

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

4/21 Theresa Kim
 4/23 Heather Felix
 Alexander Schloss
 4/25 Gabrielle Bosley



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- † Shane Needham & Kristyn Humphreys Needham and their son, Will, on the birth of baby Isabelle Catherine Needham on April 11.
- † The family of long-time WPC member Nancy Immel who passed away on April 13, 2026. Memorial Service arrangements will be shared when they become available.
- † Behleu Fomukong who just won the USTA Boys 16 National Singles Tennis Championship in Vegas on Tuesday, March 31, and his twin brother Tifuh who was the consolation finalist.
- † Alisa Camberlan as she prepares for her son, Joshua Camberlan's Memorial Service on Saturday, April 25 at 1:00pm at Westwood Presbyterian Church.
- † Elizabeth Hedman as she recovers from minor surgery.

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

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



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **First Presbyterian Church of Gardena**. 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. Apr. 19	WPC Worship Service— 3rd Sunday of Easter	10:00am
	Faith, Search, Support Resumes	11:20am
	WPC Membership Seminar Part One	11:30am
Mon. April 20	WPC Softball Game	8:30pm
Fri. April 24	Music @ Westwood Concert: Andrew Lloyd Webber's <i>Requiem</i>	8:00pm
Sun. Apr. 26	WPC Worship Service— Jazz Sunday	10:00am
	WPC Membership Seminar Part Two	11:30am
Mon. April 27	WPC Softball Game	7:15pm
Sun. May. 3	WPC Worship Service— New Members Received in Worship	10:00am
	Westwood Greenway Field Trip	12:00pm

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, APRIL 19, 2026

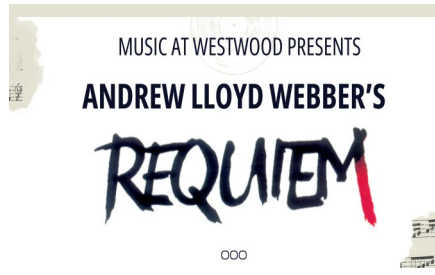
WPC MEMBERSHIP SEMINARS —TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY!

Do you feel a sense of community here at Westwood Presbyterian Church? We hope you would consider joining our congregation! We welcome you to join us **today and next Sunday**, right after worship. Let's meet in the Downstairs Lounge for a light lunch and to meet our Pastors and 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 today following worship. New members will be received on Sunday, May 3. Contact Anne Cioffi, Membership Coordinator at acioffi@westwoodpres.org for questions.



MUSIC AT WESTWOOD PRESENTS: ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S REQUIEM —THIS FRIDAY!



This Friday, 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 reservations are almost full. If you reserved your spot on Eventbrite and cannot make it please let the church office know at (310)474-4535 or at office@westwoodpres.org.

CREATION SEASON AT WPC!



This Spring at WPC, as we consider our calling to cultivate new life in this world, we're excited to announce our Creation Season programs! In addition to our regular worship gatherings that will focus on our Christian calling to tend and to keep God's world, please explore below

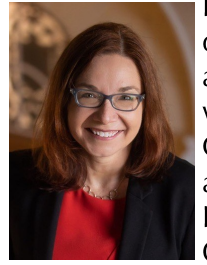
on other opportunities to deepen our understanding of what it means to be caretakers in the garden of creation:

Westwood Greenway Field Trip

Sunday, May 3 at 12:00pm Explore a local natural preserve on a guided tour that highlights the beauty and life-giving power of native plants. A perfect outing for families and nature lovers! You can sign up on the Side Porch today or online at westwoodpres.org.

Faith Conversation Recordings

WPC's YouTube Channel



Last Sunday, Dr. Katharine Hayhoe helped us think deeply and faithfully about climate change, creation care, and the call to love our neighbors in a beautiful and wounded world. As Chief Scientist for The Nature Conservancy, author of the bestselling book *Saving Us*, and one of TIME's 100 Most Influential People, Dr. Hayhoe compellingly brings together scientific clarity, Christian faith, and hope-filled moral urgency. WPC is grateful to share this conversation with one of today's leading voices on faith and ecological responsibility! Please visit WPC's YouTube Channel to watch the recording online today.

ESPERANZA SPRING PLAYGROUND MORNING —SATURDAY, MAY 16



The Mission & Outreach Committee invites the congregation to join us for our Spring Playground morning at Esperanza Elementary School on Saturday, May 16, 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 by Wednesday, May 13 at westwoodpres.org.

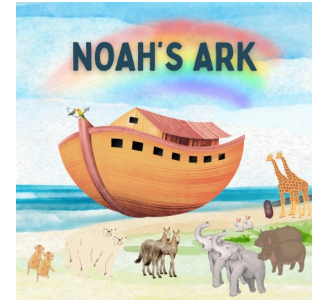
WPC SOFTBALL!



WPC's Hatch Batch team has won their first two games! Help cheer our team on Monday evenings at the Los Angeles Interfaith Softball League. Next game is tomorrow, April 20 at Cheviot Hills Rec Center – at 8:30pm, Diamond #2. (Please see our bulletin board on your way out for a map of Cheviot Hills.)

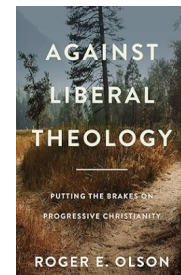
Our team has a wide range of skill levels, and the season lasts until late July. It's a lot of fun and a great way to get to know people from WPC and other faith communities! If you are interested in joining the team this year, email us at office@westwoodpres.org.

SUMMER MUSICAL REHEARSALS —TODAY!



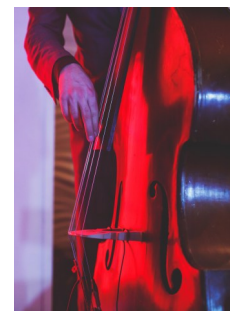
This year we're telling a big story on a big boat and there is absolutely room for everyone aboard NOAH'S ARK! Children and youth are encouraged to join us for rehearsal today during Sunday School and after fellowship in the Sanctuary, 11:30am-12:30pm. A mandatory Dress Rehearsal will be on Saturday, June 6, 9:00am-12:00pm. Inspired by our recent field trip to the exhibit at the Skirball Museum, we too will build our ark and props out of recycled materials. (So save those empty paper towel rolls-we need them!) For any questions please see or email Marin at mmiller@westwoodpres.org.

FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT NEW STUDY —BEGINS TODAY!

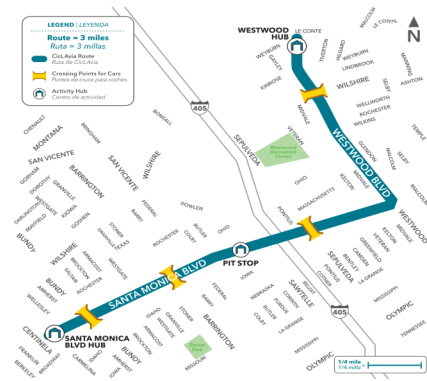


Starting today, Faith, Search, & Support (FSS) invites you to a 10-week study of Roger Olson's *Against Liberal Theology*. In this thought-provoking, accessible book, Olson raises important questions about scripture, doctrine, change, and what it means for the church to remain recognizably Christian. This is an excellent opportunity to engage a modern evangelical thinker you might not otherwise expect to encounter in a mainline church! Join us today after worship! Books are still available to buy on the Side Porch for \$15.

JAZZ SUNDAY —APRIL 26



With Easter's good news of resurrection and hope springing from darkness and death, our toes should be tapping and our hearts singing with joy! Join us Sunday, April 26 when the beloved Bevan Manson Trio and vocalist, LC Powell, will lead us in worship with a different beat, celebrating Eastertide and its divine promises of grace and resurrection. Please see the article below about important information on road closures happening on this day.



ROAD CLOSURES COMING!

On Jazz Sunday, April 26, the annual "CicLAvia" event closes LA streets to traffic to encourage walks and bicycling. This year the road closures are in West LA. See the map for detailed information and possibly consider this a wonderful opportunity to walk or bicycle to WPC!

MONDAY NIGHTERS —MAY 4 SPRING INTO CHANGE!



Our Spring Monday Nighters will be held in Hoffman Hall on May 4 at 6:30pm...now that's a big change! Here is another, let's have a picnic!! Please bring your favorite picnic food to share. For extra fun, dress in your overalls and gingham dresses. Come and celebrate WPC's upcoming changes together. Please sign up on the Side Porch today or online at westwoodpres.org to let us know what food or drink you will be bringing.



CHILDREN & FAMILIES: JOIN US FOR A MOVIE NIGHT! —SATURDAY, MAY 9

Kids, meet your Presbyterian cousins! We're inviting fellow westside PCUSA K-5ers over for a movie night. (WPC youth are welcome, too!) Marin and her fellow CFM Directors will provide adult supervision. Parents can stay for the show or drop children off and go treat Mom this Mother's Day Eve.

Donate to WPC today

 offering baskets in the narthex
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  online at westwoodpres.org
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