



**November 26, 2023** *Christ the King Sunday* 

# Preparing for worship

Today is Christ the King Sunday. A relatively recent addition to the liturgical calendar, it was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Pius wrote in his encyclical *Quas primas* (In the first), addressing the new feast day, that God "must reign in our minds ... in our wills ... in our hearts ... in our bodies."

When Pius XI instituted the day, he did so in response to the growing secularization of the time. The feast has a very eschatological bent, pointing us not to our present reality, but to what we trust and hope is to come.

I wonder how the current heartache in our world impacts each of our ability to connect with this theological tenet of our faith. What does it mean to sing "Crown Him with Many Crowns" at the end of 2023? Do war, division, illness and grief cause you to cling to the promise embedded in these songs? Or do you feel that promise slipping through your fingers? Does it feel like you are proclaiming truth or foolishness?

Perhaps there is an answer for us in what we will experience in the upcoming weeks. Christ

the King Sunday serves as the close of the liturgical year, and next week we begin a new church year with the first Sunday of Advent. This week we proclaim the sovereignty of Christ over all of creation, and next week we will once again await the arrival of an infant boy, born in a lowly stable, with no crown to be found to place upon his head. Today we sing "All Creatures of our God and King," and a few Wednesdays from now our children will remind us in their nativity play that instead of the pomp and circumstance that accompanies a royal birth, the first to witness the new King were animals in a barn.

Today the church calendar ends with the proclamation of Christ's inevitable reign, but it opens with anticipation of what is to come and how it will forever shape and change our world. Both proclamations, it turns out, involve a great deal of hope and faith. May we join together in singing their truth.

—Katie Murray



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**On the cover:** *Christus Rex*, Peter Eugene Ball, 1999, wood sculpture covered in copper and embellished with silver and gold leaf, Ely Cathedral, Cambridgeshire, England.

#### November 26, 2023

11:00 a.m. Christ the King Sunday

#### Chiming of the Hour

The people of Wilshire gather this morning to worship God. In order for this service to be focused upon that purpose, please silence all electronic devices.

#### Welcome to Worshipers

Charlie Fuller

Prelude

All Creatures of Our God and King
Carillon Ringers
Ralph Manuel, director

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

**Baptisms** — Ruby McClung, Anabelle Tinsley

Timothy Peoples

#### **Opening Sentences**

Julie Girards

"Christ of the Andes," Christ of Everywhere,
Great lover of the hills, the open air,
And patient lover of impatient men
Who blindly strive and sin and strive again, —
Thou Living Word, larger than any creed,
Thou Love Divine, uttered in human deed, —
Oh, teach the world, warring and wandering still,
Thy way of Peace, the foot path of Good Will!

-Christ of Everywhere, Henry van Dyke

+Congregational Song

Crown Him with Many Crowns
No. 223

DIADEMATA

Epistle Reading — Ephesians 1:15-23

Barbara Peterson

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God

<sup>+</sup>All congregants who are able are invited to stand.

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex and South Atrium.

put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Anthem Fairest Lord Jesus arr. Mark Hayes
Sanctuary Choir

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son: Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, And all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Give to God all glory and honor,
Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine.
Amen.

Prayers of the People Katie Murray

Congregational Song Find the Light David Ramirez

I wish upon you peace
I wish upon you grace
I wish for less of what you want
And more of what you need
I wish upon you an old life
With a heart that stays young
But most of all I wish upon you love

I wish upon you truth
When all you feel is doubt
I hope you know that an open mind

Still knows when to shut things out I wish upon you a brave heart That will always rise above But most of all I wish upon you love

As the sun sets the moon begins to rise
So even in the darkness you'll find the light
You'll find the light
You'll find the light
Yes, even in the darkness you'll find the light

I wish upon you an easy life
I wish upon you hard times
I hope you know that both joy and pain
Each need their moment to shine
I wish you ears that are quick to listen
That you're slow to use that tongue
But most of all I wish upon you love

As the sun sets the moon begins to rise
So even in the darkness you'll find the light
You'll find the light
You'll find the light
You'll find the light
Yes, even in the darkness you'll find the light

Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth Carillon Ringers Ralph Manuel, director

arr. Catherine McMichael

#### **+Psalm Reading** — Psalm 95:1-7a

Heather Mustain

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
And for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God!

Message "Mary's Boy" Timothy Peoples

We pause in silence to reflect and to be attentive to the Spirit of God

+Congregational Song How Can I Keep from Singing ENDLESS SONG

No. 592

Sharing of Decisions Timothy Peoples

Benediction Timothy Peoples

Postlude Improvisation on themes of the day Jeff Brummel

**Barbara Peterson**, who reads today's passage from Ephesians, joined Wilshire in 2013. She is a member of Compass Class, plays handbells in Carillon Ringers, serves on the History Committee and is a Stephen Minister. A former missionary to South Korea, Barbara serves on Wilshire's staff as the church librarian. She has three adult sons and four grandchildren.



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# PAPTIST CHUR News & Announcements November 26, 2023



The world's weariness abounds. It seems to be everywhere and in everything. Unattended, this weariness settles deep into our bodies, creating exhaustion, resentment, apathy and possibly even despair. Advent is a season when God fully embraces all that we are — our weariness included. We hope you'll join us this season in reflecting on how the incarnational presence of Jesus offers hope for a weary world.

#### **Celebration of the Green next Sunday**

Sunday, Dec. 3 | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary | Kick off the season with Christmas music from Wilshire's choirs and ensembles: Sanctuary Choir, Nova, Youth Choir, Shekinah, New Song, Carillon Ringers, Wilshire Winds and Children's Choirs.







Sundays: Worship at 11 a.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Our service livestreams at youtube.com/wilshirebaptist and at wilshirebc.org/worship/livestream. Keep up with Wilshire by subscribing to our YouTube channel and following us on Facebook and Instagram.

#### Poinsettia orders due today



Help decorate the Sanctuary for Advent by ordering a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. Dedications will be listed in the Dec. 3 worship folder. Each plant costs \$12, and donors

may take them home after Christmas Eve services. Order by Nov. 26 using a form in the office or at wilshirebc.org/poinsettias.

#### Sign up kids to build nativity

Children in kindergarten through grade 6 can help build the Sanctuary nativity scene by carrying an element to the chancel during worship. We will begin the first Sunday of Advent, Dec. 3, and build the scene week by week until it is complete at the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve service. See the sign-up link at wilshirebc.org/nativity.

#### **Giving Tree is up**

Visit Wilshire's Giving Tree in James Gallery, select a tag and fulfill a Christmas wish for a child or adult served by one of our local mission partners. Please note due dates and other instructions as they vary by agency. Each tag has a QR code you can use to let us know which tag you selected, enabling us to send you a due-date reminder. We also have a Virtual Giving Tree; find the link at wilshirebc.org/giving-tree.

#### Parents Night Out: Friday, Dec. 8

- Children's Christmas Party | First through sixth graders are invited to the home of Timothy Peoples and Valerie Lott for cookie decorating and festive fun, 7 to 9 p.m.
- Preschool Parents Night Out | Free childcare at Wilshire for infants through kindergarten from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- **Registration required** for the above by Dec. 3. Find Realm link at <u>wilshirebc.org/advent</u>.

#### **Christmas Pageant**

Wednesday, Dec. 13 | 6 p.m. | Sanctuary | Kindergarten, Pre-K and 3-Year-Old choirs will be in costume as they sing and act out the nativity. Also featuring Children's Choirs and the new Wilshire Bells handbell group.

#### **Beer & Carols**

**Saturday, Dec. 16** | **5-8 p.m.** | **Oak High-lands Brewery** | Carol singalong with a live band led by Associate Pastor Darren DeMent.

#### Dec. 17 choral music

Morning worship on Sunday, Dec. 17, will feature Sanctuary Choir and chamber orchestra in a presentation of *Magnificat* by the American composer Mark Hayes.

#### **Adventurers theater outing**

**Sunday, Dec. 17** | **2 p.m.** | Wilshire Adventurers will head to the theater on Sunday, Dec. 17 for a matinee presentation of the musical *White Christmas* at Richardson's Courtyard Theater. \$31.50 per person. Adventurers is a fellowship group for those 60 and above. Registration required by Dec. 13. Visit wilshirebc.org/events/adventurers-theater.

#### **Blue Christmas service**

**Sunday, Dec. 17** | 4 p.m. | **McIver Chapel** | A contemplative service for those carrying pain or loss during this season of celebration.

#### **Christmas Eve**

Sunday, Dec. 24

- No Sunday School or morning worship.
- 4 p.m. Christmas Eve family service.
- 11 p.m. Christmas Eve liturgical service with Lord's Supper. Youth Choir and alumni singing.

#### **New Year's Eve**

**Sunday, Dec. 31** | Worship at 11 a.m. No Sunday School.

#### **Congratulations to**

**Jessica and Andy Brookshire** on the birth of their son, Callum Stephen, Nov. 21. Grandparents are **Gail and Steve Brookshire**.

#### **Condolences to**

- Cathy and Raylan Loggins on the death of Cathy's father, Tom Goff, Nov. 12.
- Glenda Williams, Wilshire receptionist, on the death of her aunt, Hellen Jones, Nov. 13.
- David and Ann Cossum on the death of David's father, Robert Cossum, Nov. 19. Granddaughter is Andrea Cossum.
- Candy McComb and Vic Henry on the death of Vic's brother, Burt Henry, Nov. 21. Nephew is **Lee Henry**.
- Laura and Eric Mirochna on the death of Laura's mother, Karen Johnson, Nov. 21. Grand-children are Renee Brown and Joshua Brown.

#### **Adventurers San Francisco trip**

Plans for the September 2024 Adventurers trip to San Francisco are underway! Join us for a time of sightseeing, exploration and community, including visits to Alcatraz, Muir Woods and Napa Valley. So we can gauge your interest, please complete the form at <a href="wilshirebc.org/san-fran">wilshirebc.org/san-fran</a> or in the main office. This does NOT commit you to the trip but tells us you are strongly considering going. The cost will be, at most, \$2,500 each, which covers transportation, lodging, all attractions and some meals. Adventurers is a fellowship group for those 60 and older.

#### R.G. Huff book signing next Sunday

Wilshire is hosting a book signing for member R.G. Huff on Sunday, Dec. 3. R.G.'s new book is Carol Lines: 75 Devotional Thoughts Based on Lines and Phrases from Great Hymns and Carols of Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. R.G. is a former music minister who serves as adjunct faculty at Dallas Baptist University and is a published hymn writer. The book signing will take place in the South Atrium from 9 to 10 a.m. and after worship at noon.

# Music candidate here Dec. 15–17

The Minister of Music and Personnel Committees announced last week that a candidate to become Wilshire's next minister of music will participate in a call weekend from Friday, Dec. 15, through Sunday, Dec. 17. You can meet and hear from the candidate at one of three Meet and Greet events, all to be held in Community Hall:

- **Meet and Greet 1**: Friday, Dec. 15, 10:15–11:30 a.m.
- Meet and Greet 2: Saturday, Dec. 16, 8:30–9:45 a.m. This session will be focused on families with preschoolers, children and youth. Childcare available.
- Meet and Greet 3: Saturday, Dec. 16, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.

On Sunday, the candidate will participate in worship, and voting on the recommendation to call the candidate will occur in a special called business meeting after worship. Ballots can be picked up in James Gallery between 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Information about the candidate will be available beginning Friday, Dec. 1, and more details about the call weekend and vote will be provided in the coming weeks.

#### **Calling all Wilshire authors**

Have you written and published a book? If the answer is yes, we need you for the first-ever Wilshire Author Fair on Sunday, Jan. 14. Hosted by Wilshire's Library Committee, this will be an opportunity to show and sell your books to the Wilshire community and beyond. We've already compiled a list of amazing Wilshire authors, but we're looking for anyone we may have missed. If you haven't been contacted, email Jeff Hampton at jefton@aol.com so you can get all the details.

# WEDNESDAY NOV. 29 Midweek fellowship & faith formation for all ages

#### Koinonia Café

**5-6 p.m.** | **Community Hall** | Buffet-style dinner for the whole family. Cash/check/ credit accepted. Pricing at wilshirebc.org/events/koinonia-cafe. Kid-friendly and to-go meals available. **Nov. 29:** Chicken Parmesan, pasta marinara, roasted Brussels sprouts, garlic bread, salad, tortellini soup, tiramisu, chocolate cookies, jello. **Kids:** Pasta marinara.

#### **Music, Missions & More**

**6 – 7 p.m.** | **Age 3 – Pre-K** | Preschoolers will meet to rehearse for their pageant.

#### **KidConnect**

**6 - 7 p.m.** | **K - Grade 6** | Children should report to KidConnect rooms for attendance taking and then return to Community Hall for Called to Care.

#### Also on Wednesdays

- Watershed | 6:30 p.m. | Youth Center
- Sanctuary Choir | 7 p.m. | Choral Hall

**Childcare** for infants to 2-year-olds whose parents are involved in church activities is offered 6 – 7:15 p.m.

# Called to Care; handled grocery bags needed

6-7 p.m. | Community Hall |
When a month has a fifth
Wednesday, adults and
children join for a Called
to Care mission activity.
On Nov. 29 we'll prepare
weekend meal packs for
Lipscomb Elementary
students and assemble
backpacks for distribution during Housing
Forward's homeless
count. We need 100 handled

brown grocery bags, so donate your used bags and consider asking for extras at Central Market, Whole Foods or Trader Joe's. Bags in good shape may be dropped off near the main office until Nov. 29.

#### **Coming up**

- **Dec. 6** | At 6 p.m. in Community Hall, **Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples** will lead adults in a casual time of sharing favorite Christmas traditions.
- **Dec. 13** | On the final Wednesday Night Live of the year, all are invited to the **Preschool Christmas Pageant** at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

#### Next Lunch & Learn is Dec. 6



Join us for fellowship and a holiday mission project at the final Lunch & Learn of the year on Wednesday, Dec. 6. We'll be assembling Christmas cutlery packets for Cornerstone

Baptist Community Kitchen, which serves 1,200 people at its annual holiday meal. Lunch & Learn starts at 11:30 a.m. in Community Hall and is open to all ages. Lunch costs \$10 per person. No reservation needed. Contact: Barbara Clayton (bclayton@wilshirebc.org).

## For guests and new members: Time with Tim on Dec. 10

Time with Tim, an informal chance for guests and new members to meet and visit with Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples, will be held Dec. 10 at 9:45 a.m. in Timothy's office. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org).

# **Ever thought about becoming a Stephen Minister?**

Stephen Ministers are congregation members who provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a life difficulty such as grief, divorce, job loss or chronic or terminal illness. Stephen Minister training is a Christ-centered experience that equips participants with essential caring and relating skills. Training for new Stephen Ministers will take place starting in January. Interested? Talk with one of Wilshire's Stephen Leaders: Gail Brookshire, Linda Garner, Micki Lacker, Debbie Meripolski or Tim Morgan. You can find a Stephen Minister application at wilshirebc.org/stephen-ministry.

### **How to Give**

Your gifts are changing lives inside and outside our walls. Below are several methods you can use to contribute financially. Thanks for your generosity.

**ONLINE.** Set up a recurring or one-time gift charged to your debit or credit card or as an ACH from your checking account. Get started at wilshirebc.org/give.

**REALM CONNECT APP.** Easily make gifts and see past giving on your mobile device. Available at your device's app store. Find download links at wilshirebc.org/realm.

**AUTOMATIC BANK PAY.** Visit your bank's website and set up Wilshire as a payee. The bank will send the church a check.

**MAIL.** Send to Finance Director Lori Gooden's attention at Wilshire.

**TEXT.** Text wilshire and a dollar amount (ex: wilshire 50) to 73256.

**DONATE STOCKS.** Contact Lori to learn how to donate appreciated stocks.

**FROM YOUR IRA.** For those over 70.5 years old, tax-free IRA gifts offer a financial benefit and may reduce future tax burdens.



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YOU'RE UP EARLY, SO COME ON OVER!

UNSTRUCTURED FELLOWSHIP TIME FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN.

COFFEE PROVIDED.
FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR
OWN BREAKFAST.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 8:30 AM | COMMUNITY HALL



# **Dennis Smith**

Hometown: Tyler Present City: Plano

**Education:** BS Electrical Engineering and MSEE

from UT-Austin **Profession:** Engineer

#### Tell us about your family.

Laura and I were married for 49 years in June. Our daughter, Amanda, is married to Mike Dorn, and they live in Dallas. They have two sons, John, 11, and Charlie, 9. Our son, Kyle, is a software developer and just moved back to Plano from LA. My father was a church starter and real estate developer. My mother played the piano and my grandmother managed the "nursery" in those churches. My Uncle Harley married Alice Bagby, and they were missionaries in Brazil. I have a brother 13 years older and a sister 10 years older.

#### How about your work?

I am president of a small company that builds rapidly deployable wireless video surveillance equipment for law enforcement and emergency management. Four of us founded the company in 2005.

#### Any favorite hobbies?

I enjoy traveling, having dinner with friends, fishing and playing ping-pong.

#### What are your favorite places to travel?

I have visited all 50 states and really enjoy the mountains. I enjoyed Norway, the Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen and walking the streets in Ephesus.

#### What brought you to Wilshire and when?

We joined in 2001 when we moved back from Knoxville, Tennessee.



### Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

Laura and I direct the Foundations of Faith Sunday School Class. Over the years I have served on the New Member Committee, Committee on Committees and Finance Committee. I worked on two strategic planning teams plus the Grow Team and Belong

Team as part of Vision 2020. I served on mission trips to the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. I am currently vice chair of deacons. I enjoy greeting guests and love to hear their stories. I started Wilshire's video streaming in 2009 and enlisted David Hammons and Dave Donaldson. We started streaming the 11 a.m. service with one camera and a tripod. We were one click above home movies.

#### Tell us about your faith journey.

I became a Christian at age 7, but I am still learning what it means to be a Christ follower.

## What's something interesting most people would not know about you?

- 1. My photo was in *Money* magazine.
- 2. When I was deacon chair at Broadway Baptist, Tim and Karen Gilbert moved to Wilshire. When I was deacon chair at Wilshire, the Gilberts moved back to Broadway!
- 3. I have eight patents.

#### What adjectives best describe you?

Organized, hardworking, friendly, inclusive, sentimental.



#### Let's play mahjong!

Join other Women of Wilshire for mahjong on the first Friday of each month at 10 a.m. or the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. All skill levels welcome. Please sign up; SignUpGenius link at <a href="wilshirebc.org/events/mahjong">wilshirebc.org/events/mahjong</a>.

#### **Women of Wilshire book clubs**

- Tuesday Evening Book Club meets monthly at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. On **Dec.** 12, the group will enjoy a holiday cookie exchange and discuss *The Christmas Pearl* by Dorothea Benton Frank. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org).
- Brown Bag Book Club meets one Thursday a month at noon in Room 1205-L. On Dec. 7, the group will discuss *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org).

#### **Register for WOW retreat**

Registration is open for the Women of Wilshire 2024 retreat, to be held Feb. 9–11 at the Prothro Retreat Center on Lake Texoma. Jillian Mason Shannon will serve as



retreat pastor. See full details and register at wilshirebc.org/events/wow-retreat-2024 or scan QR code.

# This Week

#### Sunday, Nov. 26

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, 2221, noon
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Pathways Committee, 1205-L, noon
- Wilshire Bells, Handbell Room, 12:30 p.m.
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Children's Choirs, 12:35 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.

#### Monday, Nov. 27

- Deacons Meeting, Community Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- WOW Study, DeMent home, 7:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 28

■ Chronic & Undiagnosed Illness Support Group, Zoom, 7:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 29

- New Song, Sanctuary, 9:30 a.m.
- Ukulele Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Preschool Music, Missions & More, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 2224, 6 p.m.
- Collective Consciousness Cohort, 1205-L, 6 p.m.
- Called to Care, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

#### Thursday, Nov. 30

■ Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

#### Friday, Dec. 1

- MOPS, James Gallery, 9 a.m.
- Let's Play Mahjong!, 1205-L, 10 a.m.

