

Membership

Join us on Sundays **November 8 & 15, at 11:30am in Hoffman Hall.** If you are a visitor, we encourage you to attend these two seminars! These sessions over lunch help you get to know WPC (including our Presbyterian traditions), ask questions, and find ways to get

involved. Though both sessions are required for those interested in official membership, they are open to ALL! Those wishing to join will be received into membership during worship Sunday, November 22.

Since lunch will be served, we need you to RSVP on Side Porch or online at westwoodpres.org/updates. For any questions please contact Anne Cioffi at acioffi@westwoodpres.org or any of our pastors.



Adult Education

Faith Conversation with Amanda Craft Sunday, November 8



Join us on Sunday, November 8 at **11:20 in the Sanctuary** for a Faith Conversation with Rev. Amanda Craft. She will be speaking on Presbyterian advocacy as discipleship.

Did you Miss a Faith Conversation?

Whether you missed a conversation or would like to revisit one that stayed with you, we invite you to watch them in our Faith Conversations playlist on our YouTube channel! **Scan the QR Code** for more information!



SAVE THE DATES

Scan the QR Code for more info in the coming weeks or to RSVP!

Women Reading -

Wed. Oct. 21

Reading *Mother Mary Comes to Me* by Arundhati Roy at 7:30pm on Zoom



All Saints Sunday

Sun., Nov. 1



Daylight Savings - Fall Back

Sun. Nov. 1



Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

begin Sun. Nov. 1



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WPC Community Fun and Outreach from September



Homeboy 5K Walk/Run
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Women's Retreat 2026

Welcome Home!



Pastor Mike

What a joy to begin our life together on Homecoming Sunday. Whether Westwood has been your church home for decades, you are returning after time away, or today is your very first Sunday, I'm so glad you're here. My family and I are deeply grateful for the warmth and generosity with which you have welcomed us. As we begin this new chapter together, I'm filled with gratitude for all that God has done at Westwood and hopeful for all that lies ahead. There is a place for you here. Welcome home!

Fellowship

Choir Retreat Sunday, October 11

The WPC Chancel's first Choir Retreat of the season is **on October 11 from 11:30am-2:00pm in the Choir Room.**

Lunch will be provided and we will be singing through Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*, which is this year's Advent Cantata. It will be a fun afternoon of singing and fellowship. Contact Direct of Music, Dan Redfeld, with any questions at dredfeld@westwoodpres.org.



Children & Family Ministries

WPC Preschool's Fall Festival Saturday, October 17

Get ready for an unforgettable day at the WPC Preschool Fall Festival **on Saturday, October 17 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm!** Gather your family and friends for an afternoon brimming with excitement and laughter, perfect for children aged 2-12. From exhilarating train rides, petting zoos, and bouncy houses to creative crafts and snacks, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Dive into our thrilling game booths, and the rotating classes led by our talented enrichment instructors. Join for a vibrant celebration of fall fun—where memories are made and smiles are guaranteed! RSVPs go to wpcpreschool@westwoodpres.org.



Save the date and get ready to dress up, play games, make crafts, go trunk to trunk gathering goodies, and settle in for the show...if you dare! Our Trunk or Treat event is **on Saturday, October 24 beginning with festivities at 4pm** on the playground and 5pm Trunk-or-Treating in the front parking lot. Then, stick around for pizza, popcorn and a family friendly movie beginning at 6pm in Hoffman Hall. Wanna decorate a trunk!? Fantastic! The more the merrier *ahem* I mean scarier! Email Marin Miller, Director of Children & Family Ministries to let her know at mmiller@westwoodpres.org.



Mission & Outreach

Hunger Walk 2026 Sunday, November 1 | 2:00pm-5:00pm

If you missed the Homeboy 5K, WPC will be participating as a team in Westside Food Bank's Annual Hunger Walk, which will take place **on Sunday, November 1 on the beach walk path in Santa Monica.** Help us

make a difference in our community: make a donation, register to walk as part of our team, and share our fundraising page using our direct link at westwoodpres.org/updates. Let's make our goal and end hunger together!



WPC Monthly Hunger Appeal

Every first Sunday of the Month 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 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.

Don't forget to check out the new Mission & Outreach Calendar on the Side Porch for volunteer opportunities in the coming months and/or help the West LA Rapid Response Dispensa by donating plastic bags throughout the month.



Mission Sunday Sunday, November 8

WPC practices MISSION POSSIBLE. As a Matthew 25 and Earth Care congregation we are committed to caring for God's creation and for our vulnerable sisters and brothers. **Please join us in worship on Sunday, November 8** to learn more about WPC's mission partners and opportunities to help. After worship the Mission Sunday Faith Conversation will feature Amanda Craft from the Office of Public Witness (PCUSA). Amanda's presentation Advocacy as Discipleship will focus on the history of Presbyterian advocacy and its relevance for current immigration policy.



Spiritual Formation

Creation Vespers: A Taizé Service Sunday, October 18



On Sunday, October 18, at 7pm, the Spiritual Formation Committee invites you to a special Creation Vespers service in the style of Taizé at Westwood Presbyterian Church. Through scripture, song, candlelight, visual art, and spacious silence, we will enter the wonder of creation and renew our attention to the world God loves. The service will weave together readings from Genesis, Malcolm Guite's poem *Seven Whole Days*, Taizé hymns, and music inspired by Haydn, with opportunities for congregational participation and prayer. In a season of change, come rest in God's presence and listen again for the Spirit moving through creation, community, and our shared life. All are warmly welcome.

Fall Spiritual Retreat: Renewing Our Vision Saturday, November 7 at 9:30am



Join us **on Saturday, November 7, from 9:30am. to 12:30pm, at the UCLA Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Garden** for WPC's Fall Spiritual Retreat. Becky Crane-Okada will return to guide us through a morning of prayer, reflection, and attentive time in the garden. Together, we will consider what it means to renew our vision in a season of

transition—making space to slow down, listen deeply, and notice the Spirit at work within us and around us. The morning will include guided reflection, time for individual exploration and meditation, and a closing conversation. Come reconnect with God, one another, and the beauty of creation. Register online at westwoodpres.org/updates or by using the QR code on the Side Porch table.

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