



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Preparing for worship

A beautiful thread of love runs through our worship this morning. Our Young Musicians sing of spreading kindness, our Gospel reading reminds us to love one another and the choral offertory offers a prayer of restoration and peace to all. When we are gathered for worship, God’s message and commandment to love feels easy, but outside this space, in the messy, divisive world, loving the stranger, the enemy — loving all of humanity — can be quite complicated.

In her book *See No Stranger*, Sikh activist Varlaie Kaur calls us to commit to “revolutionary love,” which she defines as the choice to labor for others, our opponents and ourselves. Despite our best efforts, we carry unconscious biases that cause us to be suspicious of the stranger and condemning of the enemy and prevent us from loving all of humanity. Othering is pervasive, and we become vulnerable to creating irreconcilable gaps between ourselves and those we see as the other.

Psychologist Susan Fiske has demonstrated with brain imaging that our brains process members of ‘out-groups,’ people who are different from us, as nonhuman, and the areas that activate in the brain are those activated when

viewing something of disgust. Our propensity to “other” is a reflex of our neural biology.

Kaur’s response is to see others with curiosity and wonder, because once people stop wondering about others, once they no longer see others as part of themselves, they disable their instinct for empathy. In the Sikh tradition, one approaches others by acknowledging that they are a part of themselves they do not yet know. Wondering about a stranger’s favorite meal or the childhood nickname of your enemy creates familiarity and commonality, which makes love possible. It allows us to see past our differences and honor the image of God that is present in all. It is not easy, and often boundaries are important, but it is necessary. We are called to love one another as Christ loves us and to see the other as somebody, even as a part of ourselves. We are called to the work of justice and bringing the Good News into the world.

As we worship today and live in this brutal and beautiful (brutiful?) world, may we lead with curiosity and wonder as we encounter the stranger, and may we live into revolutionary love.

—Abbey Adcox



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May 5, 2024
11:00 a.m.
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Chiming of the Hour

We gather in community this morning to worship God.
To help center our focus in worship, please silence all electronic devices.

Welcome to Worshipers

Jeff Brummel

Prelude

Prelude in C-Sharp Major, BWV 872
Max Tucker, piano

Johann Sebastian Bach

Call to Worship

Spread a Little Kindness
Music Makers and Young Musicians
Candy McComb, director; Bill Jernberg, piano

Karen Crane/Jennifer Klein

Sometimes our troubles get in the way, and we're feeling dreary and gray.
If we respond with a positive mind, we can share our love and be kind.
Spread a little kindness, share a little love, give a little comfort for today.
Soon you're gonna find that every caring touch brings a little happiness your way.
Spread a little kindness for today.
Things may not go the way that we planned, still we keep on lending a hand.
Let's spread God's love and kindness around, so that hope and joy will be found.

Opening Sentences

Sarah Rose

Friends, we come into this space remembering God has chosen us to share the love we've found with a world in need. May we bear fruit that will last. Fruit that will bring love and justice. Fruit that will bring joy and hope. Bring what you can; together, our gifts can transform lives. May the fruits we bear be signs of hope in these anxious times.

+Congregational Song

Rejoice, the Lord Is King
No. 215

DARWALL

Gospel Reading — John 15:9–17

Debby Burton

As my Abba has loved me, so have I loved you. Live on in my love. And you will live on in my love if you keep my commandments, just as I live on in Abba God's love and have kept God's commandments. I tell you all this that my joy may be yours, and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life

+All congregants who are able are invited to stand.
Hearing devices are available in the Narthex and South Atrium.

for one's friends. And you are my friends, if you do what I command you. I no longer speak of you as subordinates, because a subordinate doesn't know a superior's business. Instead I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learned from Abba God. It was not you who chose me; it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit. Your fruit must endure, so that whatever you ask of Abba God in my name God will give you. This command I give you: that you love one another.

Prayers of the People

Rhonda Walton

Silence

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

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Choral Offertory

Prayer for Shalom
Sanctuary Choir

Kyle Pederson

God, we ask you bring shalom so peace may dwell in every home;
Heal us all that we may know, the wholeness of your great shalom.

To my friends and family, shalom; to the stranger who I see, shalom;
To those I'll never meet, shalom; to all humanity, shalom.

We pray the world may be restored, full of grace and fully yours. Shalom.

To my enemy I pray, shalom; to the refugee I pray, shalom;
Shalom to heal the hurt that tears the soul; hold our hearts and don't let go.

We pray the world may be restored, full of grace and fully yours. Shalom.

God's peace to you, and grace and truth, a place where you will be made new,
Shalom, my friend, shalom.

I pray shalom to you, my friend. Shalom.

God, we ask you bring shalom, so peace may dwell in every home.

Peter had not finished speaking these words when the Holy Spirit descended upon all who were listening to the message. The Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were surprised that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also, whom they could hear speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter asked, “What can stop these people who have received the Holy Spirit, even as we have, from being baptized with water?” So he gave orders that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. After this was done, they asked him to stay on with them for a few days.

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 “What’s in a Name?” Charlie Fuller

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper Charlie Fuller

All followers of Christ are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper, whether you are a Wilshire member or not. The bread used this morning is gluten free.

Passing of the Bread *Ave Verum Corpus (Hail True Body)* Mozart/Liszt
Max Tucker, piano

Passing of the Cup *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound* arr. Albert L. Travis
Jeff Brummel, organ

Passing of the Peace
May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

+**Congregational Song** *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE
No. 473
Stanzas 1-3: all
Stanza 4: solo
Stanza 5: all

Sharing of Decisions Charlie Fuller

Benediction Charlie Fuller

Postlude Improvisation on themes of the day Jeff Brummel

The flowers are given today in loving memory
of Jenna Worthen by the Compass Class.

Meet today's worship leaders

Debby Burton joined Wilshire in 1998 when she became executive assistant to the senior pastor, a position she held for 26 years. She recently shifted to a new staff role, assistant for Pathways to Ministry. Debby also serves as church clerk and funeral coordinator. She is married to David, and they have two adult sons, Andrew and Josh.

Charlie Fuller and his wife, Cindy, officially joined Wilshire in March after moving from Waco to Dallas for Charlie to begin a new staff position at Wilshire, director of Pathways to Ministry and coach in residence. Charlie previously served as Wilshire's interim minister of music and has held various roles in academia and local church ministry. The Fullers, who attend Epiphany Class, have two daughters and four grandchildren, all of whom live in Plano.

Sarah Rose and her husband, Patrick, have attended Wilshire since 2005 and are members of Genesis Class. They are parents to Ella, a high school sophomore, and Emory, a sixth grader. Sarah has taught in Dallas Independent School District for 22 years and currently teaches third grade math and science at Mockingbird Elementary School.

Pat Spikes joined Wilshire in 2013 and is married to Duane. They have two adult sons and two grandchildren. Pat attends Compass Class, sings in New Song Community Choir and has participated in Faith in 3D. She is retired from a 33-year career as a public school science teacher.

Max Tucker and his wife, Lydia, joined Wilshire in 2016 and attend Epiphany Class. Max is a deacon and serves on Committee on Committees and the bylaws workgroup. A retired attorney, Max pursues his music avocation by singing in Sanctuary Choir, leading music for Friday Friends and performing on keyboard and fiddle, often playing with ad hoc bands in local venues. Max and Lydia will live in Denver this summer to be near their son, daughter-in-law and grandson.

Rhonda Walton and her husband, Jim, joined Wilshire in 2014. They are the parents of four adult sons, including Steven Walton, who attends Wilshire with his wife, Ashley, and their two children, Kennedy, 6, and Carter, 3. Rhonda is a deacon, a Stephen Minister and a member of the Pathways Committee. She is a retired pediatrician.



Connect with Wilshire. Scan the QR code using your smartphone camera to make a financial contribution, fill out our online guest card or submit a prayer request. You may also use the response card or offering envelope found in the pew rack. These items can be placed in the offering plate or in one of the secure offering boxes located near the Sanctuary exits.

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- George Mason, Senior Pastor Emeritus and Pathways to Ministry Alumni Director (3133)

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BAPTIST CHURCH

News & Announcements
May 5, 2024



GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Preschool & Children's Choirs
Year-End Program
Today at 5 p.m. | Sanctuary

Children's and Preschool Choirs will present their year-end program today, May 5, at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Young Musicians, Music Makers and Kindergarten, Pre-K and 3-Year-Olds Choirs will perform. Hymns will be presented to first graders or others who completed their first year of Children's Choir. This concert isn't just for parents; all are invited to come and show their support.

Condolences to

- Family and friends of **Jim Nickell**, April 24.
- **David Duncan** on the death of his sister, Sheila Moore, May 1. Sister-in-law is **Carole Jean Abernathy** and niece is **Paula Woodbury**.
- **Ruth Kaun** on the death of her son, Paul Kaun, May 2.

Spring Valley Elementary support

Wilshire is supporting RISD's Spring Valley Elementary this week. Wilshire's Shana Gaines is assistant principal at SVE, which will close due to consolidation after this school year.

■ **Notes of gratitude** may be written or dropped off at tables in James Gallery and near the office through today.

■ On **Friday, May 10**, we will provide classroom coverage from 11 a.m. to noon so staff can enjoy lunch together. Spanish speaking is a plus but is not required. Sign up via QR code or wilshirebc.org/events/sve.



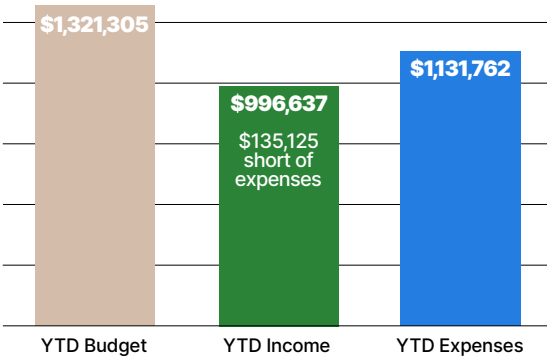
Youth Camp registration is open

"Find Your People" is the theme for this year's Youth Camp for grades 7 to 12, to be held July 1-6 at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center in Little Rock. Pastoral residency alum Jared Jagers will serve as camp pastor. Registration is open; find the Realm link at wilshirebc.org/events/youth-camp-2024.



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.

Unified Budget Update



Pathways Endowment YTD gifts \$21,379
 Pathways Endowment April balance \$9,750,339

Graduate info needed by May 8

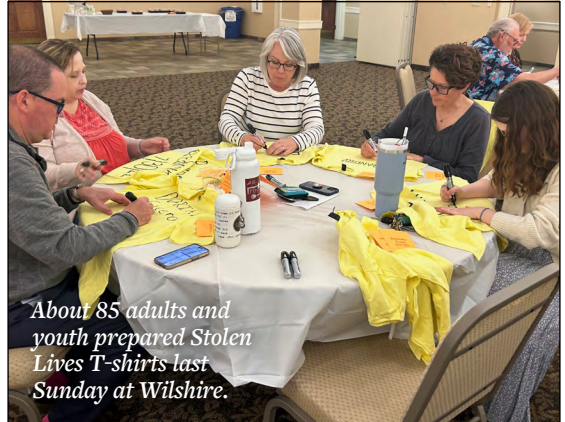
Wilshire will recognize its 2024 high school graduates during worship on May 19; their photos will be printed in the worship folder along with those of church members who received a bachelor’s degree from June 2023 to May 2024. To be included, submit your information by Wednesday, May 8, at wilshirebc.org/graduates. Contact: Sarah Yodh (syodh@wilshirebc.org)

Sign up by today for May 10 Marriage Connections

Timothy Peoples and Valerie Lott are hosting a gathering at their home for the final Marriage Connections of the school year on Friday, May 10. Free childcare (infant–grade 6) will be provided at the church from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is required by May 5; visit wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections.

Single, Adoptive and Foster Care Parents Night Out, May 10

Wilshire will offer free childcare (infant–grade 6) for single, adoptive and foster parents on Friday, May 10, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is required and closes May 5; visit wilshirebc.org/events/pno.



About 85 adults and youth prepared Stolen Lives T-shirts last Sunday at Wilshire.

Up next for Stolen Lives: May 18 rally

On Saturday, May 18, Moms Demand Action is collaborating with Texas Impact and Giffords to host a rally for gun violence prevention and NRA accountability at Dallas City Hall Plaza from 9 a.m. to noon.

The rally is scheduled in parallel with the National Rifle Association’s annual conference, which is being held in Dallas May 16–19. The Stolen Lives (Vidas Robadas) T-shirts we prepared last Sunday will be on display at the rally along with T-shirts from other area churches.

Attendees are asked to register in advance; scan the QR code or find the link at wilshirebc.org/events/stolen-lives-rally.



Volunteers are needed at 7:30 a.m. to help hang T-shirts and at the end of the rally to take down the display. If you can help, contact Abbey Adcox (aadcox@wilshirebc.org).

Adventurers to Meadows Museum

The Adventurers will tour the Meadows Museum at SMU on Thursday, May 16, at 10 a.m. Parking is free, and the group will gather at the entrance at 9:50. After the docent-guided museum tour, the group will have lunch nearby. A \$10 per-person cost covers museum entry. Register by May 13 at wilshirebc.org/events/meadows-museum.

Minister to preschoolers sought

Wilshire is actively seeking applicants for the position of minister to preschoolers, a part-time ministerial role. Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples said, “Last year we began a process of intentionally assessing our ministries from birth to age 18. With learnings from guest speakers, surveys and all-church listening sessions, we now feel we are in a better spot to begin searching for a minister to preschoolers. This doesn’t mean we’ve finished listening or dreaming, but it’s time to bring in someone with great expertise to help us continue planning for the future.” In accordance with Wilshire’s personnel policies, the Personnel Committee will work with Associate Pastor Darren DeMent in the hiring process. A job description and instructions for applying can be found at wilshirebc.org/employment. Applications will be accepted through June 1.

Women of Wilshire Book Clubs

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | May 14 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *Whiskey in a Teacup* by Reese Witherspoon. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | June 6 | Noon | 1205-L | *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

WILSHIRE IN THE PARK

Churchwide Picnic
Sunday, May 19
5–7 p.m.
Flag Pole Hill



Every Wednesday
11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
Community Hall

All ages are welcome for lunch (\$10 each) and minister-led Bible Study. Pay at the door. No RSVP needed. Contact: Barbara Clayton (bclayton@wilshirebc.org)

June 5: The last Lunch & Learn before a summer break will feature New Song Community Choir's end-of-season concert.



Realm Help Desk, May 8

Still not sure what Realm is all about? Need help downloading your giving statement? On Wednesday, May 8, Wilshire staffers will be on hand in Community Hall at 11 a.m., right before Lunch & Learn, to answer your Realm questions and offer hands-on training. If needed, they'll even take your photo and help you upload it.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

MAY 8

Final WNL of the school year features KidConnect Open House and minister Q&A

Koinonia Café | 5 p.m. | Community Hall | Buffet-style dinner for the whole family. Pricing at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl. **May 8:** Jambalaya, succotash, cornbread, chicken and sausage gumbo, bread pudding, pecan pralines, jello. **Kids:** Corn dogs and fries.

KidConnect Open House | 6 p.m. | K-Grade 6 | Kids and their families are invited to an open house celebrating the end of the year. Each class will have a separate come-and-go event in its regular room. **Note for preschool parents:** Music, Missions & More will not meet on May 8. Childcare will be available, and preschoolers with older siblings are welcome at the KidConnect Open House.

Stump the Ministers | 6 p.m. | Community Hall | Bring your fun or serious questions and join us for a light time of Q&A with members of Wilshire's ministerial staff.

Watershed | 6:30 p.m. | Grades 7-12 | Bible study and music in the Youth Center.

Sanctuary Choir | 7 p.m. | Choral Hall | Rehearsals will continue until a break later in the summer. New singers welcome. No audition.

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

SUMMER 2024

Children & Preschool

Details and registration at
wilshirebc.org/summer-camps

Vacation Bible School

June 10–14 | 9 a.m.–noon
Age 3–grade 6 | Register by June 3

Cooking Camp

SOLD OUT! Waitlist available

July 8–12 | 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Grades 1–6 | Register by June 30

Listen to Your Art!

July 8–12 | 12:30–5 p.m.
Grades 1–6 | Register by June 30

**Full-Day: Cooking Camp
and Listen to Your Art!**
SOLD OUT! Waitlist available

July 8–12 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Grades 2–6 | Register by June 30

Passport Kids Camp

July 27–30 | Overnight camp
in Brownwood, Texas
Grades 3–6 | Register by June 30

Creation Station

July 22–25 | 9 a.m.–noon
Age 3–Kindergarten
Register by July 14



Join the summer fun!

Looking for a place of service at Wilshire?

Do you enjoy working with kids?

Are your kids grown, or do you not have kids?

Are you retired?

Do you have a flexible schedule or work from home?

I'd love to have you join us for one or more of our children's summer activities listed on this page.

Or on a more regular basis for Sunday School or Wednesday nights — or as a sub.

It's fun, easy, rewarding and we'll train you!

Let me know if you or someone you know is interested, and we'll find the right spot.

Our greatest need is for someone with special needs experience.

Contact me at jgirards@wilshirebc.org
or 214-452-3104.

—Julie Girards, Minister to Children

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/realms.

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.



Scan QR code with your smartphone camera to make an electronic contribution.

At Wilshire, we use a one-fund approach to giving called the Unified Budget. Your gifts support the basic mission, ministry and operations of the church. Once the Unified Budget is fulfilled, gifts overflow into visionary aspects of our mission.

This Week

Sunday, May 5

- WSM Book Club, Youth Center, 8:30 a.m.
- Realm Help Desk, James Gallery, 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Belong Team, 1205-L, noon
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Pathways Committee, 1205-G, noon
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.
- Children's & Preschool Choirs Year-End Program, Sanctuary, 5 p.m.

Monday, May 6

- Wilshire Winds, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7

- Stephen Ministry Supervision/CE, 1205-G & 1205-L, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8

- Realm Help Desk, Community Hall, 11 a.m.
- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Blood Drive, North Parking Lot, 10 a.m.
- Ukulele Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 11 a.m.
- Lunch & Learn, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Adventurers Committee, 1205-G, 1 p.m.
- Spanish with a Mission, 1205-G, 4 p.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Bible Study, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, Children's Hallway, 6 p.m.
- Mahjong, James Gallery, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.
- Choral Scholar Reception, Parlor, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 9

- Stephen Ministry Training, 1100-B, 10 a.m.
- Stewpot Meal Service, 11:15 a.m.
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, May 10

- Friday Friends, 3301, 10 a.m.
- Single, Foster and Adoptive Parents Night Out, 6:30 p.m.
- Marriage Connections, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 11

- Deacon Retreat, Community Hall, 9 a.m.

Sign up for May 8 Blood Drive

The Carter BloodCare bus will be at Wilshire for a blood drive on Wednesday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are recommended. Visit wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive for the appointment link or scan the QR code in the ad on page 16.

Wilshire Winds concert, June 2

Wilshire Winds will present a concert of sacred, classical and popular music on Sunday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Shana Gaines directs the volunteer group of woodwind, brass and percussion players.

ECLC enrolling for fall

Wilshire's Early Childhood Learning Center is enrolling for the 2024–2025 school year. ECLC is a licensed early care program offering a comprehensive approach to education for infants to Pre-K. Learn more at wilshirebc.org/eclc.

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Sermons from Timothy Peoples and other Wilshire preachers are available as a weekly audio podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and other podcast platforms. Search for “Wilshire Baptist Church” on your platform of choice.

Search the Library from home

Did you know the Wilshire Library has more than 15,000 items, has weekday hours and is open to the public? You can search the collection from home and even reserve a book and pick it up at the church. Learn more and find the search link at wilshirebc.org/resources/library.

Chronic illness support group

Wilshire's support group for those experiencing a chronic or undiagnosed illness meets on Zoom the second and fourth Tuesdays every month at 7:30 p.m. To learn more, contact Annette Miller at annette.a.miller@gmail.com.

Someone to talk with.

If you are facing a life challenge and would like to have a spiritual friend to walk alongside you for a season of healing, perhaps you would benefit from a Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministry pairs trained lay people with individuals in need of Christian companionship during times of life crisis. Wilshire has trained Stephen Ministers available.

To learn more about receiving confidential care from a Stephen Minister, please reach out using our dedicated email address, stephenministry@wilshirebc.org, or call 214-452-3176.

stephen
MINISTRY.

Jen Lovejoy

Hometown: Dallas
Present City: Dallas
Education: MS
Profession: Teacher

Tell us about your family.

I have two sons, Charles, 8, and William, 7. My mother lives with us. I am a widow.

How about your work or volunteer life?

I teach sixth grade at Merriman Park Elementary, and I'm a BETA Club sponsor there. This fall I'll be teaching at the Winston School. I help in children's ministry at Wilshire.

What are your favorite hobbies?

I love to travel, crochet, refinish furniture, read, swim, play board games, build Legos and do science experiments with my boys.

What are your favorite places to travel?

I have visited Mexico, Russia, England, Spain, Italy, Singapore, Thailand and Cambodia. There is not a place I haven't liked. My favorite thing to do is go to a local market where I can try the native foods of an area.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

We moved back to Dallas in June 2023. I was looking for a church that had solid teaching and was also open to people in the LGBTQ+ community for when my brother-in-law visits me; I want him to feel welcomed. A dear friend recommended Wilshire, and when we came, we were welcomed with open arms.



What has surprised you most about Wilshire?

I was most pleasantly surprised by how much the church welcomes children to be involved in serving.

Tell us about your faith journey.

I was raised in a Christian family, but each part of my family went to a different church: Catholic, Methodist, Disciples of Christ and nondenominational. I learned at a young age to embrace difference in whatever form it comes. I made friends with good people and didn't ask anything else. I became a believer at age 10 and was baptized shortly after that. I had some struggles with my faith along the way, but ultimately I came back to the church and my faith. I can't say I've loved the challenges in my life, but God makes sure I can grow in the journey, and for that I am eternally grateful.

Something interesting most people would not know about you?

I went to Arts Magnet and studied theater and visual arts. On my honeymoon, I was walking the gardens of Highclere Castle and discovered some sheep. I started petting them and discovered Lord Carnarvon in his Land Rover. I was at a play where Martin Freeman played Richard III, and I was drenched in his "blood" as he "died" because of how close we were seated.



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Megan J.
Blood Recipient
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Wednesday, May 8, 2024
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