

## BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

### ADULT BIRTHDAYS

2/18 Karen Bortolini  
2/19 Erin Zemet  
2/20 Renato Romano  
2/21 Freeman Hall

### CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

2/18 Miles Cervantes (17)



## PRESBYTOPICS

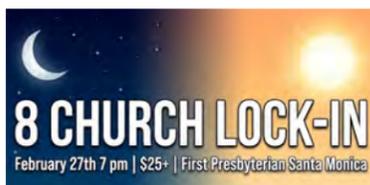
### Our love and prayers are with—

- † Katherine, Trevor, & Randolph Davis following the death of their husband/father, Chris Davis.
- † Rita Ries as she transitions to hospice care at home, the next step on her journey with COPD/emphysema. She is surrounded by family and an excellent hospice care team.
- † Rose Helm that she has a smooth recovery from breast surgery on February 12.
- † Linda Spitsner who has been hospitalized for broken ribs after a fall.

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

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

## YOUTH LOCK-IN —FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27



Get ready for an epic night at the 8 Church Youth Lock-In on Friday, February 27 at 7:00pm at First Presbyterian Santa Monica! Join us for tons of fun, games, music, and good vibes all night long. This is the perfect

chance to hang out, make new friends, and just be yourself. Go to [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org) for the link to sign up at Eventbrite. Don't miss out on this awesome in-person event where memories are made and laughs never end. Grab your crew and come through!

## BUILDING PROJECT—OUR SECOND FLOOR



The second story of our new building is designed to support the life of the church throughout the week, offering spaces that are both welcoming and highly adaptable. At its heart will be a quiet meditation chapel, a place set apart for prayer, reflection, and small gatherings.

This level will also bring all church staff offices together in one place, strengthening collaboration and making it easier for members and families to connect with staff. For our children and youth, the second floor includes a large Sunday School space for fifth grade and younger, a dedicated youth room, and generous education and meeting rooms that can be configured for classes, rehearsals, meetings, and events.

An elevator ensures full accessibility for all ages and abilities. With multiple spaces designed for varied uses, the second story greatly expands our flexibility—allowing the building to adapt to changing needs while supporting ministry, learning, and community every day of the week.



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **First Presbyterian Church of San Pedro**. 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, JJ Hickey, Nick Pelayo, Levi Yin, 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, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

### WPC PANCAKE BREAKFAST —TODAY! VISIT THE MANNA BAG SHOP!



To prepare for the season of Lent starting on Ash Wednesday, we do not have a Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras) - but we do have a **Fat Sunday Pancake Breakfast today, in Hoffman Hall after worship.**

Since 2012, the children of WPC have assembled Manna bags designed to provide immediate relief to our unhoused neighbors. Bags contain necessary supplies like personal hygiene items, granola bars, new socks and an up-to-date laminated resource guide to help those in need find assistance and long-term care.

Please be sure to stop by the children's Manna Bag Shop in Hoffman Hall during the Pancake breakfast today. You can greet the children who worked so hard to assemble the bags, and of course, purchase a few to have on hand! This year, **the cost is \$10 a bag** to cover increased supply cost and allow us to continue this ministry to the needy of Los Angeles indefinitely.

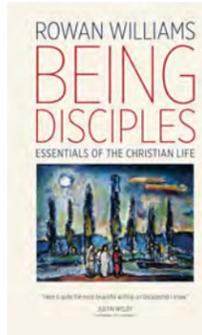


### JOIN US FOR ASH WEDNESDAY —FEBRUARY 18



We invite everyone to engage in the beautiful spiritual practice of Lent this year at WPC, beginning with our **Ash Wednesday service on February 18, at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.** This will be a sacred moment to reflect on our mortality through the imposition of ashes, and to remind ourselves that God breathes new life everywhere... even into dust. This service will not be livestreamed; please join us in person.

## LENT SMALL GROUPS BEGIN —SUNDAY, MARCH 1



Our Lenten theme this year is called *Seeking Transformation*. Beginning in March, we'll gather in small groups for four sessions to read Rowan Williams' powerful little book, *Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life*. It's under 100 pages, but it packs a punch—enlightening, rich, and accessible.

As we consider the changes and challenges facing our congregation in the year ahead, this is an opportune moment to return to the basics of our faith: to remember who we're called to be, and to welcome—even to seek!—the transformation that carries us deeper into lives of grace.

Groups will meet at various days and times throughout the week (online and in-person). **Books are available for \$10 and you can sign up online at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org) or in Hoffman Hall today!**

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

REMINDER

The Westwood Presbyterian Church Office will be closed **this Monday, February 16 for Presidents' Day**. We will resume regular office hours on **Tuesday, February 17**.

### NOMINATING SEASON IS OPEN



WPC needs your gifts and talents! WPC's events, programs, teaching, mission and fellowship only happen when we serve together. Teams of individuals work side-by-side with church staff, pastors, elders, and deacons to plan and put into action all the areas of our church's ministry. Now is your time to get involved! Where are you being called to serve? Which committee aligns to your particular interests? Have you taken a year off after serving many years on a committee and are looking forward to serving again? Are you a new member and curious to dive in? Please visit the Narthex to check out the WPC Annual Report for more information about the work of each committee. All are welcome!

Please prayerfully consider where the Spirit calls you or others to participate, and fill out the form for nominations. There are many ways to submit your nomination form. You can email nominations to [wpcnominating@westwoodpres.org](mailto:wpcnominating@westwoodpres.org). You can also fill out and return the paper form available in Hoffman Hall and in the Narthex to the church office in person, by mail, or fill out the form online at [westwoodpres.org/updates](http://westwoodpres.org/updates). But act now! **Nominations are only being accepted through Thursday, February 26.**

## Donate to WPC today



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in the narthex



10822 Wilshire Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90024



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



Scan our  
QR code

## WPC PRESCHOOL LOVERAISER —ALL FEBRUARY!



Our annual Westwood Presbyterian Church Preschool LOVERaiser is taking place all February long! Your generous contributions allow us to create an optimal learning environment for our students and families, support our teachers and their ongoing professional development, help us update and maintain school equipment and supplies, and provide funds for our student tuition assistance program.

We've been committed to quality education for over 65 years, and with your help, we can continue this legacy. The LOVERaiser runs until February 28. **Donations can be made online by scanning the QR code below and selecting "Preschool LOVERaiser"**. You can also donate by writing a check to Westwood Presbyterian Church with "Preschool LOVERaiser" in the memo line.

### AN UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is busy searching for a new Pastor/Head of Staff to lead Westwood Presbyterian Church into the future. We have completed a Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP), which has been approved by Session and the Presbytery Commission on Ministry (COM), and is now posted to the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) website.

CLC matches our MDP with applicants throughout the denomination and across the nation, and the PNC is sorting through those matches. But there's also a link to the MDP on our own church website at [westwoodpres.org/updates](http://westwoodpres.org/updates). Check it out!

And the Committee is posting the MDP elsewhere on online job forums, as well as using our clergy and lay networks to spread the word that our wonderful church is offering the opportunity to shepherd a vibrant and caring congregation in the service of Christ. Tell a friend! And feel free to approach any member of the Committee—Mike Sohigian, Robyn Paris, Kathryn Howe, David Kadue, MC Haslett, Gabby Esunge, and Nick Castellano—with your questions, suggestions, encouragement or prayers.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Last Saturday, four WPC volunteers joined about fifty others in Long Beach for Habitat for Humanity's Interfaith Build for Unity event. Representing WPC were Lara Fedoroff, Aidan Fedoroff, Drew Aylor, and Craig German, who spent the day turning faith into action alongside neighbors from several different churches and faiths. Led by Chris Untiet, Habitat LA's Director of Faith Relations, the group started their day early (for a Saturday!), with some folks building wall frames for two new Habitat homes while others painted fence posts for the future homeowners' yards. The sounds of hammers and laughter filled the air as progress took shape, and no injuries were reported! By day's end, everyone left dusty, tired—and deeply inspired by the shared purpose of building not only houses, but hope for local families who will be able to chart a new generational course of home ownership.

## SCOUT SUNDAY —FEBRUARY 22



Next Sunday, February 22, we will recognize those in our faith community who participate in a scouting program. We are grateful for all the programs like Scouting America, Girl Scouts, and Campfire that nurture character traits like being truthful, dependable, respectful, and faithful. We are very proud of our children and youth, who will serve that Sunday as greeters and readers. We encourage you to congratulate them on being involved in scouting. We are also proud of the adults in our congregation who take the additional time to be troop or den leaders and assistants.

### NOAH'S ARK FIELDTRIP—SUNDAY, MARCH 1



Kids, grab your grown-ups and join us at the Skirball Museum where we will climb aboard Noah's ark and explore all this beloved exhibit and Bible story has to offer. **Tickets for the 12pm entry time slot on Sunday, March 1, are available in Hoffman Hall today**

at the Manna Bag Shop and future Sundays on the Side Porch. \$20 General Admission (adults 18+) and \$15 Child Ticket (ages 2-17). Under 2 are free. Scholarships are available!

Children & Family Ministries will be serving a brunch buffet during Sunday School on March 1st with extras for parents to grab after worship. This way everyone is nice and full before our big, noontime adventure. Questions? Email Marin at [mmiller@westwoodpres.org](mailto:mmiller@westwoodpres.org).

### CHOIR RETREAT—SUNDAY, MARCH 1



The WPC Chancel Choir will hold a retreat on **Sunday, March 1, 11:30am-2:00pm** in the Choir Room. We will be focused on the Andrew Lloyd Webber, *Requiem* and other pieces for the Music at Westwood concert slated for April 24, 2026.

If you'd like to join the choir for this concert, please contact our Director of Music, Dan Redfeld at [dredfeld@westwoodpres.org](mailto:dredfeld@westwoodpres.org).

### MARATHON SUNDAY —MARCH 8 NO MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE



The L.A. Marathon is taking place on **Sunday, March 8**. Due to road closures, we will not be holding morning worship. Join us for an **evening worship service in Hoffman Hall at 6:00pm**, followed by a simple supper. Please RSVP for this service today in Hoffman Hall or online at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org) so we know how much food to prepare.