

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

ADULT BIRTHDAYS

6/9 Michelle Deco  
6/10 Peumi Jayyasuriya  
6/11 Carol Howard  
6/12 Parker Felix  
6/13 Kathryn Welch Howe

CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

6/13 Sophia Branaman (7)



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- † Jann Williams, whose stepmother, Eileen Wolfe, the beloved wife of her father, Eugene Wolfe, for 50 years, passed away on Friday, May 30.
- † Marie Lewis as she continues to recover from hip surgery. She is in good spirits and hopes to be home by this weekend.
- † Benjamin Alanis who is still in So CA Hospital of Culver City, recovering from a fall. Ben will soon be moved to a rehabilitation center.

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

Benjamin Alanis	Earl Ellis	Rita Ries
Rubina Andonian	Eva Hrachovec	Linda S. Spitser
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
	Queen Esther Rankins	



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **First Presbyterian Church of Inglewood**. 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. Jun. 8	WPC Worship Service— Pentecost / Stewardship Sunday	10:00am
Mon. Jun. 9	WPC Softball Game	7:15pm
Sun. Jun. 15	WPC Worship Service— Father’s Day / Juneteenth	10:00am
Mon. Jun. 16	WPC Softball Game	8:30pm
Sun. Jun. 22	WPC Worship Service— Pride Sunday	10:00am
Mon. Jun. 23	WPC Softball Game	7:15pm
Sun. Jun. 29	WPC Worship Service— 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Faith Conversation	10:00am 11:20am

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Emily Kerrigan, alto  
Matthew Lewis, bass



NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

PENTECOST SUNDAY—*DEDICATING OUR GIFTS*



Today on Pentecost, we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit! Each of us is blessed by gifts of the Spirit. And through them, we can dedicate ourselves to God’s purposes.

It is fitting that today we will dedicate our pledges in worship. As part of WPC, we know how special our church is: where everyone matters, where everyone belongs, where everyone counts.

Our church invites us to use our gifts in many ways, and find places where we’re appreciated and welcomed - as a member of the choir, helping with Sunday school, participating on a committee, playing on WPC’s softball team, opening our homes for group events, volunteering for one of our mission partners, sharing our thoughts in an adult ed class, serving as a greeter on Sundays, or holding the offering plate at the end of worship. There is a place for everyone to feel a part of our church community. That’s what makes WPC special.





FATHER’S DAY/JUNETEENTH —*NEXT SUNDAY!*



Next Sunday, marks many joys. Join us for worship in-person or online, as we celebrate:

**Juneteenth:** (also known as Jubilee Day, Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, and Black Independence Day). This federal holiday, officially established in 2021, commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans. It is also an opportunity to celebrate the blessings of Black culture.

**Father’s Day:** The celebration of fathers and paternal bonds has been marked by Americans on the 3rd Sunday of June since 1910. It is an opportunity for us to honor not only members of our families, but also those who have influenced us through our family of faith.

COMPLETE YOUR 24-25 PLEDGE



There’s still time to complete your 2024/2025 pledge! You should receive your quarterly pledge statement by email in the following weeks. Our fiscal year wraps up on June 30. If you have not fulfilled your pledge, you can donate online, or by check; be sure to write 2024/2025 pledge in the memo line.

WPC SOFTBALL WILL BE BACK—*TOMORROW!*



Help cheer our team on **Monday evenings; next game will be tomorrow at Cheviot Hills Rec Center – at 7:15pm, Diamond #4.** It’s a lot of fun and a great way to get to know people from WPC and other similar faith communities! If you are interested in joining the team this year, email us

at [office@westwoodpres.org](mailto:office@westwoodpres.org).

PRIDE SUNDAY —*JUNE 22*



Join us in worship on Sunday, June 22, for a service celebrating LGBTQ Pride! We will remember those saints, past and present, who have dedicated their lives to liberation for all of God's children, including our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer siblings, express our thankfulness to God for the diversity of human expression, and explore how we can better follow Jesus's path of radical love and inclusion.

HIRING CHILDCARE PROVIDERS!



We have a thriving nursery and are looking for one or two more experienced childcare providers to join our team! Know someone who would be wonderful? Encourage them to check out the full job description at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org) and to apply! Resumes and cover letters may be sent to WPC Director of Children and Family Ministries, Marin Miller at [mmiller@westwoodpres.org](mailto:mmiller@westwoodpres.org).

P.A.T.H. GARDEN PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who showed up and helped transform PATH’s outdoor space into a place of beauty and welcome. May this garden be a blessing and a sign of hope for families finding their way home!

“First and foremost, thank you for visiting our site and setting up the garden for our families. I cannot express how grateful I am for everyone who volunteers in their own time. I came in this morning, and many families came to me to say how appreciative they feel for having a safe space to enjoy with their children. They felt a sense of welcome in the community. Each of you played a crucial role in making this transformation a success. My weekday team was shocked when they witnessed the area this morning!”

—Mike Phu, Program Director at PATH



Before



After



FAITH CONVERSATION ON IMMIGRATION WITH  
REV. HEIDI WORTHEN GAMBLE —*SUNDAY, JUNE 29*



On Sunday, June 29, we invite you after worship to join us in Hoffman Hall for a special Faith Conversation with Rev. Heidi Worthen Gamble, Mission Catalyst for the Presbytery of the Pacific. Drawing from her recent presentation to the presbytery, Heidi will guide WPC through the complex realities of immigration and deportation – and the faithful role congregations can play in offering refuge, response, and compassion. With wisdom rooted in years of ministry and justice work, she’ll help us consider how we can be more prepared to protect and accompany our most vulnerable neighbors. This will be a time of learning, reflection, and shared calling. We hope you’ll join us!

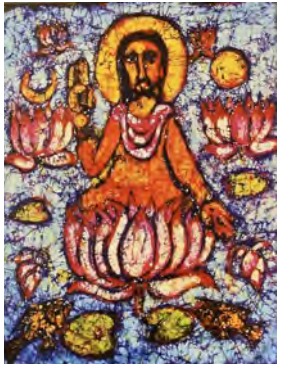
UNVEILING THE MANY FACES OF CHRIST:  
AN ICONOGRAPHY EXHIBIT IN THE NARTHEX



Today, on Pentecost Sunday, WPC will celebrate the installation of an art exhibit in the Narthex, “Unveiling the Many Faces of Christ,” inviting viewers into a sustained moment of contemplation in which we might ask ourselves “How can we collectively imagine Jesus through many lenses? Through many faces?” On this significant holy day, we remember the presence and power of the Holy Spirit who worked miracles of understanding among a diverse crowd of worshippers. We welcome the Spirit’s presence, divine guidance and revelations as we reflect on a multi-ethnic, culturally-diverse cross-section of artistic renderings of Christ.

Let us pause to consider:

- How Jesus reveals himself to us in our own mind’s eye
- What images and visual association we ascribe to Jesus
- What a personal portrait of him might look like if we each were to create one



The exhibit draws from a collection of Christ iconography previously assembled by Monte Vista Grove Homes (MVGH) Diversity Task Force - an initiative led by former Pastor of Westwood Presbyterian Church, Rev. Lynn Cheyney.

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