

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

3/2 Alisa Camberlan
 3/4 Marie Nelson
 3/5 Susan Chapman
 Thomas Glynn
 Anita Walker
 3/7 Alistair Macdonald



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

† Linda Spitsner who recently moved to a board and care facility.

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	

COMING UP

Sun. Mar. 1	WPC Worship Service— 2nd Sunday in Lent	10:00am
	Choir Retreat	11:30am
	Noah's Ark Fieldtrip	12:00pm
Thurs. 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— 4th Sunday in Lent	10:00am
	Faith Conversation	11:20am
Wed. Mar. 18	Women Reading	7:00pm
Sun. Mar. 22	WPC Worship Service— 5th Sunday in Lent	10:00am

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
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 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
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 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
 Dakota Hodge, 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, MARCH 1, 2026

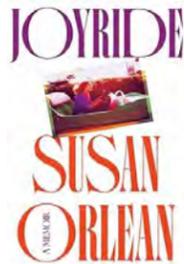
MARATHON SUNDAY —MARCH 8 WORSHIP AND SUPPER AT 6PM

The L.A. Marathon is taking place next Sunday. Due to road closures, **we will not be holding morning worship.** Join us for worship in Hoffman Hall at 6:00pm, followed by a simple supper. RSVP on the Side Porch today or online at westwoodpres.org so we know how much food to prepare. This worship service will not be livestreamed.

And though our beloved Steve Hauser is not able to run the L.A. Marathon this year, he is still collecting donations for FosterAll. Started at WPC in 1985, FosterAll helps find loving homes for abandoned and abused children. **Scan the QR code inside and select FosterAll or write a check to Westwood Presbyterian Church with FosterAll on the memo line.**



WOMEN READING —WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18



Women Reading invites you to join us on Zoom on **Wednesday, March 18, at 7:30pm** to discuss the book *Joyride* by Susan Orlean. *Joyride* is Susan's most personal book ever—a searching journey through finding her feet as a journalist, recovering from the excruciating collapse of her first marriage, falling head-over-heels in love again, and becoming a mother while mourning the decline of her own mother.

Newcomers are always welcome—if you would like to receive the Zoom link to join our thoughtful community of women readers please contact the church office at office@westwoodpres.org.



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **St. Luke's PC**. 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.

NOAH'S ARK FIELDTRIP—*TODAY!*



Today the children of WPC will go on their much anticipated Skirball Museum fieldtrip where we will climb aboard Noah's ark and explore all this beloved exhibit and Bible story has to offer. Please see Marin Miller for questions.

CHOIR RETREAT—*TODAY!*



The WPC Chancel Choir will hold a retreat **today, 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.

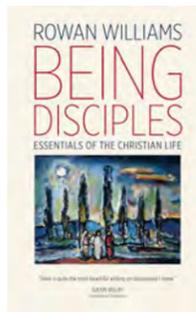
WPC MONTHLY HUNGER APPEAL —*TODAY*



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.

LENT SMALL GROUPS BEGIN —*TOMORROW!*



Our Lenten theme this year is called *Seeking Transformation*. **Beginning tomorrow** 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.

You can still purchase a paperback copy of the book or kindle version on Amazon. Groups (meeting online and in-person) are filling up fast! **Sign up for a group online at westwoodpres.org or on the Side Porch today!**

DAYLIGHT'S SAVINGS TIME—*NEXT SUNDAY*



Daylight Saving Time begins **next Sunday, March 8, at 2:00am**. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed next Saturday!

INTRODUCING DAKOTA HODGE



Today we welcome our new sound engineer, Dakota Hodge, here at WPC! Dakota brings high recommendations with extensive work with live audio and video work for religious services, corporate events, awards ceremonies, and more. He joins our AV team - JJ Hickey and Nick Pelayo who run our livestream video - as he runs the sound board up in the balcony. Please say hi and introduce yourselves!

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC) UPDATE



Whatever you may have thought of the President's State of the Union speech, the PNC can report that the state of our job search is good, and getting better.

As you know, we published our Ministry Discernment Profile, and you can find it on our website, under "Updates" and "Pastor

Nominating Committee," where you'll find a link that says, "Click here to see the MDP now." Once you have the MDP, feel free to share it with anyone you think might be a good candidate for us. But do it soon, because our application window is closing in a few weeks.

We thank the PNC members, Robyn Paris, Michael Sohigian, Kathryn Welch Howe, David Kadue, M.C. Haslett, Gabby Esunge, and Nick Castellano for their diligent work.

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!

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.

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. Daniel is the Founder and Executive Director of the Center for International Experiential Learning (CIEL) and the founding Executive Director of the Olive Tree Initiative, an award-winning experiential learning program launched at UC Irvine. As a committed Christian with a doctorate in International Relations, he 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.

EASTER EGG HUNT —*SATURDAY, MARCH 28*



WPC's Children & Family Ministries Committee warmly invites you to the annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 28, 11:00am -1:00pm**. This year we'll return to the beloved Crestwood Hills Park tucked away in nearby Brentwood. Come hunt eggs on the hillside, play classic lawn games in the field, and, of course, meet the Easter

Bunny! It's a BYO picnic so remember to pack your baskets, grab your blankets, and get ready to share in some springtime fun and fellowship. We encourage participating families to help fill eggs with goodies (2 dozen per child is recommended). Feel free to grab a sack full of empty eggs outside Marin's office and either fill them up and return them to her or just bring some with you to the hunt! Inquiries may be sent to Marin Miller at mmiller@westwoodpres.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

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