

## BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

3/11	James Babbin	3/15	Farzad Moghaddam
3/14	Joseph Darvish		Brandi Popovich
		3/17	Casey Crouch



## PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

† Steve Kimura as he continues a rigorous treatment regimen and for his wife Laura Scott & daughter Paloma.

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

Benjamin Alanis	Christopher Davis	Queen Esther Rankins
Rubina Andonian	Earl Ellis	Rita Ries
Polly Berger	Eva Hrachovec	Linda S. Spitzer
Joshua Camberlan	Ian Hrachovec	Kuki Sullam
Susan Chapman	Ken Jonaitis	Amy Tan
Aiden Cohen Davis	Steve Kimura	Ron Tranquilla
	Nina Louie	Louise Wilson

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXTENDED: THE OTHER WPC AND ITS REV. DR. JONES



In 1904, Westminster Presbyterian Church was formed in the Crenshaw area of LA – the first Negro Presbyterian Church in the western U.S. One of its influential pastors was Rev. Dr. James E. Jones who served from 1958 – 1984. During his tenure, Westminster began the first multiethnic ministry in our Synod and Presbytery, with outreach in public education and social services.

Outside the church, Rev. Dr. Jones marched with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and served as the first African-American president of the LAUSD School Board. Rev. Dr. Jones had served previously in Detroit, MI and many family members joined him in Los Angeles, including his nephew Rev. Mark S. Jones Sr. who ministers to us here at the other WPC.

## FREE PARKING AVAILABLE NEXT DOOR



Each Sunday morning we encourage all who are able to park next door at the AVCO / iPic lot to ensure that those who need to use a closer spot are able to park here at WPC. If you parked next door this morning, be sure to pick up a **FREE** validation ticket (valid until 5pm) from an usher before leaving worship. Upon leaving the lot, insert original ticket in the machine, followed by the validation.

## COMING UP

Sun. March 10	WPC Worship Service— Daylights Savings/4th Sunday in Lent	10:00am
Sat. March 16	Board Game Party	4:00pm
Sun. March 17	Marathon Sunday— No Worship Service <i>Copland, Rutter, Williams! Concert</i>	7:30pm
Thurs. March 21	Ember	7:00pm
Sun. March 24	WPC Worship Service— Palm/Passion Sunday Monthly Food Drive	10:00am 11:00am
Thurs. March 28	Maundy Thursday Supper and Worship	6:30pm
Fri. March 29	Good Friday Vespers	7:00pm



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **Korean United 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.

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Devon Davidson, soprano  
Emily Kerrigan, alto  
Matthew Lewis, bass



## NEWS & CONCERNS SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024



Join us for the whole of Holy Week as we prepare for Easter's joy!

**Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24 – 10:00am**

*In the Sanctuary*

With palms in hand, in music from our children and Chancel Choir, and through the dramatic reading of the passion narrative, Holy Week begins.

**Maundy Thursday, March 28 — 6:30pm**

*In Hoffman Hall (In-person only)*

As Jesus gathered with his followers for a final supper, we will assemble for communion and experience together the mystery of Jesus' final moments. We begin with a light soup supper at 6:30pm. Worship begins at 7:00pm.

**Good Friday Vespers, March 29 — 7:00pm**

*In the Sanctuary*

A contemplative worship experience in the style of Taizé, with sacred music, scripture, candlelight and prayer, as we reflect on the mystery of Jesus' death and the hope of resurrection.

**Sunday, March 31 — Easter Sunday**

**7:00am Sunrise Communion Service**

*At Pierce Bros. Westwood Memorial Park (In-person only)*

We will join together outside to celebrate the resurrection as the sun rises on the new day. Parking will be available at Pierce Bros. Memorial Park (limited), the AVCO lot, (validation cards will be provided) and in the WPC parking lot.

**9:00 and 11:00am**

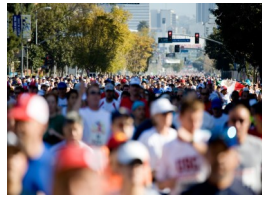
*In the Sanctuary*

Join the jubilant celebration of Jesus' triumph over sin and death as we give thanks with music and Scripture, Easter lilies, and the Hallelujah Chorus.

**Note:** *Childcare will be provided at 9am & 11am Easter services. Please email [lpplace@westwoodpres.org](mailto:lpplace@westwoodpres.org) if you need childcare for the Maundy Thursday and/or Good Friday services.*



## NO MORNING WORSHIP —NEXT SUNDAY!



The L.A. Marathon is taking place on **Sunday, March 17, 2024**. There will be **no worship service on this Sunday**. Instead of a worship service, we invite you to join us for the Music at Westwood Spring Concert. You can find the details below.

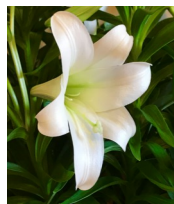
## MUSIC AT WESTWOOD PRESENTS OUR SPRING CONCERT —*COPLAND, RUTTER, WILLIAMS!*



**Next Sunday, at 7:30pm**, Music at Westwood will present *Copland, Rutter, Williams!* The WPC Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra will perform selections from Aaron Copland's poignant and sometimes amusing *Old American Songs*, John Rutter's transcendent *Requiem*, and John Williams' jubilant *Exsultate Justi from Empire of the Sun*. After the successful west-coast premiere of his *Gloria* at our May 2023 concert, Maestro Williams has once again given us permission (at no charge!) to perform another work from his extensive catalogue: *Exsultate Justi* - a rare choral gem he reworked into this concert version.

*Copland, Rutter, Williams!* will be conducted by Westwood Presbyterian's Director of Music, Dan Redfeld and will feature our esteemed section leaders. This concert will take the place of the worship service and scholarships are available for admission. If you would like to take advantage of the scholarship, please contact Pastor Chris or the church office at [office@westwoodpres.org](mailto:office@westwoodpres.org) and we will make arrangements for you to attend the concert. **Tickets are \$30 each and are available on the side porch following worship**, at the door, or on Eventbrite. Childcare available upon request.

## ADORN THE SANCTUARY WITH EASTER LILIES



It is a long WPC tradition to adorn our sanctuary with lilies on Easter Sunday. You can buy an Easter lily in memory or honor of a loved one, or simply as an act of love. **Each lily costs \$15**. Sign up on the side porch after worship today or by scanning the QR code provided at the table. **Sign-ups close Monday, March 25!**

After the Easter service, you can take your lilies home or donate them to be delivered to our members who are homebound or in other need. You may also choose to give extra towards the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. If you are able to assist with deliveries after the 11:00 am service on Easter Sunday, March 31, please contact the church office at [office@westwoodpres.org](mailto:office@westwoodpres.org) (While the stamens will be removed to lessen allergies, please note that lilies can be toxic to cats!).



SCAN OUR QR CODE TO DONATE  
TO WPC TODAY!



## RUNNING FOR A GOOD CAUSE!



Our very own Steve Hauser is running the L.A. Marathon to raise money for FosterAll founded in 1985. Help him achieve his goal of raising money for foster kids by making a big donation online at [fosterall.org](https://fosterall.org). You may also scan the QR code below and select FosterAll. Homes for foster kids is what FosterAll is all about!

## WPC MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE —SUNDAY, MARCH 24



Our monthly Food Drive to support Wilshire Presbyterian Church's Food Pantry is on **Sunday, March 24 from 11:00-12:00pm** in our church parking lot!

**Specific items requested by Wilshire Pres for this month are:**  
*oats, cooking oil and sugar*

**There are three ways to give:** Drop off your donations on the table in our parking lot OR place an order on amazon.com and have it delivered to Wilshire Presbyterian Church, 300 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90020; OR Donate online by scanning the QR code below and **select Food Pantry**.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Easter's One Great Hour of Sharing offering (OGHS) brings hope to people in difficult times. Gifts are divided between two worthy efforts. One half supports our denomination's mission - including the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People. The other half will support Meals on Wheels West, a remarkable non-profit supportive-services agency providing meals to Seniors, homebound and the food insecure and provides referrals to 58 partner service agencies in West Los Angeles. Visit their website at [mealsonwheelswest.org](https://mealsonwheelswest.org). 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.

## WPC ANNUAL BOOK DRIVE IS BACK!

March is National Reading Month, and WPC is celebrating once again with our annual Book Drive.

**Start gathering those books for all ages now! Books will be donated to the families of Esperanza Elementary, PATH and others in need in our Los Angeles community.**

**WPC's Mission & Outreach Committee will be accepting books on the side porch Sundays in March and the first two Sundays in April.**

**Baby Books to Adults are needed.**  
(reasonably good condition, sound binding, not written in, etc.)

Share the joy of reading

**Hands-on volunteer opportunity after the service on Sunday, April 14, to help sort the books. PIZZA WILL BE SERVED!**



## BOARD GAME PARTY —THIS SATURDAY!



Families of all ages are invited to join Children & Family Ministries for our Board Game Party **this Saturday from 4:00-6:30pm!** Bring along your favorite game from home to share, and we'll provide the snacks. Sign up on our website at [westwoodpres.org](https://westwoodpres.org), and share the link with any friends who might want to join the fun! Contact Jessica at [jplace@westwoodpres.org](mailto:jplace@westwoodpres.org) if you have any questions.

## WOMEN READING —WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20



Join Women Reading on Zoom on **March 20, at 7:30 pm** to discuss the novel, *Goodnight, Irene* by Luis Alberto Durrea, which tells the story of the female Red Cross volunteers called The Donut Dollies who served on the front lines during World War II.

Newcomers are always welcome - contact the church office at [office@westwoodpres.org](mailto:office@westwoodpres.org) if you would like to receive the Zoom link to join our thoughtful community of women readers!

## EASTER EGG HUNT ARTICLE —SATURDAY MARCH 30



WPC's annual Easter Egg Hunt is coming up on **Saturday, March 30 from 11:30am-1:00pm!** Bring your own picnic and a basket to collect eggs, and get ready for a day full of games, yummy treats, and a visit from the Easter Bunny! You can RSVP online at [westwoodpres.org](https://westwoodpres.org). If you are able to donate a bag of individually wrapped candy to contribute to our Easter treats, please email [jplace@westwoodpres.org](mailto:jplace@westwoodpres.org). Thanks for helping to make this a memorable event for our community's kids!

## HELP WITH THE EASTER CROSS —SAT MARCH 30

Please join us on **Saturday, March 30 at 10:00am** to help decorate the cross with flowers for Easter Sunday. Bring clippers if you have them and gloves if you need them. If you are able to help, please contact the church office at (310) 474-4535 or [office@westwoodpres.org](mailto:office@westwoodpres.org).

## YOUTH ECO ART FAIR —SUNDAY, APRIL 21



The Youth Eco Art Fair at Culver City Presbyterian Church is on **Sunday, April 21 from 2:00-4:00pm!** All youth (6th-12th) are invited to participate by submitting works of art (painting, sculpture, poetry, music, or short prose) on the theme: *For the Healing of the Earth*. Youth must submit their art/proposals to Rev. Dr. Frances Rosenau at [fwrosenau@culvercitypres.org](mailto:fwrosenau@culvercitypres.org) and Jake Putich at [jputich@westwoodpres.org](mailto:jputich@westwoodpres.org) by **Monday, April 1**. All ages are welcome to attend.