



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**May 12, 2024**

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

# Preparing for worship

Although I don't do childish things anymore, my thoughts are sometimes childish, and my prayers can be, too. In my preparation for anything, prayer is usually done first, but like a child when it comes to some prayers, I'm at peace and might fall asleep, so this morning I'll tell you a story instead.

There was an elderly lady who attended my childhood Baptist church. We all walked then, and no matter how early I left home, she was already in church singing the same lines over and over again to a children's' song I did not know then: "One door and only one, and yet its sides are two, inside and outside, on which side are you?" It made me wonder on which side I should be, and I would follow this lady if she went outside just to be on the same side of the door she was ... but my mother noticed and wanted an explanation for my strange behavior. I had no choice but to believe my mother when she told me the lady was preparing, although I

did not know for what. So I left it at that.

We sing today, *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*, and for that we are thankful. So let us all be engaged right now ... it's not difficult at all. Look around, name five things you can see and give thanks. Now four things you can hear, and also give thanks; three things you can feel — remember to be thankful for what you can feel — and two things you can smell — don't forget to give thanks for that — and finally something you can taste, and again be thankful.

My earthly mother was correct after all. That elderly lady was preparing by praying through singing the repetitive lines mentioned above. And yes, I do know the rest of the song now. May our hearts be ready to receive and meditate on the word we will hear today, be appreciative and be thankful for our mothers or mother figures in our lives.

—Dorrell Brown



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*Building a Community of Faith Shaped by the Spirit of Jesus Christ*

Partnered with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

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May 12, 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

Heather Mustain

## Prelude

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
Wilshire Winds  
Shana Gaines, director

arr. Warren Barker

## Opening Sentences

Dawn Sheaffer

All things wonderful and wise, all things beautiful and bright, belong to the Lord. All things scary and sad, all things hurting and alone, are still in God's care. Yet, sometimes, it seems so hard to feel God's presence. God's loving, nurturing, and mothering presence in our lives is always with us, and we are grateful for that blessing. May we feel that presence today and always as we offer our prayers and praises to our nurturing and loving God.

## +Congregational Song

*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

O WALY, WALY



1. Moth-er-ing God, you gave me birth in the bright morn-ing of this world.  
2. Moth-er-ing Christ, you took my form, of-fer-ing me your food of light,  
3. Moth-er-ing Spir-it, nur-t'ring one, in arms of pa-tience hold me close,

Cre-a-tor, source of ev-ery breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
grain of life, and grape of love, your ver-y bod-y for my peace.  
so that in faith I root and grow un-til I flower, un-til I know.

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

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers, but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous, for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Offertory**

*A Southern Hymn*  
Wilshire Winds

arr. Samuel R. Hazo

**+Reading from Acts** — Acts 1:1-11

Chris Stewart

In my earlier account, Theophilus, I dealt with everything that Jesus had done and taught, from the beginning until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After the Passion, Jesus appeared alive to the apostles — confirmed through many convincing proofs — over the course of forty days, and spoke to them about the reign of God. On one occasion, Jesus told them not to leave Jerusalem. “Wait, rather, for what God has promised, of which you have heard me speak,” Jesus said. “John baptized with water, but within a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” While meeting together they asked, “Has the time come, Rabbi? Are you going to restore sovereignty to Israel?” Jesus replied, “It’s not for you to know times or dates that Abba God has decided. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; then you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.” Having said this, Jesus was lifted up in a cloud before their eyes and taken from their sight. They were still gazing up into the heavens when two messengers dressed in white stood beside them. “You Galileans — why are you standing here looking up at the skies?” they asked. “Jesus, who has been taken from you — this same Jesus will return, in the same way you watched him go into heaven.”

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!**

**+Congregational Song**

*Blessed Assurance*  
No. 619

ASSURANCE

**Message**

“Looking Up”

Timothy Peoples

**Anthem**

*I Will Be a Child of Peace*  
Sanctuary Choir

Elaine Hagenberg

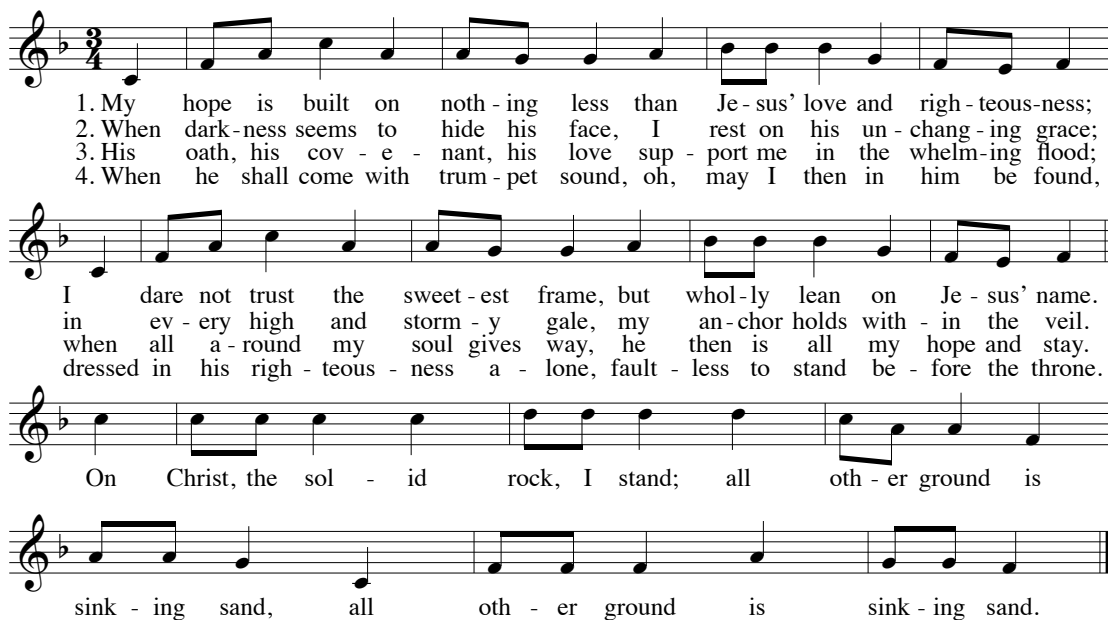
O Holy Father I will be a child of peace and purity  
For well I know thy hand will bless the seeker after righteousness.

**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.

**+Congregational Song***The Solid Rock***SOLID ROCK**


1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' love and righ - teous-ness;  
 2. When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un - chang - ing grace;  
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his love sup - port me in the whelm-ing flood;  
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 when all a - round my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

**Sharing of Decisions**

Timothy Peoples

**Benediction**

Timothy Peoples

**Postlude**

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

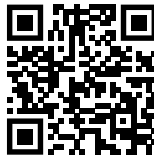
The flowers today are given in loving memory of  
 Kathy and Chuck Cabaniss by their daughter, Kristin Cabaniss, their son,  
 Kevin Cabaniss, and his family — Carol, Peyton, Tanner and Trace Cabaniss.

# Meet today's worship leaders

**Dawn Sheaffer** and her husband, Michael, joined Wilshire in 2009 and are members of Avodah class. Their daughter, Elle, a high school sophomore, is active in Wilshire Student Ministry. Dawn is director of creative marketing for Design Public Group.

**Scott Spreier** and his wife, Jeanne, joined Wilshire in 1997. They raised three children here — Mary Lu Hare, Wilson and Joel. Scott is a member of Epiphany Class, serves on the Hospitality Ministry Team and previously served on the Missions Committee. A retired journalist and consultant, he now spends his time writing and volunteering.

**Chris Stewart** and her husband, Al, joined Wilshire in 2020. They have four grown children, Isla, Emery and college-aged twins Curtis and Grant. Chris and Al are members of Epiphany Class, and Chris serves on the Christian Advocacy Committee.



**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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# Tapestry



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BAPTIST CHURCH

News & Announcements  
May 12, 2024



## Gun violence prevention rally: May 18

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.

Rally attendees are asked to register in advance; scan the QR code or find the link at [wilshirebc.org/events/stolen-lives-rally](https://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](mailto:aadcox@wilshirebc.org)).



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

## Condolences to

**Kelly Park** on the death of his wife, **Nancy Park**, May 5.

## Wednesday nights on break

Wilshire's Wednesday evening activities have ended for this school year and are now on summer break. This includes Koinonia Café; KidConnect; Preschool Music, Missions & More; and the 6 p.m. Bible Study.

■ Watershed has also ended, but Wilshire's youth will have a tailgate event on May 15.

■ Sanctuary Choir rehearsals continue Wednesdays at 7 p.m. with some summer breaks planned.

## Lunch & Learn continues

All are welcome each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in Community Hall for lunch (\$10 each) followed by minister-led Bible Study. Pay at the door. No RSVP needed.

■ **On June 5**, the final Lunch & Learn before a summer break will be a joint event with Wilshire Adventurers featuring New Song Community Choir's end-of-season concert.

## Adventurers museum trip, May 16

The Adventurers will visit the Meadows Museum at SMU on Thursday, May 16, at 10 a.m. The group will meet at the entrance at 9:50, enjoy a guided tour and then have lunch nearby. A \$10 per-person cost covers museum entry. Register by May 13 at [wilshirebc.org/events/meadows-museum](https://wilshirebc.org/events/meadows-museum).

## Graduate recognition next Sunday

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. Music in the service will include Youth Choir singing its signature *Psalm 139* and 2024 graduate Joshua Brown playing the prelude on marimba.

# WILSHIRE IN THE PARK

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

Don't miss our annual picnic with food, face painting and Flag Pole Hill's inclusive playground. The pavilion and picnic tables are ours to use; bring your own lawn chairs. Wilshire will provide fried chicken, rolls and drinks. The rest of the meal is potluck with these assignments by last name:

- A–F, veggies    ■ G–M, fruit
- N–S, dessert    ■ T–Z, salad

Bring enough to serve at least eight. Containers and serving utensils must be disposable. Please include a card with allergen information (gluten, dairy, eggs, nuts, soy) if appropriate.

**Volunteers are needed.** Sign up via a link at [wilshirebc.org/events/wilshire-in-the-park](https://wilshirebc.org/events/wilshire-in-the-park).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org))

■ Join Women of Wilshire for **mahjong** the first Friday each month at 10 a.m. Sign up at [wilshirebc.org/events/mahjong](http://wilshirebc.org/events/mahjong).

## 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.

## MOPS is now The MomCo; registration open for fall



THE MOMCO

After 51 years, MOPS International is updating its name to The MomCo (short for Mom Community) to better align with its mission of reaching all moms, not just mothers of

preschoolers. Wilshire's group began in 1997 and is still going strong, meeting six to seven times during the school year on Friday mornings. Childcare, called KidsCo, is offered, and programming for moms includes brunch, a speaker and sometimes a craft — but always community. The group includes Wilshire members but consists mostly of local moms looking for connection. Wilshire MomCo will still focus mostly on moms with young kids, but as with all things Wilshire, the more the merrier. Registration for the fall is open at [wilshirebc.org/momco](http://wilshirebc.org/momco).

# This Week

## Sunday, May 12

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.

## Monday, May 13

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

## Tuesday, May 14

- New Song Spring Fling, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- WOW! Tuesday Evening Book Club, Parlor, 6:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, May 15

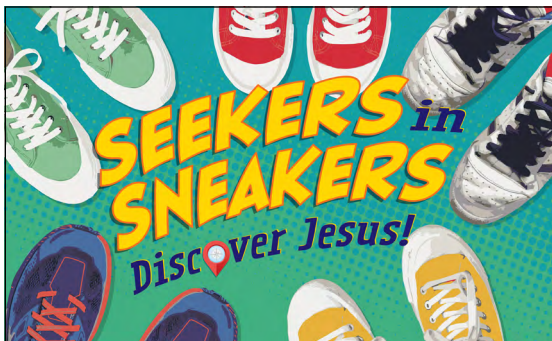
- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Ukulele Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 11 a.m.
- Lunch & Learn, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Spanish with a Mission, 1205-G, 4 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

## Thursday, May 16

- Stephen Ministry Training, Prayer Room, 10 a.m.
- Adventurers to Meadows Museum, SMU, 10 a.m.
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.
- WOW! Knitting Group, Peggy Tinsley Home, 6:30 p.m.

## Sunday, May 19

- WSM Graduate Sunday Breakfast, Palmer's Hot Chicken, 9 a.m.
- Home Visitation Ministry Team, 1205-G, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Wilshire Welcome, Prayer Room, 9:45 a.m.
- 5th and 6th Grade Parents WSM Information Meeting, McIver Chapel, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Library Committee, Community Hall, noon
- VBS Volunteer Meeting, 1205-L, noon
- Personnel Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Finance Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.
- Wilshire at the Park, Flag Pole Hill, 5 p.m.



## VBS is June 10–14, 9 a.m.–noon

At Vacation Bible School, kids will use their investigative skills to dig into the Bible. It's a great opportunity to make new friends, sing fun songs, solve clue puzzles, do art projects and science explorations and play active games. For older preschoolers through sixth graders. VBS is free; class sizes are limited. **Register by June 3** at [wilshirebc.org/summer-camps](http://wilshirebc.org/summer-camps).



## 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.

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](mailto:jgirards@wilshirebc.org) or 214-452-3104.

—Julie Girards, Minister to Children

**SUMMER 2024**

Our Summer camps for children and preschoolers are filling up!

See details and register at [wilshirebc.org/summer-camps](http://wilshirebc.org/summer-camps).

# Ann Hill

**Hometown:** Bellmead (outside Waco)  
**Present City:** Dallas  
**Education:** Baylor University  
**Profession:** Banking and Administration

## **Tell us about your family.**

My ancestors moved from Arkansas to Texas just after the Civil War. I was born in Pursley Community outside Corsicana, Texas. I have a stepdaughter, Jeanne Poorman, of Wilmette, Illinois, and a stepson, Bill Hill Jr. of Austin. I have a niece, Carolyn Pearson, of Denver, and nephew, Louis Tobola, of Euless. My great niece, Adria Mauro, and my 5-year-old great-great niece, Nicole Mauro, live in Denver.

## **How about your work or volunteer life?**

I worked in mortgage banking until 1992 and then went to work for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. I retired from the BGCT in 2002. I also worked at Wilshire for eight years.

## **Any favorite hobbies?**

I enjoy genealogy research and have traced three of my family lines to the early 1800s in the U.S. I have assisted several friends at Wilshire and people from several states in their searches. I also am an avid reader. I have read over 500 books since 2020. I have a spreadsheet to keep track of the books I have read so I don't reread one!

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

I love to travel in Italy and Greece. My two favorite cities I have visited are Florence, Italy, and Istanbul, Turkey. I have traveled to Europe and the UK several times and to the Holy Land with Wilshire and Temple Emanu-El.



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

I have joined twice. The first time was in 1957 upon my first visit. I rejoined in 1973 when I returned to Dallas after living out of state in Oklahoma and California.

## **Where are you engaged at Wilshire?**

Discovery Class, Prayer Team, Adventurers Committee, WOW Brown Bag Book Club and the Belong Team.

## **What has surprised you most about Wilshire?**

I am not surprised but am pleased by our welcoming spirit and involvement in missions here in Dallas and around the world.

## **Tell us about your faith journey.**

My mother's family was Baptist, and my father was Church of Christ. My mother was the influencer in my decision to join the Baptist faith. I made my profession of faith at age 12 at a youth-led revival led by Bruce McIver, later to become Wilshire's pastor, and Baylor basketball player Jack Robinson.

## **Something interesting most people would not know about you?**

I attended LBJ's presidential inauguration in 1965. I also was privileged to hear Martin Luther King Jr. preach at Riverside Church in New York City in August 1961.