING-A-LONG—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5



Join us on Friday, December 5, at 7:00pm as Music at Westwood presents the "Messiah Sing-A-Long", under the baton of Music Director, Dan Redfeld. Featuring WPC's Chancel Choir Section Leaders singing on the arias and our WPC Chamber Orchestra, the audience will sing along on many of the well-known choruses from Handel's masterful oratorio led by the WPC Chancel Choir. This is the perfect way to kick off the Advent season, get into the holiday spirit, and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus! Tickets-\$25 for adults and \$10 for students are available today in Hoffman Hall following worship and on Eventbrite. Scholarships are available.

CHRISTMAS TURKEY DINNER BOX EVENT —FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 & 13



For over 30 years, WPC has provided Christmas turkey dinners to underserved families in the L.A. community. We will continue to partner with local churches (Community United, Wilshire, and Westminster Presbyterian Churches), two nonprofits (PATH and St. Joseph Center), and Esperanza Elementary School. Here are ways you can volunteer and contribute to this joy-filled Advent activity of providing complete Christmas dinner to 700 families.

Assemble Dinner Boxes

To prepare for packing, volunteers are needed to assemble, tape, and stack 600 boxes. Join this energized, fun, and rewarding activity on Friday, December 12, 6:30-8:00pm in Hoffman Hall. Pizza will be included! Please sign up online at westwoodpres.org.

Pack Dinner Boxes

We will pack 600 dinners in Hoffman Hall on Saturday, December 13, 8:30am-12:00pm. Please sign up online at westwoodpres.org. All ages are welcome!

Donate to Provide Christmas Dinners for Families

Our goal this year of \$26,600 will give 700 families a delicious turkey Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Each family-sized meal costs \$38.00. We will begin collection donations next Sunday, November 23, on the Side Porch. You can also scan the QR code and select Christmas Turkey Dinners or write a check to Westwood Presbyterian Church with Christmas Turkey Dinners in the memo line. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Donate to WPC today

offering baskets in the narthex

10822 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90024

online at
westwoodpres.org

Scan our QR code

CHOIR RETREAT— NEXT SUNDAY!



Interested in joining our Chancel Choir? Be part of our retreat next Sunday, November 23, at 12:00pm in the Choir Room, focusing on the Oratorio de Noël (Cantata Sunday) and the Messiah Sing-A-Long. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Music Director Dan Redfeld to sign up or if you have questions; dredfeld@westwoodpres.org.

YOUTH THANKSGIVING PERFORMANCE!



Youth and young adults are invited to take part in the Thankfulness Sunday worship service next Sunday. All experience levels are welcome — come be part of leading worship together! The last rehearsal will be held after worship in the Choir Room today.

SPONSOR THE CHANCEL FLOWERS



The chancel flowers depend on your participation. A donation of \$75 covers the cost of the flowers and a chance to remember a loved one with a dedication in the bulletin.

The WPC Deacons deliver the flowers to WPC members and friends after worship each week. You may give in worship on Sundays, by mail, or scan our QR code and select the field Chancel Flowers.

Please support this wonderful ministry of encouragement and comfort and schedule your desired 2025 sponsorship date in Hoffman Hall after worship today!

SPONSOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



The refreshments on the side porch after worship depend on your participation. Members and friends are invited to host the fellowship hour. You may shop for refreshments, bake something, or ask the church to do the shopping for you!

If you would like the church to shop for you, you may give in worship on Sundays, by mail, or scan our QR code and select the field Coffee Fellowship (\$100 per family or team of sponsors).

Please support this wonderful ministry of fellowship and schedule your desired 2025 sponsorship date in Hoffman Hall after worship today!

PLEASE RECYCLE —A MESSAGE FROM MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE



PLEASE RECYCLE- WPC needs paper or plastic bags to support churches that provide weekly food distribution. Please deposit them in the marked receptacle located by the Visitor's Table on the Side Porch. THANK YOU!