



# **Preparing for worship**

Each year on the Youth Choir mission tour, we are asked to experience the week through a specific lens. This year, Darren asked us to consider how we might learn, love and be courageous throughout the week. In our evening gatherings he read the following poem by Pádraig Ó Tuama:

Courage comes from the heart
and we are always welcomed by God,
the heart of all being.
We bear witness to our faith,
knowing that we are called
to live lives of courage,
love and reconciliation
in the ordinary and extraordinary
moments of each day.
We bear witness, too, to our failures
and our complicity in the fractures of our world.
May we be courageous today.
May we learn today.
May we love today.
Amen.

Over the course of our time together, we shared what courage, learning and love might look like for each of us. It's all too easy to place

lofty expectations upon ourselves for grand revelations and gestures, but I don't believe that is Ó Tuama's hope for us. It was no surprise to me that as we shared in our small groups, the youth were in tune with the poet's intent. Learning came through understanding the mission and needs of the agencies we connected with in New Orleans. Love was evident through acts of service and compassion, both to our neighbors and to our friends. Courage was demonstrated by stepping out of our comfort zones, making new friends and honoring exactly who God made us to be.

As we worship, may the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the rest found in Christ and the steadfast love of the Lord equip us to learn, love and be courageous in both the ordinary and extraordinary moments of each day. Let us remember that true courage is not about grand gestures but about small, consistent acts of faith and kindness. May our hearts be open to the lessons that each day brings, and may we find strength in knowing that we are part of a loving and supportive community, bound together by our shared commitment to follow God's call.

—Abbey Adcox



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#### June 30, 2024

#### 11:00 a.m.

#### Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

#### 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

Joannah DeMent

Prelude

Trio and Toccata on HYMN TO JOY

arr. Jeff Brummel

#### **Opening Sentences**

Christopher Granberry

God, be upon us this day in our worship and praise. May your love be our strength and your holy hope give us direction day to day. Strengthen our faith in the all-encompassing and loving teachings of Christ, and may the Holy Spirit be our guide as we pray and discern our gathering as your church to be the disciples of God's realm in the world today.

+Congregational Song

O God, Our Help in Ages Past No. 566

ST. ANNE

**Psalm Reading** — Psalm 130

Tony Martin

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.
I wait for the Lord; my soul waits,
and in God's word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem.

It is God who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

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

#### Offertory

#### O Love Audrey Pottkotter, solo Amy Pottkotter, piano

Elaine Hagenberg/arr. Audrey and Amy Pottkotter

O Love, that will not let me go
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.
O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.
O Love, that will not let me go.

#### +Gospel Reading — Mark 5:21-43

Jill Granberry

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well." Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my cloak?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?' " He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." While he was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the synagogue leader, "Do not be afraid; only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the synagogue leader's house, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which

means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl stood up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

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

"Just a Touch"

Timothy Peoples

Anthem

The Apple Tree
Nova
Mike Capps, director
Bill Jernberg, accompanist

Jeremiah Ingalls/arr. Mike Capps

The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit and always green; The trees of nature fruitless be, Compared with Christ the Apple Tree.

This beauty doth all things excel, By faith I know but ne'er can tell The glory which I now can see, In Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.

For happiness I long have sought, And pleasure I have dearly bought; I missed of all but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the Apple Tree.

I'm wearied with my former toil, Here I will sit and rest awhile, Under the shadow I will be, Of Jesus Christ the Apple Tree. I'll sit and eat this fruit divine, It cheers my heart like spiritual wine; And now this fruit is sweet to me, That grows on Christ the Apple Tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dying faith alive; Which makes my soul in haste to be With Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.

#### Prayers of the People

Christina Evans

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness No. 48

FAITHFULNESS

**Sharing of Decisions** 

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

**Postlude** 

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

Candy McComb, guest music director

The flowers today are given in memory of Glenna M. Romans in celebration of her birthday on July 2 by Wayne and Lori Gooden and family.



**We're glad you're here.** If you're a guest today and would like to let us know, please scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access our online response card. You can also scan the code to make a financial contribution or submit a prayer request. Response cards and offering envelopes are available in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering plate or offering boxes.

### Meet today's worship leaders

Joannah DeMent is married to Associate Pastor Darren DeMent, and they are the parents to Virginia, a young adult, and Elias, a rising senior at Lake Highlands High School. Joannah is a deacon and teaches youth Sunday School. She has worked in Richardson Independent School District for seven years, most recently as the nurse at White Rock Elementary School.

**Christina Evans** and her husband, Mark, joined Wilshire in January with their two kids, Liam, 5, and Ellie, 3. Christina and Mark are members of Labyrinth Class. Christina works part-time as an office assistant for Emerald City Band.

Christopher Granberry grew up at Wilshire. His mother is Kirsten Robertson, and his sisters are Hannah and Clara Granberry. Christopher just finished his second year at the Paris Institute of Political Studies in Reims, France, where he is a political humanities major. During the upcoming school year he will study on exchange at Tufts University in Boston, and this summer he is an intern with the Dallas Housing Coalition.

Jill Granberry joined Wilshire in 1993. She and her husband, Larry, met at Wilshire and married in 1999. They are the parents of Emma, a rising sophomore at the University of Central Arkansas, and Ross, a rising senior at Wylie High School. Jill is a deacon, co-directs and teaches in Seekers Class and is active in Women of Wilshire. She works in a contract role at YPO, Young Presidents Organization.

**Tony Martin** joined Wilshire in 2014 and attends Whosoever Wilshire Class. He is retired after a 33-year career as a professor of Christian studies at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, where he taught Bible courses, world religions and New Testament Greek.

**Candy McComb** and her husband, Vic Henry, joined Wilshire in 2017, and they direct and teach in Odyssey Class. As Wilshire's Children's Choir coordinator, Candy directs the Young Musicians choir and leads the summer creative arts camp. She also serves as a deacon, sings in Sanctuary Choir and co-directs Nova.

**Audrey Pottkotter** is a rising sophomore at Oklahoma City University, where she is majoring in musical theater and vocal performance. She joined Wilshire in 2019 with her parents, Amy and Kurt Pottkotter, and her siblings, Joshua and Katherine. This summer, Audrey is serving as a music ministry intern at Wilshire and performing with Garland Summer Musicals.

### **Staff contacts**

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- Carolyn Murray, Coordinator of Congregational Life (3170)
- Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor (3110)

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- Kelly Akins, ECLC Assistant Director and Curriculum Specialist (3139)
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- Abbey Adcox, Missions and Advocacy Coordinator (3127)
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- Debby Burton, Pathways to Ministry Assistant (3158)
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- George Mason, Senior Pastor Emeritus and Pathways to Ministry Alumni Director (3133)

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- Chelsea Hopkins, Executive Assistant (3132)
- Geri McKenzie, Executive Director of Administration (3159)
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- Darren DeMent, Associate Pastor (3102)
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- Sarah Yodh, Spiritual Formation Coordinator (3130)

# **Tapestry**

News & Announcements June 30, 2024



Register by today for Listen to Your Art! and Passport Kids

#### **Listen to Your Art!**



There's still a little space in our creative arts camp for grades 1–6, coming up Monday through Friday, July 8–12, from 12:30 to 5 p.m. On Friday evening, the kids will

present *Giddyup*, *Giddalong Gideon*, a Western-themed musical that combines boots and Bible costumes, line dancing and bandanas. This camp offers a variety of experiences — crafts, tie-dye, STEM, chimes and more.

#### **Cooking Camp**

Cooking Camp, set for July 8--12 in the mornings, is sold out. A waitlist is available.

#### **Passport Kids Preteen Camp**

Completed third through sixth graders are invited to Passport Kids from Saturday, July 27, to Tuesday, July 30. We'll travel by bus to the Heart of Texas Baptist Camp and Conference Center near Brownwood, where campers will experience high-energy worship, interactive Bible study, recreation, missions and more, led by camp staff with help from Wilshire chaperones.

#### **Creation Station**

Creation Station, a four-day camp set for July 22–25 from 9 a.m. to noon, includes art, music, movement, cooking and more. For preschoolers who were 3 by Sept. 1, 2023, up through children who have completed kindergarten. Register by July 14.

#### wilshirebc.org/summer-camps







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

#### Sign up for July 10 Blood Drive



The Carter BloodCare bus will be at Wilshire from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10. Walk-ins are welcome, but making an appointment is recommended. Make an appoint-

ment at <u>wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive</u> or scan the QR code above.

#### **Preschool parents' series**



Parents of preschoolers are invited to a limited Sunday School series on the book *Hunt*, *Gather*, *Parent*. The class meets in the Preschool Multipurpose Room (1350) and will end July 7; it's OK to join in progress. Contact: Molly Shepard (mollyfshepard@gmail.com)

### Lunch & Learn meets with Adventurers July 17

This summer's monthly Lunch & Learn events are focused on Wilshire's mission partners. On Wednesday, July 17, participants will join with Wilshire Adventurers in Community Hall at 11:30 a.m. to prepare cutlery packs for the Christmas meal at Cornerstone Baptist Church. Cornerstone Pastor Chris Simmons will speak. Lunch is only \$5 each — a Christmas special. The final summer Lunch & Learn will be held Wednesday, Aug. 7.

#### Wilshire Welcome meets July 21

Wilshire Welcome, a one-hour session to help guests and new members learn more about the church, will meet Sunday, July 21, at 9:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room near the chapel. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

#### Wilshire Library closed this week

The Wilshire Library will be closed and Librarian Barbara Peterson will be on vacation from Monday, July 1, through Friday, July 5.

#### **Wilshire Library Book Review**

"Whiskey in a Teacup: What Growing Up in the South Taught Me About Life, Love, and Making Biscuits by Reese Witherspoon is the most beautifully done book I've ever seen. It has the best paper, beautiful photography and fabulous



recipes — and it's all about the South. I am so glad I adopted this book at Adopt-A-Book for our wonderful Wilshire Library. If you haven't utilized our library, you must do so. Our fabulous librarian, Barbara Peterson, has made it that way."—Lynnda Bass-Allen

#### Men's Book Club update

Wilshire's new Men's Book Club will take July off and hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. A book title will be announced soon. Contact: Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net) or Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com).

#### **WOW: Women of Wilshire**



Women of Wilshire has new T-shirts (\$15) and fun summer activities planned. To order a shirt and RSVP for events, see the SignUpGenius

link at wilshirebc.org/events/wow-summer.

- WOW Tuesday Evening Book Club | July 9 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)
- WOW Brown Bag Book Club | July 11 | Noon | 1205-L | *The Bandit Queens* by Parini Shroff. 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.

# **Haley Hampton**

Hometown: Wichita Falls Present City: Wichita Falls

**Education:** Brite Divinity School, MDiv, with a concentration in pastoral and community care **Profession:** VA Liaison for Visiting Angels of

Wichita Falls

#### Tell us about your work or volunteer life.

I am an MDiv student concentrating in pastoral and community care. I like to lovingly refer to myself as a part time poet and theologian, and I love walking with people through the messy and nuanced pieces of life. I primarily work with people of faith who are walking through the process of deconstructing and pruning harmful theology and belief from their lives.

#### Any favorite hobbies?

Writing, reading and playing cozy video games!

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

Orcas Island, Washington. It's one in a small cluster of islands off the upper left coast of Washington State. It's beautiful and is the location of the first church I was ever a member of, Orcas Island Community Church.

#### What brought you to Wilshire?

I had only been to one other church that employed women in pastoral positions, and I was incredibly interested in being part of a church community that welcomed and championed people from all walks of life. Wilshire's justice and community-oriented education is still fairly



new to me and exactly how I'd like to engage any congregation or community I get to walk alongside in the future.

#### What do you think God is up to in your life right now?

I'm still getting used to being a queer woman who has per-

mission to follow my calling — and that comes with a lot of upending and pruning in my faith life. I'm very blessed to have a support system and friends who are committed to walking alongside me in this journey. It's a good reminder that we, as people, are built for healing in community. I'm preaching for the very first time this summer and the Lord is really doing a big thing in my soul — reminding me that I am not built to be all things to all people, but that I can be committed to helping those around me see the image of the Divine that is in them.

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

I would like to write a book either during seminary or after! About what, I'm not sure. Currently, I'm focusing on working to be published online as well as appearing on podcasts (and maybe creating one of my own)!

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# This Week

#### Sunday, June 30

- Preschool Parents' Sunday School, 1350, 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday School, various locations, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Enneagram with Heather, 1205-G, noon
- WOW Pool Party, McComb residence, 2 p.m.
- New Member Fellowship, Home of Timothy Peoples and Valerie Lott, 6 p.m.

#### Monday, July 1

■ WSM Youth Camp, Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center

#### Tuesday, July 2

- WSM Youth Camp, Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center
- Stephen Ministry Supervision/CE, 1205-G and 1205-L, 6:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, July 3

- WSM Youth Camp, Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center
- Enneagram with Heather, 1205-G, noon

#### Thursday, July 4

- WSM Youth Camp, Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center
- Building closed in observance of Independence Day

#### Friday, July 5

■ WSM Youth Camp, Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center

#### Saturday, July 6

■ WSM Youth Camp, Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center