

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

- 12/10 Matthew Thompson
- 12/12 Greg Neelin  
Zane Neelin
- 12/13 JA'Michael Davis-Hoag  
Mark Meyer
- 12/14 David Ho



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- † Cindy Trangsrud whose husband, Stephen Munzer, died on Sunday, November 30.  
The service for Stephen will be **on Thursday, December 11 at 9:00am** at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills - IThe service will take place at the Old North Church (also known as the Red Church).
- † Anne Linstatter who is undergoing an appendectomy tomorrow, December 8.
- † Pastor Mark Jones as he at long last undergoes 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 Spitser      |
| 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       |
|                   | Rita Ries            |                  |

WOMEN’S MEDITATION—CANCELLED THIS WEEK

Women's Morning Meditation **will not be meeting this Thursday, December 11**. Please join us at 9:00am on December 18 in Hoffman Hall or by Zoom. Contact the church office at [office@westwoodpres.org](mailto:office@westwoodpres.org) to receive the Zoom link.



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

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**. All children are welcome!

Our Pageant Dress Rehearsal is next **Saturday, December 13, 9:00am-12:00pm in the Sanctuary!** If you have

any questions, reach out to Marin Miller at [mmiller@westwoodpres.org](mailto:mmiller@westwoodpres.org).

THANKFULNESS SUNDAY AT WPC

WPC celebrated Christ the King Sunday and marked WPC's 78th anniversary. Thank you to our youth choir, guitarists, and exceptional director, Jane Kinsey, for their stunning rendition of "Turn, Turn, Turn." Congratulations to the seven newest members welcomed into the WPC family! And thank you to the Membership & Fellowship Committee for organizing Thankfulness Sunday in Hoffman Hall.



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



WESTWOOD  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 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!”*

DECEMBER 7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	10:00am
DECEMBER 12	Turkey Box Assembly	6:30pm
DECEMBER 13	Turkey Box Packing Children’s Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal	8:30am 9:00am
DECEMBER 14	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent— Children’s Christmas Pageant Faith Conversation with Dan Redfeld	10:00am 11:30am
DECEMBER 15	Christmas Monday Nighters	7:00pm
DECEMBER 21	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent— Christmas Cantata Advent Vespers Service	10:00am 6:30pm
DECEMBER 24	<b>Christmas Eve Family Service</b> <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> <b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Services</b>	4:00pm 7:00pm & 9:30pm <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>
DECEMBER 28	Jazz Sunday Worship	10:00am



## 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:

- **Donate in person on the Side Porch today after worship.**
- **Donate online** by scanning the QR code below and **select Hunger** (for Westside Food Bank) or **Food Pantry** (for Wilshire PC Food Pantry).
- **Donate by check** made to Westwood Presbyterian Church (by mail or in the offering plate) with "Hunger Offering" or "Food Pantry" on the memo line.

## 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](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. For the address please contact the church office at (310)474-4535 or at [office@westwoodpres.org](mailto:office@westwoodpres.org).

## 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 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, 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



## 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 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!

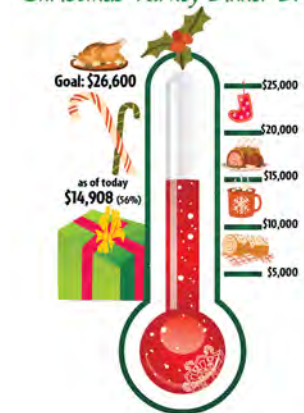
## CHRISTMAS TURKEY DINNER BOX EVENT —*THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 & 13*

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 **this Friday, December 12, 6:30-8:00pm in Hoffman Hall**. Pizza will be included! Please sign up online at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org).

### Christmas Turkey Dinner Drive



Dinners" in the memo line. Your help is greatly appreciated!

### Pack Dinner Boxes:

We will pack 600 dinners in Hoffman Hall this **Saturday, December 13, 8:30am-12:00pm**. Please sign up online at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org).

### 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

## 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 next Sunday, December 14.**

## FAITH CONVERSATION WITH DAN REDFELD

—*SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14*



**Next 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!

## 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](http://westwoodpres.org). We need all participants' names **by Wednesday, December 17**.

## CHRISTMAS CANTATA — *SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21*



Join us on the 4th Sunday in 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 —*SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21*



All are warmly invited to our annual Advent Vespers service **on 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 at [jputich@westwoodpres.org](mailto:jputich@westwoodpres.org) for more details.