

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

3/23 Jon Ringquist
 3/27 Tom Hanscom
 3/29 Avery Paris
 Lou Moore Singleton



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- † Nancy Immel who is living alone with physical challenges. Calls and visits are welcome, but please contact the church office to make arrangements beforehand.
- † Prayers for Revs. Lynn Cheyney & Gary Sattler on the loss of Lynn's brother, Ron Cheyney, beloved husband of Carol, parents of 5, grandparents of 9.

Please help us keep Presbytopics up to date! If you or someone in our WPC family is hospitalized ... if there's the joy of a new child or grandchild ... if there's the sorrow of the loss of an immediate family member – please let us know. Email or call the Church Office or any of the pastors.

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

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



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **St. Mark's 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. Mar. 22	WPC Worship Service— 5th Sunday in Lent	10:00am
Sat. Mar. 28	Easter Egg Hunt at Crestwood Hills Park in Brentwood	11:00am
Sun. Mar. 29	WPC Worship Service— Palm/Passion Sunday	10:00am
Thurs. April 2	Maundy Thursday Worship and Supper	6:00pm
Fri. April 3	Good Friday Vespers Service	7:00pm
Sun. April 5	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Pierce Bros. Easter Sunday Service Easter Sunday Service	7:00am 9:00am 11:00am
Mon. April 6	Easter Monday—Church Office Closed	

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, and Levi Yin, AV Techs
 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 22, 2026

<i>Holy Week</i> SCHEDULE	
Saturday, March 28 Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic	11:00AM
March 29 Palm Sunday Service	10:00AM
April 2 Maundy Thursday Service	6:00PM
April 3 Good Friday Vespers Service	7:00PM
Saturday, April 4 Easter Cross Decorating	10:00AM
April 5 - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Pierce Brothers in-person and online at WPC in-person and online at WPC	7:00AM 9:00AM 11:00AM

EASTER EGG HUNT —THIS SATURDAY!



WPC's Children & Family Ministries Committee warmly invites you to the annual Easter Egg Hunt **this Saturday, March 28, 11:00am - 1:00pm**. Join us at Crestwood Hills Park 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 who are able to pick up a sack of empty eggs outside Marin's office and fill them with wrapped candies to bring to the Easter Egg Hunt. We also welcome anyone to bring bags of individually wrapped candy to the church office **before worship March 22!** For any inquiries please contact Marin Miller at mmiller@westwoodpres.org. See you there!

FAITH CONVERSATION—SUNDAY, APRIL 12

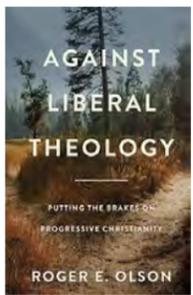


Join us **on Sunday, April 12 at 11:20am in the Sanctuary** for a very special Faith Conversation with Dr. Katharine Hayhoe. This virtual presentation will feature one of today's most trusted and compelling voices on climate change, faith, and public life.

An atmospheric scientist and leading climate communicator, Hayhoe has devoted her work to helping people meet the reality of climate change with honesty, courage, and hope. She serves as Chief Scientist for The Nature Conservancy and Distinguished Professor and Chair at Texas Tech University. She is also the author of the national bestseller, *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*, which explores how shared values, honest conversation, and hope can move us toward meaningful action.

Hayhoe's work is especially resonant for Christians seeking to live faithfully in a time of ecological crisis. Thoughtful, engaging, and deeply grounded, she brings scientific clarity together with moral conviction in ways that can inform both our discipleship and our common life. We hope you'll join us for this timely and important conversation!

FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT NEW STUDY —APRIL 19



This spring, Faith, Search, & Support (FSS) invites you into a 10-week study of Roger Olson's *Against Liberal Theology*. In this thought-provoking and accessible book, Olson argues that some forms of modern liberal Christianity have drifted so far from the historic faith that they've become something else altogether. Along the way, he raises important questions about scripture, doctrine, change, and what it means for the church to remain recognizably Christian.

FSS is a place where we often read with open minds and open hearts to voices beyond our usual earshot in order to deepen and sharpen our faith, and this is an excellent opportunity to engage a modern evangelical thinker you might not otherwise expect to encounter in a mainline church! We hope you'll join us! **Books will be available for purchase beginning today on the Side Porch, for \$15.**

ADORN THE SANCTUARY WITH EASTER LILIES



It is a long WPC tradition to adorn our sanctuary with lilies for Easter Sunday. You can buy an Easter lily in memory or honor of a loved one, or simply as an act of love. **Each lily costs \$15. Sign up online today at westwoodpres.org/updates or visit the table on the Side Porch after worship.** (Sign-ups close Monday, March 30).

After the Easter service(s), you can take your lilies home, give them to others as gifts, or donate them to be delivered to our members who are homebound or in other need. You may also choose to give extra towards the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. If you are able to assist with deliveries after the 11:00 am service on Easter Sunday, April 5, please contact the church office at office@westwoodpres.org.

Finally, while the stamens will be removed to reduce allergies, please note that lilies can be toxic to cats.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Easter's One Great Hour of Sharing offering (OGHS) brings hope to people in difficult times. Gifts are divided between two worthy efforts. One half supports our denomination's mission - including the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People.

The other half will support the *Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice's (CLUE)* Detained Immigrant Bond Fund. CLUE educates, organizes, and mobilizes religious leaders and community members to walk with our immigrant siblings promoting dignity and respect for everyone regardless of documentation status. CLUE's Bond Fund provides financial support to help secure the legal representation and release of detained community members whose families are facing separation from immigration detention or deportation.

Give generously as we wrap our arms around our neighbors in need. Donate by scanning the QR code below and **select One Great Hour of Sharing;** or by check, adding OGHS in the memo line.

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.

HELP WITH THE EASTER CROSS —SATURDAY, APRIL 4



Please join us **on Saturday, April 4 at 9:30am** to help decorate the cross with flowers for Easter Sunday. Bring clippers if you have them and gloves if you need them. If you are able to help, please contact the church at (310) 474-4535 or office@westwoodpres.org.

WPC MEMBERSHIP SEMINARS —SUNDAYS, APRIL 19 & 26

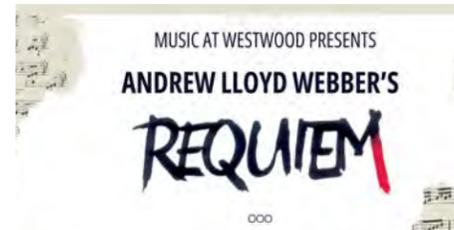


Do you feel you have found community here at Westwood Presbyterian Church? We hope you would consider joining our congregation! We welcome you to explore that idea with us **on Sundays, April 19 & 26**

right after worship. Join us in Hoffman Hall for a light lunch and meet our Pastors along with the membership team. We will discuss opportunities for nurture and service here at WPC along with more about our denomination. Feel free to bring your questions.

Please sign up on the Side Porch starting next Sunday following worship or online at westwoodpres.org/updates. Contact Anne Cioffi at acioffi@westwoodpres.org for questions.

MUSIC AT WESTWOOD PRESENTS: ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S REQUIEM —FRIDAY, APRIL 24



On Friday, April 24, at 8:00pm Music at Westwood presents Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Requiem*. Composed in 1984 in memory of Lloyd Webber's father, composer William Lloyd Webber, the *Requiem* premiered

in February 1985 at St. Thomas Church in New York.

This concert will also feature choral works by composers Miklós Rózsa and William Ross. Featured soloists are Devon Davidson (soprano), Raewyn Davidson (child soprano), Elias Berezin (tenor), the WPC Chancel Choir & Chamber Orchestra under the baton of music director Dan Redfeld.

This concert is a **FREE** event thanks to a special grant from the Musicians Trust Fund. There is no assigned seating but space is limited, **please make sure to RSVP to reserve your spot today online at westwoodpres.org.**

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