

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

ADULT BIRTHDAYS

7/7 Sheri Nelson
7/8 Angela Kim
7/10 Lara Fedoroff

CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

7/7 James Whelan (15)
7/9 Maxwell Jetter
San Gemino (17)



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- † Ralph Cato as he undergoes knee replacement surgery on Tuesday after three years of pain.
- † Pastor Mark S. Jones, Sr. and Romana, as Pastor Mark continues to receive occupational and physical therapy in rehab.
- † The Helm family on the death of Peter's father, Harold H. Helm II, on Wednesday.
- † The family of Elder Earl Ellis as they prepare for his Memorial Service on Saturday, July 11 at 11:00am at Westwood Presbyterian Church.
- † Maddie Gamble who is recovering from surgery.

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

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



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **Culver City 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. Jul. 5	WPC Worship Service— 6th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00am
Sat. Jul. 11	Earl Ellis' Memorial Service	11:00am
Sun. Jul. 12	WPC Worship Service— 7th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00am
Wed. Jul. 15	Women Reading	7:30pm
Sat. Jul. 18	New Pastor Meet & Greet in Hoffman Hall	2:00pm
Sun. Jul. 19	WPC Worship Service— Congregational Meeting	10:00am

CONNECT WITH WPC!



New-ish to our church? Curious about ways to be involved? Please take a moment to fill out the "Connect" card in the pew rack – then return it to a pastor, the offering plate, or an usher. Let us know what you'd like to know more about, if you have a prayer request, if you'd like to receive WPC emails, and more. We are so very glad you're here!

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, Vincent Purcell, and Levi Yin, AV Techs
Laurel Sanders, Organist
Dakota Hodge and Cole Hershon, Sound & Lighting Engineers

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
Brianna Naiman, Preschool Director
Heidi Rudd, Preschool Office Manager



NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026

NEW PASTOR MEET & GREET

On July 19, congregation members will vote to call WPC's next pastor! Over the past nine months, our Pastor Nominating Committee has worked diligently to secure a new Pastor and Head of Staff, following Pastor Chris Chakoian's notice of her retirement. The PNC will present its candidate to the congregation that morning. The candidate will lead us in worship and the congregation will then be asked to vote to confirm the PNC's recommendation to call its candidate to serve as our next Pastor and Head of Staff.

WPC will host a reception for the candidate and family in **Hoffman Hall on Saturday, July 18, from 2:00-4:00pm** to give everyone a chance to introduce themselves and to ask questions of the candidate and PNC members.





FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT

Faith, Search, & Support will not meet today and will resume next Sunday, July 12.

FAREWELL PASTOR CHRIS & JOHN!



On Sunday, July 26, Rev. Dr. Chakoian will have her final Sunday with us (she retires July 31). A farewell reception for Chris & John will be held in Hoffman Hall after worship. Be sure to join us as we thank Pastor Chris for her service to the WPC community and send her into retirement with lots of love and prayers. And please feel free to reach out to others who may want to join in the celebration of Chris – all are welcome!

God certainly has been faithful! Thank you for your prayers for the PNC and please keep praying for our beloved church during this time of transition.

We also invite you to make a monetary gift to WPC in Chris' honor. She has requested that all donations go to the church, and gifts are tax deductible. We will seek Chris & John's input on how that gift will be used. Please give by cash or by check with "Pastor Chris & John Love Offering" on the memo line in worship, by mail, or use the QR code below to give online.

PRESBYTERY DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) —VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is responding to urgent humanitarian needs after Venezuela experienced back-to-back earthquakes on June 24. PDA coordinates an emergency response (shelter, hygiene items, water, and food) with local partners and the Latin America and Caribbean forum of ACT

Alliance. Please support their on-the-ground work by donating today on the Side Porch or online by scanning the QR code below and select PDA.

Donate to WPC today

 offering baskets in the narthex
 10822 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90024
 online at westwoodpres.org
 Scan our QR code

WPC MONTHLY HUNGER APPEAL —TODAY



Today as we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we will take our Hunger Offering to help 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 to Westwood Presbyterian Church with "Hunger Offering" or "Food Pantry" on the memo line.

Check out the new Mission & Outreach Calendar on the Side Porch today and sign up for volunteer opportunities in the coming months.

PLEDGE TO WPC TODAY! THERE IS STILL TIME!



We can all make a difference at WPC – because God calls each of us to help make this world a better place.

However you are called to roll up your sleeves, it matters. Your financial commitment makes a difference too. It's not too late to pledge!

Fill out a pledge card for the fiscal year (July 1, 2026—June 30, 2027) – either from the pew rack or the one that was mailed to you. Pledge online by scanning the QR code on the pledge card or at westwoodpres.org/give.

Whatever your level of commitment, please know that it matters. Because all of us are called to help fulfill Christ's care for our world!

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

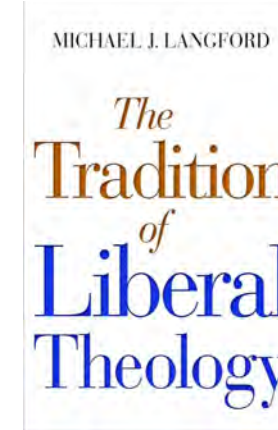


The Building Commission continues to make steady progress on the church building project. Encouragingly, the Phase 1 construction price estimate came in very close to projections made more than a year ago, despite rising construction costs and inflation.

Work continues on the agreements and approvals needed before construction can begin. The Commission also reviewed updated cash flow projections and discussed plans for future sanctuary renovations. Preliminary cost estimates for sanctuary improvements are expected later this summer.

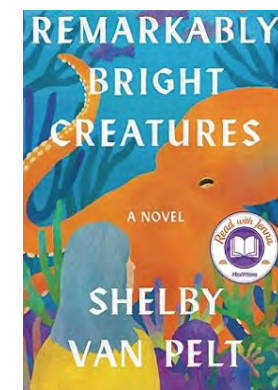
At present, the anticipated start of construction remains near the end of the year. The Commission remains grateful for the congregation's continuing interest, prayers, and support as this exciting project moves forward.

NEW FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT STUDY!



Faith, Search, & Support begins a new study next Sunday, with Michael Langford's *The Tradition of Liberal Theology*. This thoughtful book offers a clear and accessible introduction to the major themes, questions, and commitments that have shaped liberal Christian theology over time. Together, the class will explore how faith can remain intellectually honest, spiritually alive, and responsive to the needs of the world. All are welcome to join this lively and thoughtful conversation! Books will be available today on the Side Porch after worship for \$15.

WOMEN READING —WEDNESDAY, JULY 15



Women Reading invites you to join us on Zoom on Wednesday, July 15 at 7:30pm to discuss the book *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. A charming, witty and compulsively readable exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope that traces a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus.

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.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS AND COFFEE FELLOWSHIP DEPEND ON YOUR PARTICIPATION.

SPONSOR THE CHANCEL FLOWERS



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!

SPONSOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



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!