

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

- 12/15 Rose Helm
- 12/16 Elizabeth Evans
- 12/17 Sheila Lawrence
- 12/18 Elias Berezin
- Anne Bushnell
- Liam McDowell
- 12/19 Nancy Munn Smith
- 12/20 Megan Accordino
- 12/21 Anne Louise Rice



DAN REDFELD’S MUSICAL, *JO*, PREMIERES IN LONDON!



Dan Redfeld’s musical, *Jo - The Little Women* Musical, will premiere in a semi-staged concert on **Sunday, January 25, 2026 at London’s Theatre Royal Drury Lane**. Directed by JoAnn Hunter and musically directed by our very own Music Director, Dan Redfeld, the show will feature the majority of the album cast. Tickets can be purchased on the Jo website at [jothemusical.com](http://jothemusical.com). For more information or updates please follow at @jothemusical on Instagram and Facebook.

YEAR-END GIFTS

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.

As you consider your annual donation total for the 2025 tax year, please be sure to send in any and **all donations to WPC by December 31, 2025**. All online donations (by credit card or checking account) that are made by December 31, 2025 or checks that are mailed to WPC and are dated and postmarked before January 1, 2026, will be recorded in the 2025 tax year.

Thank you for giving so faithfully all year long!

PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- † Cindy Trangsrud whose husband, Stephen Munzer, died on Sunday, November 30.
- † Anne Linstatter who underwent a successful surgery on Monday, December 8, and is now recovering.
- † Pastor Mark Jones as he recovers from his lumbar laminectomy on Thursday, December 11.

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

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| Rubina Andonian   | Eva Hrachovec        | Jim Spitzer      |
| Polly Berger      | Ian Hrachovec        | Linda S. Spitzer |
| 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       |
|                   | Rita Ries            |                  |



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **Korean United 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.

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

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



NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 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!”*

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| DECEMBER 14 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent—<br>Children’s Christmas Pageant | 10:00am |
|             | Faith Conversation<br>with Dan Redfeld                            | 11:30am |

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| DECEMBER 15 | Christmas Monday Nighters | 7:00pm |
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| DECEMBER 21 | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent—<br>Christmas Cantata | 10:00am |
|             | Advent Vespers Service                                 | 6:30pm  |

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| DECEMBER 24 | Christmas Eve Family Service<br><i>Marvel with childlike 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 |
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Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

7:00pm & 9:30pm  
*Celebrate Jesus’ birth in this moving candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols. Childcare and Livestream are available for the 7:00pm service only.*

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| DECEMBER 28 | Jazz Sunday Worship<br><i>We welcome the beloved Bevan Manson Trio will lead us in worship with a different beat, celebrating our 1st Sunday of Christmas.</i> | 10:00am |
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## FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT / ADULT BIBLE FORUM

Faith, Search, & Support and Adult Bible Forum will not meet today.

### FAITH CONVERSATION WITH DAN REDFELD —*TODAY!*



Join us today 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 GIFT, GROCERY, AND TOY DRIVE



Thank you to all who participated in the joy of Christmas giving this year! To everyone who took a tag from the Christmas tree on the Side Porch this month, **please be sure to return all unwrapped gifts to the Side Porch today.** We will wrap and deliver them to the 6 families living in the Salvation Army Transitional Village this week. Thank you WPC!

### CHRISTMAS MONDAY NIGHTERS —*TOMORROW!*



Enjoy food, fellowship, and Christmas carols! All adults can join in **tomorrow at 7:00pm.** Sign up today on the Side Porch or online at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org) to indicate how many are coming and the dish you plan to bring. Please bring ready to serve food. Our hosts are Jann & Ken Williams.

If you have signed up online or in person, you will receive an email with the address tomorrow.

Please contact the church office **before it closes tomorrow at 3:30pm** at (310) 474-4535 or at [office@westwood.org](mailto:office@westwood.org) if you have any questions or if you need the address and/or directions.

### WPC ESPERANZA FALL PLAYGROUND MORNING —*THIS SATURDAY!*



The Mission & Outreach Committee invites WPC to our Fall Playground morning at Esperanza Elementary School. Join us **this 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](http://westwoodpres.org). We need all participants' names **by this Wednesday, December 17.**

## 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 through next Sunday, December 21 for \$15 each.** You can also order online at [westwoodpres.org/updates](http://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 love!

### CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING



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 which 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 or 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").

### CHRISTMAS TURKEY DINNER BOX EVENT



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.

**You can still 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 today.** 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.

### Donate to WPC today



offering baskets  
in the narthex



10822 Wilshire Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90024



online at  
[westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org)



Scan our  
QR code

## WPC'S PRESCHOOL GIFTS FOR FOSTERALL



Practicing gratitude helps us stay connected to each other and the world around us. This month, the WPC Preschool children celebrated gratitude in many ways, including a joyful community sing! To a child, even the smallest things, a fallen leaf, or wet sand, can be magical. Our community also participated in the FosterALL gift drive, sharing kindness and joy with others. Thanks to our amazing WPC Preschool community, we surpassed our FosterALL gift drive goal!

### WOMEN'S MEDITATION—*RESUMES THIS THURSDAY!*



Women's Morning Meditation resumes **this Thursday, December 18.** Women of every age are invited to join us! At 8:30am we enjoy conversation over a light breakfast; then from 9:00-10:00am we savor meditation and reflection on the selected poem of the day. Though we'll pause for Christmas and New Year's Days, we resume again on January 8. Join us in person in Hoffman Hall, or contact the church office at [office@westwoodpres.org](mailto:office@westwoodpres.org) for the Zoom link.

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA — *NEXT SUNDAY!*



Join us on the 4th Sunday of Advent, **December 21 during the 10:00am worship service** as the WPC Chancel Choir presents Camille Saint-Saëns' *Oratorio de Noël*. It will be a special morning of beautiful Advent music! Featuring Christina Borgioli, Devon Davidson, Emily Kerrigan, Emerson Boatwright, Elias Berezin, Matthew Lewis and the WPC Chamber Orchestra.

### ADVENT VESPERS SERVICE —*NEXT SUNDAY!*



All are warmly invited to our annual Advent Vespers service **next Sunday, December 21 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary** – an evening of candlelight, quiet beauty, and unhurried prayer. In the midst of a season that can feel both joyful and overwhelming, this contemplative service offers room to breathe and space to honor the full range of emotions the holidays can bring. Come settle into the stillness, rest in the music and readings, and let the gentle light of Advent guide you toward hope. Please contact Jake Putich, Director of Faith Formation & Creation Care, at [jputich@westwoodpres.org](mailto:jputich@westwoodpres.org) for more details.