Adult Education

Advocacy as Discipleship: A Faith Conversation with Amanda Craft | *Sunday, November 8*



How does our faith shape our public witness? Join us **on Mission Sunday, November 8, from 11:30am–12:30pm in the Sanctuary** for a Faith Conversation with Amanda Craft, Manager of Immigration Advocacy for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), who will join us virtually.

As part of our Mission Sunday focus, Amanda will explore the biblical and theological roots of Presbyterian advocacy, with particular attention to immigration and our call to welcome and stand alongside immigrant neighbors. Together, we'll consider how this heritage can guide faithful action today, with time for questions and conversation. All are warmly welcome!

Did you Miss a Faith Conversation?

If you missed our Faith Conversation: *Faith & the Church in the Age of Artificial Intelligence* with Rev. Dr. Dongwoo Lee, the video is now available on our YouTube channel. Revisit other Faith Conversations by checking out our Faith Conversations playlist! **Scan the QR Code** for more information!

Fellowship

Thankfulness Sunday



As families gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, WPC has a special tradition of coming together to give thanks! Founded in November 1947, our church celebrates its anniversary each year with a joyful day of gratitude and fellowship.

This year, we'll also have the joy of welcoming new members during worship! Join your family of faith on Sunday, November 22, for worship, followed by finger foods and festivities in Hoffman Hall. Come ready to celebrate, connect, and share the things you are especially thankful for this season. We look forward to giving thanks together!

COMING UP IN ADVENT

Scan the QR Code for more info on these Advent Events or to RSVP!

1st Sunday of Advent	*Sun. Nov. 29*
Christmas Turkey Dinner Box Assembly and Packing	*Fri. Dec. 11 & Sat. Dec. 12*
Children's Christmas Pageant	*Sun. Dec. 13*
Christmas Monday Nighters	*Mon. Dec. 14*
Christmas Cantata	*Sun. Dec. 20*
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services	*Thurs. Dec. 24*

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WPC Community Fun from October





Trunk or Treat 2026





WPC's Preschool Fall Festival





Homecoming 2026

Deacons



November 15 is Deacon Sunday - Deacons will be hosting in the service and in the fellowship hour. In our denomination, "The office of Deacon is one of compassion and service after the example of Jesus Christ." At WPC our deacons are committed to delivering flowers, cards, and visits to those dealing with a loss, a surgery recovery, or simply to cheer. Deacons prepare Communion in church each month and deliver Home Communion quarterly to our home bound members. If you feel a call to serve and have a more meaningful relationship with our members in the service of Christ, let us know. It is very likely that you will receive more than you give. Please say "hello" to a Deacon wearing boutonnieres and find out more!

Children & Family Ministries

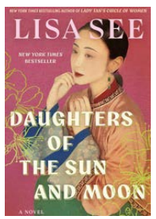
Children Christmas Pageant Rehearsals



Rehearsals begin for our Children's Christmas Musical, "Darles Chickens' A Christmas Carol or Two or Three or Four," **Sunday, November 1, after worship from 11:30am-12:30pm in the Sunday School classroom (Room 2)**. We will also use time during our regular Sunday School hour to make the set pieces, props and costumes. All children and youth are welcome! If you would like to join the cast and crew, or if you have any questions, reach out to Marin Miller at mmiller@westwoodpres.org.

Women's Ministry

Women Reading



Join us **on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30pm on Zoom** when we'll discuss Lisa See's latest novel *Daughters of the Sun and Moon*. Email the church office at office@westwoodpres.org to be added to the guest list and receive the Zoom link. Happy reading!

Mission & Outreach

Collection for SPY (Men's Clothes) — Sundays, November 1, 8, & 15



Winter is cold in California and Safe Place for Youth (SPY) in Venice needs our help. SPY's Clothing Closet provides free, essential clothing to young people experiencing homelessness right now. Time to clean our closets! **SPY needs gently used MEN's CLOTHING in all sizes.** Please bring the washed and folded (no stains or holes) clothing **to the Side Porch for drop off on Sundays, Nov. 1, 8, and 15.** A new package of men's underwear with your donation would be much appreciated. Thank you, WPC for stepping up and providing warmth for a young person in our community.

WPC's Building Project Update



The Church's Administrative Commission continues its work on the plans for the future of Westwood Presbyterian Church's physical property. As work progresses on the Ground Lease, we are also refining the designs for the new buildings envisioned in Phases 1 and 2 of the Building Project.

An important part of this project is that new revenue generated by the Ground Lease will provide the funding for the construction of these new Church facilities. This long-term arrangement offers an opportunity to invest in facilities that will support the worship, fellowship, and ministries of WPC for generations to come and to provide a continuing income for the Church's mission.

We invite you to review the history and background of the project in a presentation on the Church's website at westwoodpres.org/updates and the details plans for the first phase of the project.

The Administrative Commission will continue sharing updates as plans develop and decisions are made.

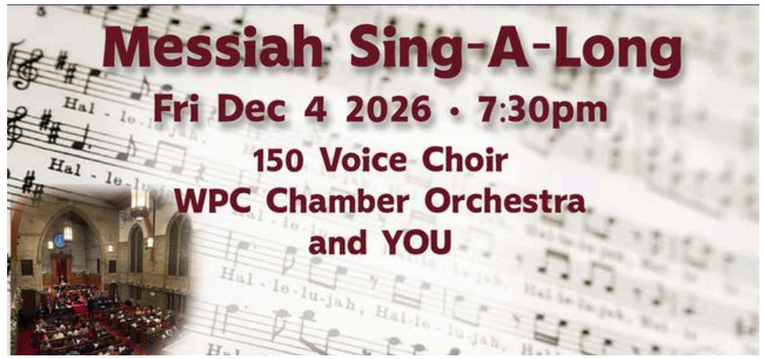
Music

Choir Retreat

Sunday, November 22



The WPC Chancel Choir's second choir retreat of the season will be **on Sunday, November 22 from 12:30pm to 3:00pm.** After Thanksgiving festivities in Hoffman Hall, join us for some merry making and getting into the Advent Season in the Choir Room. Enjoy as the choir sings through Handel's *Messiah movements*. This is all in preparation for the Messiah Sing-A-Long concert on December 4! Refreshments will be provided. For any questions, contact Director of Music, Dan Redfeld at dredfeld@westwoodpres.org.



Join us on Friday, December 4, at 7:30pm as Music at Westwood presents the "Messiah Sing-A-Long", under the baton of Music Director, Dan Redfeld. Featuring WPC's Chancel Choir Section Leaders singing on the arias and our WPC Chamber Orchestra, the audience will sing along on many of the well-known choruses from Handel's masterful oratorio led by the WPC Chancel Choir. This is the perfect way to kick off the Advent season, get into the holiday spirit, and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus! **Tickets-$25 for adults and $10 for students are available on the Side Porch on Sundays following worship and on Eventbrite.com**. Scholarships are available.

Featuring Christina Borgioli and Devon Davidson, sopranos, Emily Kerrigan, mezzo-soprano, Elias Berezin, tenor, and Matthew Lewis, bass, the WPC Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra.

