

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

- 11/3 Janet Bishop  
Rustam Branaman
- 11/4 Ellie Germain  
John Lazor
- 11/5 Lee Thornburg
- 11/6 Jim Spitser
- 11/7 Eli Labinger  
John Langfitt
- 11/9 Charles Harder  
Claudia Carver Samuels



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—  
+ Jim Spitser who is hospitalized once again.

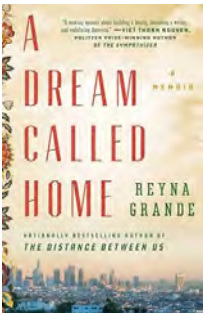
Our prayers continue for those of our faith family  
in need of God’s healing touch:

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| Rubina Andonian   | Ian Hrachovec        | Linda S. Spitser |
| 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 Spitser          |                  |



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood**. 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.

WOMEN READING —WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19



Women Reading invites you to join us on Zoom on **Wednesday, November 19 at 7:30pm** to discuss the book *A Dream of 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](mailto:office@westwoodpres.org) if you would like to receive the Zoom link to join our thoughtful community of women readers!

COMING UP

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|--------------|---------------------------------------------|---------|
| Sun. Nov. 2  | WPC Worship Service—<br>All Saints Sunday   | 10:00am |
|              | New Member Info Seminar Pt. 1               | 11:00am |
|              | Children Christmas Pageant Rehearsals Begin |         |
|              | Westside Food Bank Hunger Walk              | 2:00pm  |
| Sat. Nov. 8  | Spiritual Retreat at UCLA                   | 9:30am  |
| Sun. Nov. 9  | WPC Worship Service—<br>Mission Sunday      | 10:00am |
|              | Faith Conversation                          | 11:20am |
|              | Choir Retreat                               | 12:00pm |
| Sat. Nov. 15 | Esperanza Fall Playground Morning           | 8:30am  |

PLEASE RECYCLE —A MESSAGE FROM  
MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE



PLEASE RECYCLE- don't throw those bags away! WPC needs paper or plastic bags for weekly food distribution. Please deposit them in the marked receptacle located by the Visitor's Table on the side porch. THANK YOU!

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

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Marin Miller, Director of Children & Family Ministries  
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Michelle Whelan, Interim Student Ministries Director

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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, Pre-school Curriculum Specialist  
Heidi Rudd, Preschool Office Manager



NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY —*TODAY!*



Today in worship, we will celebrate the lives of those who have died and entered into their eternal fellowship with God. Before the closing hymn, “For All the Saints,” we will remember members of our WPC family who died in this last year. We will offer a prayer of thanksgiving, and for all the saints who have blessed us with their presence, and encourage us still.

If you have lost a loved one this year, we invite you to come forward during the memorial time.

NEW MEMBER INFO SEMINAR  
— *TODAY & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16*



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 & Sunday, November 16, at 11:30am in Hoffman Hall. Those wishing to join will be received into membership during worship Sunday, November 23. Sign up today on the Side Porch or online at [westwoodpres.org/updates](http://westwoodpres.org/updates). For more information, contact Anne Cioffi at [acioffi@westwoodpres.org](mailto: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," **begin today after worship, 11:30am-12:30pm in the Sanctuary.** 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](mailto:mmiller@westwoodpres.org).

## YOUTH THANKSGIVING PERFORMANCE!



Youth and young adults are invited to take part in the Thankfulness Sunday worship service **on November 23.** All experience levels are welcome — come be part of leading worship together! **Rehearsals will be held after worship in the Choir Room today and on Sunday, November 16.**

## MESSIAH SING-A-LONG—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5



Join us on Friday, December 5, at 7:00pm, Music at Westwood's "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 on the Side Porch following worship and on Eventbrite.** Scholarships are available.

## SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT UCLA BOTANICAL GARDENS —THIS SATURDAY!



You are warmly invited to join us for a morning of renewal and reflection at our Fall Spiritual Retreat, **this Saturday, November 8, at the UCLA Botanical Garden, 9:30am-12:30pm,** sponsored by the Spiritual Formation Committee and facilitated by our own Becky Crane-Okada.

Set amid the peaceful beauty of the UCLA Botanical Garden, this retreat will offer time to learn, reflect, discuss, and meditate on our shared call to build hope in our lives and in our world. **Carpools will be available from the church parking lot, and the cost is only \$10 per person to attend.** Sign-up on the Side Porch or online at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org).

## WPC MONTHLY HUNGER APPEAL —TODAY



Every first Sunday of the month, when we celebrate the Lord's Supper, our Hunger Offering helps those who are food insecure. Two mission partners benefit from your generosity: Westside Food Bank and Wilshire Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. **We encourage you to contribute online or on the Side Porch following worship today.**

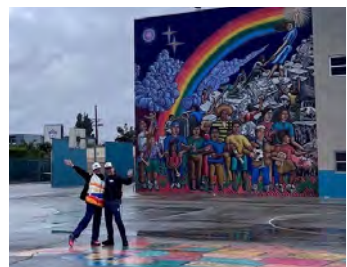
**Donate online** by scanning the QR code below and **select Hunger** (for Westside Food Bank) or **Food Pantry** (for Wilshire PC Food Pantry). You can also write a check to Westwood Presbyterian Church (by mail or in the offering plate) with Hunger Offering or Food Pantry on the memo line.

## WESTSIDE FOOD BANK HUNGER WALK—TODAY!



Westside Food Bank's (WSFB) 35th annual Hunger Walk is **today from 2:00pm-5:00pm** to raise awareness and funds toward fighting food insecurity on the Westside. Support WSFB in making a difference in our community. Register to join WPC's team in the walk or make a donation to help them meet their \$150k goal. **You can register on the Side Porch** or online at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org) under team name **Westwood Presbyterian Church.**

## WPC ESPERANZA FALL PLAYGROUND MORNING —SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15



The Mission & Outreach Committee invites the congregation to join us for our Fall Playground morning at Esperanza Elementary School **on Saturday, November 15, 8:30am-11:30am at 680 Little St, Los Angeles, CA 90017.** We'll participate in fun activities with students and their families. There are many ways to be involved: games, arts and crafts, snacks, and lots of pizza! No skills required. We'd love to have you there! Sign up online at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org). We need all participants' names **by Wednesday, November 13.**

## CHOIR RETREAT—SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 9 & 23



Interested in joining our Chancel Choir? Be part of our retreats **on Sundays, November 9 & 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](mailto:dredfeld@westwoodpres.org).

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## MISSION SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 9



Join us next Sunday in worship, as we focus on the hope of our mission: to fulfill our calling as partners with Christ. Our commitments include caring for the hungry and unhoused, children and youth in need, international partners, and the earth. We are committed to being a Matthew

25 church and we are certified as an earth-care congregation.

During worship we will be blessed by testimony from Katie Tell from PATH, and a recorded message from our own Rev. Mark S. Jones, Sr., Pastor for Mission & Outreach and Pastoral Care.

## FAITH CONVERSATION —NOVEMBER 9



Following worship next Sunday, our Mission & Outreach and Adult Education Committees present a powerful Faith Conversation with Rev. Shelvis Smith-Mather in the Sanctuary. Rev. Shelvis and his wife, Rev. Nancy, have spent nearly two decades serving in one of East Africa's most challenging contexts.

Through stories of resilience from South Sudan, learn how faith communities are transforming trauma into healing and conflict into peace—even amid civil war and the world's fastest-growing refugee crisis. Hear how WPC's faithful partnership has empowered survivors to become peacemakers, and discover how the church continues to serve as a sanctuary of hope. Come be inspired and gain new insight on how to remain faithful amid national division and turmoil.

## DEACON SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 16



**Sunday, November 16 at WPC is Deacon Sunday** - an opportunity to get to know your Deacons and celebrate their ministry! In our denomination, "The office of Deacon is one of compassion and service after the example of Jesus Christ. The Board of Deacons ministers to those who are in need, to the sick, the friendless, and to any who may be in distress within our community of faith."

Our Deacons - with boutonnieres - will be greeting at the door, reading Scripture, hosting fellowship, and visiting on the side porch. They look forward to getting to know you better – and for you to know them and their ministry too!

## 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 **on 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!