

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

ADULT BIRTHDAYS

- 4/6 Elise Fedoroff
- 4/9 Tracy Cluss-Harmeyer
Lisa Goalen
- 4/10 Helen Glynn
- 4/12 Rev. Lynn Cheyney
Samantha Jetter

CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

- 4/9 Robert Farrell (12)



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- † Rose & Peter Helm on the death of Rose's father, David B. Kuhn Jr., who died on March 20.
- † Lourdes Torres and the Torres family as Lourdes recovers from knee replacement surgery.

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

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| 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 |



ROAD CLOSURES COMING! — SUNDAY, APRIL 26

On 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!



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **First Presbyterian Church of Torrance**. 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.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC) UPDATE



Your Pastor Nominating Committee, by design, toils in obscurity. But some important details we can share. Since January we've met weekly to discuss the candidacies of talented pastors interested in leading the next era of our adventures in Westwood after Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian retires.

Our discernment has narrowed down a list of 80 candidates to a much smaller group. We have begun interviews. While we continue to welcome any question or concern, we respect confidentiality and won't mention candidates to anyone other than their named references. Please keep praying for your PNC!

REMINDERS

- Sun. April 5 **Faith, Search, & Support / Adult Bible Forum**
These groups will not meet today.
- Mon. April 6 **Easter Monday—Church Office Closed**
WPC Softball Season Begins
Cheviot Hills Rec Center /Diamond #3 7:15pm
- Wed. April 15 **Women Reading via Zoom** 7:30pm
Discussing the book: *Sacrament* by Susan Straight

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
Brienne Naiman, Preschool Director
Heidi Rudd, Preschool Office Manager



NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US!

Whether you are new to WPC, a long-time member, or returning after a time away, we are glad you are here this Easter morning! Join us Sundays for worship at 10am to refresh your spirit - and try out other activities to engage your heart and mind, your voice and hands.

Visit our website at westwoodpres.org for more information!



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



The Westwood Presbyterian Church Office will be closed **tomorrow, April 6**. We will resume regular office hours on **Tuesday, April 7**.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



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

supports Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice's (CLUE) Detained Immigrant Bond Fund. CLUE equips religious leaders and community members to walk with our immigrant siblings, promoting dignity for everyone regardless of documentation. CLUE's Bond Fund provides financial support to help secure legal representation and release of those detained whose families are facing separation 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.**

EASTER EGG HUNT!

Many church and preschool families enjoyed picnicking, games, and Easter egg hunting last Saturday. What a treat and a blessing!



SUMMER MUSICAL REHEARSALS —NEXT SUNDAY



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 the **first rehearsal next Sunday at 11:30am after fellowship in the Sunday School Classroom**. Future rehearsals will take place during Sunday School and after fellowship in the Sanctuary from 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 Marin or email mmiller@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, there are several other opportunities to deepen our understanding of what it means to be caretakers in the garden of creation:

Faith Conversation with Katharine Hayhoe

Next Sunday, April 12 at 11:30am in the Sanctuary

Join us for a special conversation with renowned climate scientist and best-selling author, Katharine Hayhoe, one of today's most compelling Christian voices on climate change, faith, and hope-filled action.

Ecotheology Reading Group

Wednesdays April 15, 22, and 29 at 7:00pm in Hoffman Hall

Read and discuss seminal Christian works on faith and the environment from authors such as Lynne White and Pope Francis. Open to all and facilitated by Jake Putich.

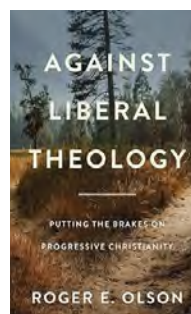
Westwood Greenway Field Trip

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!

Whether you join us for one event or all three, we hope this Creation Season will awaken in us a deeper sense of wonder and responsibility. As we learn and explore together, may we be renewed in our calling to cherish and protect the living world God has made! **Sign up** for the reading group or field trip on the **Side Porch today or online** at westwoodpres.org.

FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT NEW STUDY —APRIL 19



This spring, 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 argues that some forms of modern liberal Christianity have drifted so far from historic faith that they've become something else altogether. 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 hearts to voices beyond our usual earshot in order to deepen and sharpen our faith. 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 when **we start on Sunday, April 19 after worship!** **Books are available to buy on the Side Porch for \$15.**

WPC SOFTBALL SEASON BEGINS!



WPC kicks off this season for the Los Angeles Interfaith Softball League **tomorrow, April 6 at Cheviot Hills Rec Center – at 7:15pm, Diamond #3**. (Please see our bulletin board on your way out for a map of Cheviot Hills.) Help cheer our team on Monday evenings.

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.

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 today 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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