

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

ADULT BIRTHDAYS

2/26 Donald Morrison
John Wiley
2/27 Nikki Putich
Natasha Ho Wood
3/1 Anne Mathews

CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

2/25 Emma Accordino (6)



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- † Linda Spitsner who moved to a board and care facility this week.
- † 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.

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	



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **St. Peter's by the Sea 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. Feb. 22	WPC Worship Service— 1st Sunday in Lent/Scout Sunday	10:00am
Sun. Mar. 1	WPC Worship Service— 2nd Sunday in Lent Choir Retreat Noah's Ark Fieldtrip	10:00am 11:30am 12:00pm
Sun. Mar. 5	Ember	7:00pm
Sun. Mar. 8	Daylights Savings Time Marathon Sunday— <i>No Morning Worship Service</i> WPC Evening Worship & Supper— <i>In Hoffman Hall</i>	6:00pm
Sun. Mar. 15	WPC Worship Service— 3rd Sunday in Lent Faith Conversation	10:00am 11:20am

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

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Farrah Mikail, Financial Manager
Linda Martinez, Administrative Assistant & Contributions Coordinator
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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

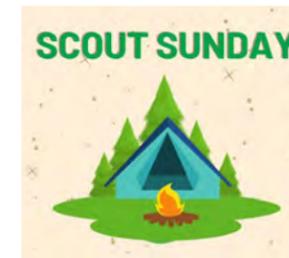
Tajmaya "Taj" Anders, Preschool Curriculum Specialist
Priscilla Glaza, Preschool Office Assistant
Brianne Naiman, Preschool Director
Heidi Rudd, Preschool Office Manager



NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

SCOUT SUNDAY

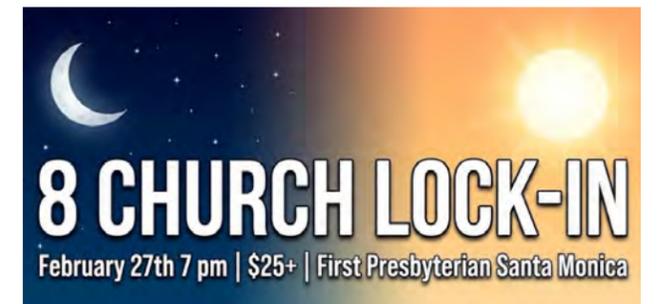


Today we recognize those in our faith community who participate in a scouting program. We are grateful for all the programs like Scouting America, Girl Scouts, and Campfire that nurture character traits like being truthful, dependable, respectful, and faithful. We are very proud of our children and youth, 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.

YOUTH LOCK-IN —THIS FRIDAY!

Get ready for an epic night at the 8 Church Youth Lock-In **this Friday, 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/events 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!

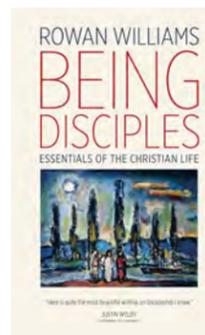


YOU ARE INVITED TO ADD TO THE LENTEN CROSS



This Lent, we are *Seeking Transformation*. The Cross stands at the front of the sanctuary to encourage your prayers – to consider what Christ calls you to let go of or turn away from; and what Christ calls you to take up or turn towards as you seek to follow him. Each prayer can be written on a ribbon and tied to a nail on the cross any time during Lent. (Ribbons and markers are at the foot of the cross.) If you cannot worship in person, participate wherever you are: write on a ribbon or paper, and offer your intentions to the Lord.

LENT SMALL GROUPS BEGIN —NEXT WEEK!



Our Lenten theme this year is called *Seeking Transformation*. Beginning next week 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 or on the Side Porch today!**

NOMINATING SEASON CLOSSES THIS THURSDAY!



WPC needs your gifts and talents! Our worship, growth, mission, and fellowship only happen when we serve together: people working side-by-side in all areas of our ministry. Now is your time to get involved!

Where are you being called to serve? Which committee fulfills your interests? Are you new, and curious to dive in? Have you taken a break and look forward to serving again? AND are there others you would like to nominate to serve in particular areas?

Prayerfully consider where the Spirit is calling, and fill out the form for nominations:

- Email nominations to wpcnominating@westwoodpres.org.
- Fill out the paper form available on the Side Porch to give to the church office or pastors.
- Fill out the form online at westwoodpres.org/updates.

But act now! Nominations close this Thursday! Have questions? Reach out to Pastor Chris at cchakoian@westwoodpres.org!

WPC PRESCHOOL LOVERAISER —ENDS THIS WEEK!



Our annual Westwood Presbyterian Church Preschool LOVERaiser comes to a close at the end of this week! 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.

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 for next Sunday, March 1, are available 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 with extras for parents to grab after worship. This way everyone is nice and full before our big, noontime adventure. Questions? Email Marin Miller at mmiller@westwoodpres.org.

SPONSOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



The refreshments on the side porch after worship depend on your participation. Members and friends are invited to host

the fellowship hour. You may shop for refreshments, bake something, or ask the church to do the shopping for you!

If you would like the church to shop for you, you may give in worship on Sundays, by mail, or scan our QR code and select the field **Coffee Fellowship** (\$100 per family or team of sponsors).

Please support this wonderful ministry of fellowship and schedule your desired 2026 sponsorship date on the Side Porch after worship today!

SPONSOR THE CHANCEL FLOWERS



The chancel flowers depend on your participation. A donation of \$75 covers the cost of the flowers and a chance to remember a loved one with a dedication in the bulletin.

The WPC Deacons deliver the flowers to WPC members and friends after worship each week. You may give in worship on Sundays, by mail, or scan our QR code and select the field **Chancel Flowers**.

Please support this wonderful ministry of encouragement and comfort and schedule your desired 2026 sponsorship date on the Side Porch after worship today!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



Last Sunday, we had our annual Pancake Breakfast to kick off the season of Lent. John "King Flapjack Flipper" Shustitsky and Brittany "The Great Griddler" Singleton were masterful on the griddles and the rest of the team kept orders flowing so smoothly that Gordon Ramsey would have dubbed the workspace Heaven's Kitchen!

CHOIR RETREAT—SUNDAY, MARCH 1



The WPC Chancel Choir will hold a retreat **next Sunday, 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.

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 today on the Side Porch or online at westwoodpres.org so we know how much food to prepare. This worship service will not be livestreamed.

FAITH CONVERSATION—SUNDAY, MARCH 15



Please join us after worship on **Sunday, March 15, in the Sanctuary** for a *Faith Conversation* with Dr. Daniel Wehrenfennig. As a committed Christian with a doctorate in International Relations, Daniel has taught and led programs focused on conflict analysis, constructive dialogue, and bridge-building across deep differences, drawing on years of experience accompanying groups in conflict-affected regions.

Daniel's presentation, "Navigating Change Together," will be a timely invitation for WPC to think clearly and faithfully about how communities move through seasons of transition with courage, honesty, and care for one another. More details to come, but please save the date and plan to stay!

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