

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

- 12/1 Ava Loos
- 12/2 Mary Polhemus
- 12/5 Cami Hamilton
- Sophie Price
- 12/9 Mary Pringle



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

+ Stephen Munzer who suffered a stroke on Thursday, November 20. Stephen has been in the neuroscience ICU at Cedars Sinai. His family welcomes and appreciates your prayers during this very challenging time.

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 | |

WOMEN READING —NOT MEETING IN DECEMBER



Women Reading will not meet in the month of December. This group will resume once again in January 2026 via Zoom.

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!



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

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
Sun. Dec. 7	WPC Worship Service— 2nd Sunday of Advent	10:00am
Fri. Dec. 12	Christmas Turkey Dinners Box Assembly	6:30pm
Sat. Dec. 13	Christmas Turkey Dinners Box Packing	8:30am
	Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal	9:00am
Sun. Dec. 14	WPC Worship Service— 3rd Sunday of Advent	10:00am
	Children’s Christmas Pageant	
	Faith Conversation	11:20am
Mon. Dec. 15	Monday Nighters	7:00pm
Sun. Dec. 21	WPC Worship Service— 4th Sunday of Advent	10:00am
	Christmas Cantata	
	Advent Vespers Service	6:30pm

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	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
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	SECTION LEADERS Elias Berezin and Emerson Boatwright, tenors Christina Borgioli and Devon Davidson, sopranos Emily Kerrigan, alto Matthew Lewis, bass
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	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 30, 2025

ADVENT SEASON AT WPC!



So many people are looking for a place to be together, for song and joy and fellowship. Invite your friends; reach out to those who have been missing; and if you have not come for a while, “come home for the holidays!”

NOVEMBER 30	1 st Sunday of Advent	10:00am
DECEMBER 5	Messiah Sing-A-Long	7:00pm
DECEMBER 7	2 nd Sunday of Advent	10:00am
	Faith Conversation with Dan Redfeld	11:20am
DECEMBER 12	Turkey Box Assembly	6:30pm
DECEMBER 13	Turkey Box Packing	8:30am
DECEMBER 14	3 rd Sunday of Advent— Children’s Christmas Pageant	10:00am
DECEMBER 15	Christmas Monday Nighters	7:00pm
DECEMBER 21	4 th Sunday of Advent— Christmas Cantata	10:00am
	Advent Vespers Service	6:30pm
DECEMBER 24	Christmas Eve Family Service <i>Marvel with child-like awe Christmas Eve, including a participatory Nativity story for all ages. In this family-friendly service, children are welcome to sit with their parents and get involved in the telling of the Christmas Story. Childcare will be available for nursery-age children.</i>	4:00pm
	Christmas Eve Candlelight Services <i>Celebrate Jesus’ birth in this moving candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols. Childcare and Livestream are available for the 7:00pm service only.</i>	7:00pm & 9:30pm
DECEMBER 28	Jazz Sunday Worship	10:00am

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS



Rehearsals for our Children's Christmas Pageant, "The Friendly Beasts," will meet **today 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!

Mark your calendars for our **Pageant Dress Rehearsal on Saturday December 13, 9:00am-12:00pm in the Sanctuary!** If you would like to join the cast or if you have any questions, reach out to Marin Miller at mmiller@westwoodpres.org.

MESSIAH SING-A-LONG—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5



Join us this 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 on the Side Porch following worship and on Eventbrite.** Scholarships are available.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING AND YEAR-END GIFTS



Join in our annual Christmas Joy Offering! One half will be shared among three vital mission endeavors: our denomination's Assistance Program supports retired pastors and missionaries... our Presbyterian racial-ethnic schools help students discover their gifts and calling.... And locally because of the impact of restrictions on SNAP, the Westside Food Bank distributes food for more than 500 households each week, in addition to its work with veterans, homebound seniors, and families with children in school.

The other half will help ensure that all of WPC's ministries continue to flourish. Contribute in worship, mail your check to the church office and write "Christmas Joy" in the memo, or scan our QR code below (select the field "Christmas Joy").

At this year-end tax-planning time, might you be in a position to consider an additional gift to WPC's Westwood Fund? Gifts of securities, cash, or annuities give over and over again as they broaden our financial foundation and ensure that our church will serve our community for generations to come. Thank you for giving so faithfully all year long!

Donate to WPC today



offering baskets
in the narthex



10822 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90024



online at
westwoodpres.org



Scan our
QR code

BRIGHTEN THE SEASON WITH POINSETTIAS!



The Deacon Board invites you to purchase poinsettias to decorate the chancel for Christmas Eve. In person orders are available **on the Side Porch starting today through December 21 for \$15 each.** You can also order online at westwoodpres.org/updates.

Include your dedication in honor or memory of a loved one to be printed in the Christmas Eve service bulletin. You may pick up your poinsettias on Christmas Eve or donate your plant purchase to be delivered by the Deacons to church members the same evening. Thank you for your support of this long-standing WPC tradition of cheer and merriment!

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 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 be collecting donations **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!

CHRISTMAS GIFT, GROCERY, AND TOY DRIVE



Celebrate the joy of Christmas giving! **Please stop by the Christmas tree today on the Side Porch.** The tree is filled with tags from a Christmas "wish list" for 6 families living in the Salvation Army Transitional Village on Sepulveda Blvd. in Westwood. The Village provides support services for homeless families that offer stability and skills for a future of independent living. **Pick up a gift tag, purchase the gift, and return the unwrapped gift to WPC by Sunday, December 14.**

FAITH CONVERSATION WITH DAN REDFELD

—**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**



On Sunday, December 14, plan to stay after worship in the Sanctuary for a special Faith Conversation with our very own Music Director, Dan Redfeld. Dan will share about the music—and the stories behind the music—of some of our most beloved Christmas carols and hymns. He'll also offer a peek behind the curtain of this year's Christmas Cantata: how it came together, what inspired it, and what to listen for as it unfolds in worship. Mark your calendar and join us for this rich time of listening, learning, and conversation!

CHRISTMAS MONDAY NIGHTERS —DECEMBER 15



Enjoy food, fellowship, and Christmas carols! All adults can join in **on Monday, December 15 at 7:00pm.** Sign up today **on the Side Porch,** or online at westwoodpres.org to indicate how many are coming and the dish you plan to bring. Please bring ready to serve food only, we are unable to heat up food items

at the event location. Our hosts are Jann & Ken Williams. For the address please contact the church office at office@westwoodpres.org.

ADVENT VESPERS SERVICE —SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21



We invite you to enter into the hope of the Advent season at our Vespers Service **on Sunday, December 21 at 6:30pm.**

This beautiful service weaves together contemplation, music, silence, scripture, and prayer. It's an intimate time to reconnect with God, find respite, and

reflect on the meaning of this profound season as we await the birth of Christ in the lowliness of the manger. All are welcome to this wondrous moment in our Advent journey at WPC! A reception will follow the service. RSVP online at westwoodpres.org.

WPC ESPERANZA FALL PLAYGROUND MORNING

—**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20**



The Mission & Outreach Committee has rescheduled our Fall Playground morning at Esperanza Elementary School. This event was postponed due to inclement weather. Join us **on Saturday, December 20, 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. We need all participants' names by **Wednesday, December 17.**