**COMING UP**

Sun., July 2
WPC Worship Service
10:00am

Mon., July 3
WPC Softball Game—Pali Pres Prodigals vs. WPC Hatch Batch
9:00pm

Tues., July 4
Independence Day—Church Office Closed

Fri., July 7
WPC Adventure Quest
8:30am

Sun., July 9
WPC Worship Service: Pride Sunday
Red Cross Blood Drive
10:00am

Mon., July 10
WPC Softball Game—Bible Ninja Warriors vs. WPC Hatch Batch
7:30pm

Fri., July 14
WPC Adventure Quest
8:30am

Sun., July 16
WPC Worship Service
10:00am

Mon., July 17
WPC Softball Playoff Game

Sun., July 23
WPC Worship Service
10:00am

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**Worship**

Join Michael Davis Hoag, Sunday Receptionist, Aidan Hall, AV Tech, John James Hickey, AV Tech, Emily Leaver, AV Tech, Laurel Sanders, Organist, and Paul Pelayo, AV Tech, Paul Workman, Sound & Lighting Engineer for various worship services.

**Section Leaders**

Elias Breslin, tenor
Emerson Boatwright, tenor
Christina Borgioli, soprano
Devin Davidson, soprano
Emily Kerrigan, alto
Matthew Lewis, bass

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**NEWS & CONCERNS**

**SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023**

**SUMMER AT WPC**

It’s summertime! Many of us could use a time to relax, refresh, and rejuvenate our spiritual energies.

Worship—“Make a joyful noise to the Lord,” the Psalmist urges us. Join in worship every Sunday at 10:00am—person as you’re able, and if not, online. The Spirit keeps us together!

Fellowship—Visit with friends and newcomers as we savor snacks on the side porch after worship and as women share meditation each Thursday morning.

Grow—Sunday school for children and youth continues on Sunday mornings. But growth doesn’t end there! Every Sunday, adults can join Faith, Search, & Support or Adult Bible Forum—and on July 30, a timely Faith Conversation about Asian-American Appreciation.

Share—All of us have gifts that matter! Share your support through your faithful pledge, the monthly Food Drive, as well as special events like the Habitat build and the collection of supplies for toyline bags for FosterAll camp. You can donate online, or pledge for the 2023-24 fiscal year, at westwoodpres.org/give/pledge-now.

May this be a summer of refreshment for us all!
**Pride Sunday—Next Sunday, July 9**

Join us in worship on Sunday, July 9, when we will follow up our June Faith Conversations on LGBTQ inclusion with a service celebrating 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.

**Calling All Sunday School Teachers!**

Children & Family Ministries (CFM) is excited to report that we have a growing group of PreK and Elementary kids attending Sunday School, and we need your help! We want to expand our classes in order to better meet the needs of both our youngest and oldest kids, which means more volunteer teachers. If you are interested in learning more about being a Sunday School volunteer, reach out to Jessica Place, Director of CFM, at jplace@westwoodpres.org. Whether you are a parent, a teacher, or someone who’s just looking for new and fun ways to serve, it’s a great opportunity to invest in the future of our church!

**Sponsor the Chancel Flowers**

The chancel flowers depend on your active participation. 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 2023 sponsorship date on the side porch after worship today.

**Sponsor Coffee Fellowship**

The refreshments on the side porch after worship depend on your participation. Members and friends 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 ($10 per family). Please support this wonderful ministry of fellowship and schedule your desired 2023 sponsorship date on the side porch after worship today.

**Help Bring an End to Local Hunger**

Today, as we do each communion Sunday, Mission & Outreach Committee invites you to give to the Hunger Offering to provide food to those unable to afford it. Through your contributions, we are able to assist the efforts of the Westside Food Bank, our mission partner since the mid 1980s. The WFB is able to feed 4 people for every $1 donated. You may give on the side porch following worship today, mail checks to the church office with Hunger Offering on the memo line, or give online. Scan our QR code and select the field Hunger.

**Emergency Blood Drive—Next Sunday, July 9**

WPC is hosting an American Red Cross blood drive in Hoffman Hall on Sunday, July 9, from 10:00am-4:00pm. Healthy individuals continue to be needed to donate now to help patients counting on lifesaving blood. The Red Cross is requesting that people who would like to donate make an appointment for a time slot. To make an appointment, please go to redcrossblood.org and enter our sponsor code Westwoodpres. When you give blood to the Red Cross from 7/1—7/11, you’ll receive a free Red Cross dry bag and $15 gift card by email! Go to rcblood.org/gifts for more info.

**Why is Per Capita Important?**

Presbyterians are connected in many ways: through worship services, small groups, mission & outreach events, and on a larger scale through both our regional and national church. Your $48 contribution for 2023 is an opportunity to participate with Presbyterians nationwide by sharing the costs associated with keeping the three governing bodies of our church (Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly) functioning and growing, working hard on our behalf. We ask that each member please give $48 with “Per Capita” to help offset the total out of our own tight church budget. Scan our QR code and select Per Capita to give today.

**Faith Conversation Video Recordings**

If you missed any of WPC’s Faith Conversations over the past few months, the recordings are now available to view on our YouTube channel! These conversations are intended to enrich our minds and spark our hearts as we seek to embody together the justice, peace, and love of God in and for this world. Please go to youtube.com/ @WestwoodPresbyterianChurch and look for the Faith Conversations playlist!