



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

May 26, 2024
Trinity Sunday

Preparing for worship

It's Trinity Sunday, and for most of us the concept of the Trinity is confusing and even a daunting idea to comprehend. This one God broken into three aspects may not seem as monotheistic in the way our brain would like to comprehend. Eleventh-century theologian Maimonides held that God so far exceeds our capacity to have knowledge of the divine nature that we are severely limited in how we describe or comprehend God. What we think we understand about God cannot surely relate to or even define what is entirely true regarding YHWH. Therefore, our dualistic mindset ceases to understand a God of three and how it is incorporated in our worship and livelihood.

To quote Richard Rohr, "The Trinity perfectly illustrates the dynamic and interactive principle of three and was made-to-order to demolish our dualistic thinking and to open us to the mystical level. The fourth-century Cappadocian Fathers tried to communicate this notion of life as mutual participation by calling the Trinitarian flow a 'circular rotation' (perichoresis) among the three. They were saying that whatever is going on in God is a flow that's like a dance. And God is not just the dancer; God is the dance itself!

Then the Incarnation becomes a movement outward and downward. Jesus comes forth from the Father and the Holy Spirit to take us back with him into this eternal embrace, from which we first came. The circle dance broadens; we are invited to join in and even have participatory knowledge of God through the Trinity. Trinity is the very nature of God, and this God is a centrifugal force, flowing outward and then centripetally drawing all things back into the dance."

It is hard to fathom God as mysterious, but in some ways it is comforting to know God invites us into the mystery. As people who demand to know all and understand everything, we are invited into a dance which asks us to lay down our dualistic thinking and see the world through the circular rotation of God. Invited to dance, invited to act, invited to share a resemblance of God in the inward and outward motifs of our lives.

This Trinity Sunday, may you tell yourself it is OK to join in the unknown mystery of how God three-in-one is working in the world and choose to dance along with it.

—*Timothy Peoples*



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On the cover: *In the Beginning...*, Brian Whelan, 2021, mixed media on canvas. Used by permission. brianwhelanart.com. The artist says, "I have been thinking about the collision between profound thought and a sense of fun and irony. ... [This work] depicts God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit with Matthew, Mark, Luke and John (in emblematic form) playing Scrabble. It is the Christ, who of course is understood theologically as The Word, whose hands the lettered tiles fall through; it is the word (Jesus) from whom, indeed, everything has come through and from."

May 26, 2024
11:00 a.m.
Trinity Sunday

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

Katie Murray

Prelude

God, Our Father, You Have Led Us
Carillon Ringers
Ralph Manuel, director

arr. Manz/Thompson

Opening Sentences

Davis Wilson

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord our God! Heaven and earth are filled with God's glory! God's Spirit moves among us, enabling justice and love in each of us. May the joy of our worship dispel gloom and darkness, and may the Spirit's presence inspire healing and wholeness around us.

+Congregational Song

Holy, Holy, Holy
No. 1

NICAEA

Stanzas 1 and 2: all; stanza 3: choir; stanza 4: all

Psalm Reading — Psalm 29

Haley Hampton and Ariel Merivil

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of God's name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.
The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl
and strips the forest bare,
and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
The LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**ALL: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
May the LORD give strength to God's people!
May the LORD bless the people with peace!**

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

Ministry Focus — Wilshire Student Ministry

Miriam McClung

Offertory

It Is Well with My Soul
Carillon Ringers

arr. Lloyd Larson

+Epistle Reading — Romans 8:12-17

Gabe Leal

So then, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation, but it isn't an obligation to ourselves to live our lives based on selfishness. If you live on the basis of selfishness, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons and daughters. You didn't receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children. With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father." The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God's children. But if we are children, we are also heirs. We are God's heirs and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so that we can also be glorified with him.

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

Spirit, Now Live in Me
No. 238

LOIS

Message

"A Giving Spirit "

Timothy Peoples

Anthem

Lord, I Believe

Rosephanye Powell

Lord, I believe, help my unbelief.
As I believe, so shall I receive. Lord, help my unbelief.

A father cried to Jesus, "Can you heal my only son?"
Jesus said, "If you will just believe, then it shall be done."
The father cried, "I do believe, help my unbelief." Help my unbelief.

Lord, I believe, help my unbelief.
As I believe, so shall I receive, Lord, help my unbelief.

All things are possible to the one who believes.
All things are possible, Lord, help my unbelief.

Lord, I believe, help my unbelief.
I will say to the mountain, "Be cast into the sea."
When I trust, without doubting, then shall I receive.
Jesus hears when I call him, he'll meet every need.
Lord, help my unbelief. Lord, I believe!

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

O Beauty Ever Ancient

ANCIENT BEAUTY

Choir 1. O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,
 All 2. O beau - ty in cre - a - tion, in world of sound and sight,
 Solo 3. O beau - ty that is move - ment in liq - uid line of grace,
 All 4. O beau - ty of the Spir - it where love is shin - ing through,
 di - vine and ho - ly pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,
 O beau - ty in the si - lence, in dark - ness as in light,
 O beau - ty that is still - ness in love - ly form or face,
 O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,
 in grat - i - tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

Postlude

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

Meet today's worship leaders

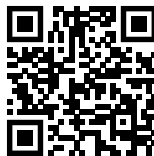
Haley Hampton joined Wilshire earlier this year and is a member of Ithaka Class. She is a student at TCU's Brite Divinity School, where she is pursuing a master of divinity degree with certificates in pastoral care, history, theology and ethics. Haley posts regularly on her Substack, *The Seminary Diaries*.

Gabe Leal and his wife, Courtney, joined Wilshire in 2008 and are members of Seekers Class. They are parents to Nicholas, a recent TCU graduate; Jordan, a student at Colorado State University; and Brooklyn, who is in fifth grade. Gabe is a deacon at Wilshire and works as director of audit services for Tenet Healthcare.

Ava McClung is the oldest daughter of Britt and Carole McClung and sister of Miriam and Ruby. Ava just completed her sophomore year at Rice University, where she is studying religion and medieval history. Ava is active in her residential college (Lovett) and the Episcopal Church at Rice ministry, Autry House. This summer, she is serving as a pastoral intern at Wilshire.

Miriam McClung is the middle daughter of Britt and Carole McClung and sister of Ava and Ruby. Miriam just completed her sophomore year at Lake Highlands High School, where she sings in choir and participated in this year's performance of *The Little Mermaid*. At Wilshire she is active in student ministry and sings in Youth Choir and Shekinah.

Davis Wilson grew up at Wilshire. He is the son of Megan and Trey Wilson and brother to Evelyn and Cameron. Davis just finished his junior year at the University of Missouri, where he is a journalism major and covers Mizzou football for the *Columbia Missourian*. He is working as an intern this summer at *D Magazine*.



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Tapestry



News & Announcements
May 26, 2024

Wilshire's Stolen Lives display memorializes gun violence victims

More than 200 T-shirts created by Wilshire members in honor of gun violence victims have been installed along Abrams Road adjacent to the North Parking Lot. The display, called *Vidas Robadas* (Stolen Lives), will be up through Sunday, June 9.

Each shirt memorializes an individual lost to gun violence in Dallas County since 2018. Colored shirts represent homicide victims, and white shirts represent suicide deaths.

Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples said, "Participating in Stolen Lives is a way for our community of faith to demonstrate our commitment to helping create a safer world for our children and our community. We hope this exhibit takes the data and humanizes it. Each shirt is not just a data point, not just a shirt, but a life."

The initiative was created in partnership with Texas Impact, an Austin-based interfaith advocacy group. Wilshire's Christian Advocacy Committee coordinated our efforts.

On Saturday, May 18, a group of Wilshire members attended a rally at Dallas City Hall Plaza where our shirts were displayed along with those created by other local churches. Wilshire member Scott Spreier and Senior Pastor Emeritus George Mason spoke at the rally, which was timed to coincide with the National Rifle Association's annual convention being held nearby.



Above: Wilshire members at a May 18 gun violence awareness rally at Dallas City Hall Plaza. **Left:** About 80 adults and youth prepared Stolen Lives T-shirts in Community Hall on April 28.

Wear Orange on Sunday, June 9

All are invited to wear orange to church on Sunday, June 9, in observance of National Gun Violence Awareness Day and Wear Orange Weekend. Orange ribbons will be available.

On June 9, the Christian Advocacy Committee will host a letter writing campaign for common sense gun reform.



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.

Condolences to

Martha Hinojosa-Nadler on the death of her husband, Barry Nadler, May 22.

Church closed tomorrow

The building will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 27.

Wilshire hiring building manager

Wilshire is seeking to hire a building operations manager to oversee and coordinate the maintenance of the church facilities. This is a full-time salaried position. Learn more at wilshirebc.org/employment.

Wednesday nights on break

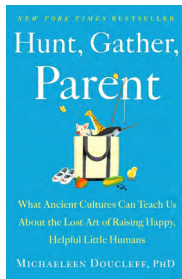
Wednesday Night Live activities are on summer break. Sanctuary Choir rehearsals continue with some summer breaks planned.

Lunch & Learn

All are welcome on Wednesday, May 29, for lunch at 11:30 a.m. in Community Hall followed by minister-led Bible Study.

■ **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.

Preschool parents' Sunday School series starts June 16



Parents of preschoolers are invited to a four-week Sunday School series from June 16 to July 7. Molly Shepard and Christina Evans will lead the group in a study of the book *Hunt, Gather, Parent* by Michaelen Doucleff. Reading the book is encouraged but not

required. The class, which will meet in the Preschool Multipurpose Room, will give attendees the chance to build community with other preschool parents who are normally spread across multiple classes.

Wilshire Winds Scoops!

Concert & Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 2
6:30 p.m.



Concert next Sunday

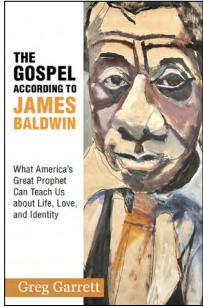
Wilshire Winds will present a concert on Sunday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. An ice cream social will follow in James Gallery. Shana Gaines directs the volunteer group of woodwind, brass and percussion players. The concert's theme, *Scoops!*, ties in with the ice cream social and hints at the program of different musical flavors — familiar tunes, concert band classics and even a David Bowie medley. Highlights will include:

- The debut of a new arrangement by Shana Gaines, “Heavenbound: A Sacred Harp Medley.”
- “America, the Beautiful” with Minister of Music Ariel Merivil singing.
- A solo marimba piece by Joshua Brown.
- Three pieces with euphonium player Tom Fletcher as featured soloist.

Wilshire returns to Dallas Pride

Wilshire will have a booth at Dallas Pride on Saturday, June 1. The event includes music, art, food, exhibits and more. Stop by and see us between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Fair Park's Centennial Building.

Men's Book Club begins June 18



Wilshire's new Men's Book Club will meet for the first time on Tuesday, June 18, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. The group will meet the third Tuesday of every month; all men are welcome. On June 18 the group will discuss Greg Garrett's *The Gospel According to James Baldwin*:

What America's Great Prophet Can Teach Us About Life, Love, and Identity. From the publisher: "Garrett presents the life and work of Baldwin in all his writing genres, on themes of equity, justice, and reconciliation." Garrett is a professor of literature and culture at Baylor University and a friend of Wilshire. Contact: Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net) or Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com)

New WOW shirts, summer plans

Women of Wilshire has new T-shirts available (\$15) and a slate of summer activities planned, including a game night and pool party. To order a shirt and RSVP for events, see the SignUpGenius link at wilshirebc.org/events/wow-summer.

■ **WOW Tuesday Evening Book Club** | June 11 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

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

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



Wilshire Associate Pastor Heather Mustain in Skopje with (L to R) Kevin Pranoto and Chris Ellis of Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, and CBF Field Personnel Jeff Lee.

Macedonia ministry explored in trip

BY HEATHER MUSTAIN

A few weeks ago I traveled to Skopje, Macedonia, with two other CBF clergy. The purpose was twofold: to visit and encourage CBF field personnel Jeff and Alicia Lee and their son, Ethan, and to learn more about what a new global partnership could look like. For Wilshire, Macedonia isn't a new site — many of you visited the last CBF field personnel there, the Earls. However, the ministry has shifted over time and offers significant opportunity for us to come alongside to serve and learn.

On the trip we got a glimpse of the difficulties and joys of ministry in Macedonia. We visited the country's only food bank and visited two homes that house, educate and offer a healing environment to adults with developmental disabilities.

The Lees are doing a tremendous and faithful job of building beloved community and engaging in transformational development. One of their newest partnerships is with the only LGBTQ youth center in the country.

In recent years Wilshire has granted the Lees funds for certain projects, and now the Missions Committee and I hope to deepen this relationship and support them more fully and faithfully, perhaps taking a team as early as this fall. If you are interested, please contact me! I look forward to sharing more as we continue to join others in God's global and local witness.

Fred Tibbals

Hometown: Complicated; from behind the Pine Curtain in deep East Texas to Wylie, Texas, by way of Louisiana. Also lived in McKinney, Texas, by way of England, Scotland, Germany, Greece, Japan, Brazil and elsewhere in the U.S. and around the world.

Present City: Dallas

Education: C.E. Byrd High School, Shreveport, Louisiana; Baylor University; University of Houston; Leicester University; Glasgow University; Durham University; Mathematics, Physical Chemistry

Profession: Scientist

Tell us about your work.

Systems engineering and analysis: Developing physical and analytical techniques and ethical applications for computing in aerospace, medicine and environmental sustainability, based on chemistry, physics and mathematical and computer modeling.

How about your family?

Married to Cynthia Ann Gillean Tibbals, also a Wilshire member. Brother-in-law to Neal Jeffrey, former Wilshire youth minister.

Any favorite hobbies?

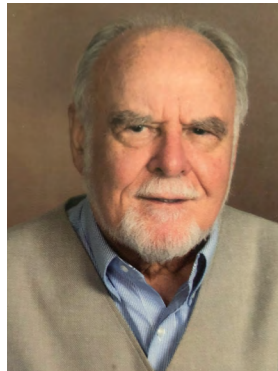
History, music, nature, walking, writing.

What are your favorite places to travel:

The Rocky Mountains, from New Mexico to Canada; new corners of Texas; England and Europe.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

The first time I visited was to bring my grandfather for the ordination of Neal Jeffrey. In the 1980s and '90s I attended concerts and events such as a C.S. Lewis study series. I moved my Baptist membership from McKinney to Wilshire when I began work in Dallas for UT Southwestern in 1997.



Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

In Compass Class I've led Bible study, participated in community outreach and served on our Curriculum Committee. I served on Wilshire's study on faith and science and authored a piece on climate change.

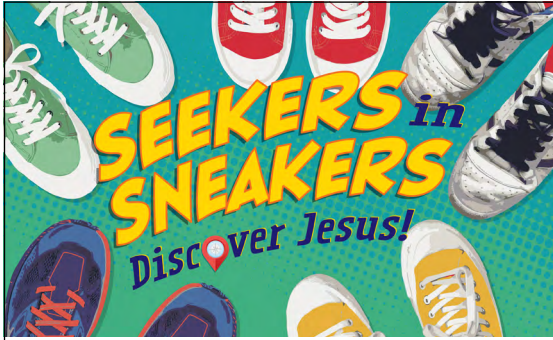
I share worship, fellowship in times of joy and support in times of grief and loss. I join in prayer, study and deeds of loving kindness. I try to help my brethren in healing creation, making the Church the living embodiment of Christ in the world.

Tell us about your faith journey.

Coming from a very Baptist background of primitive faith, I was fortunate to be immersed in study of the Bible, contemplation, interpretation and disputation of religion, along with a rich music tradition and inspiration by lives of exemplary Christian teachers, pastors and missionaries (not least in my own family). With education came the need to resolve conflicts between science and much of conventional religious teaching. While pursuing a calling in science, I continually devoted energy to religious philosophy from diverse sources. I found it impossible to give up my faith in fundamental Christian truths or the truth of my rational experience. This is an unending journey, in which Wilshire is supportive.

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

My background is full of paradoxical contradictions. I am a Kentucky Colonel.



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.



This Week

Sunday, May 26

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 27

- Building closed, staff holiday

Wednesday, May 29

- New Song Community Choir, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Ukulele Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 11 a.m.
- Lunch & Learn, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 30

- Stephen Ministry Training, 1100-B, 10 a.m.
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 1

- Wilshire at Dallas Pride, Fair Park, 11 a.m.
- Wilshire Winds Bonus Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 9:30 a.m.
- Library Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, Parlor, 10 a.m.

Sunday, June 2

- WSM Book Club, Youth Center, 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Wilshire Winds Concert, Sanctuary, 6:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social follows in James Gallery.