



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

July 7, 2024

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for worship

It was 14 years ago this week when a church much like Wilshire allowed me to preach as their pastoral intern. I was a junior in college, afraid as all get-out and not fully ready to preach at the 8:30 and 11 o'clock worship services. The only thing I felt confident about was the slim-fit Banana Republic suit I was wearing; it was dynamite! So even if the sermon fell through, I at least looked good delivering it.

I got up to the podium and began "After a huge storm we pretty much played in the mud ..." I don't remember a lot of the middle, but I surely do remember the end: "Well, will you pray with me?" That is not to say that the middle did not matter, but those last words of prayer were what I felt the entire congregation did for me and with me leading up to the preaching, throughout the sermon, and I know still to this day. That first sermon was all about the making of community and the strength of community to carry on in togetherness.

We, like the congregation above, are an equipping congregation. We bring in interns and residents to allow them to discover their voice and calling among and with us. As they come, they learn from us how the church operates, and this allows them to hit the ground running, different from the day to day of universities and seminaries. But we also learn from them;

it is a symbiotic relationship. We are enriched by their knowledge and passion. The church gets the opportunity to see the world through another generation's eyes and better grasp how the world works differently than how we may individually envision.

I was recently speaking with a congregant, and they mentioned, "I believe the beauty of interns and residents is that together they keep the congregation young. There are so many churches struggling today because they are not welcoming new insight, ideas and perspectives. Through our Pathways program this naturally happens for Wilshire and helps us grow as a congregation."

Today, one of our own preaches from the Wilshire pulpit. And I ask of you the same thing I asked of that church 14 years ago, and what I will ask of you every time any intern or resident steps onto the chancel: "Well, will you pray with and for them?" Not just for the moments they are sharing the gospel or their gifts, but for their whole life as they are courageous beings stepping out on a call of faith and saying "yes" to God. Pray that we can be a community to love, support and embolden them for the journey ahead.

Amen — may it be so.

—*Timothy Peoples*



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On the cover: *Mont Sainte-Victoire and Château Noir*, Paul Cézanne, 1904–1906.

July 7, 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

Sam Schaal

Prelude

Gospel Blues (from *Lyric Suite*)
Sarah Navy, soloist

Robert Morris

I'm so glad troubles don't last always.
Oh my Lord, what shall I do?

What will you do when death comes a creeping in your room?
Oh my Lord, oh my Lord, what shall I do?

I'm so glad I got my religion in time.
Oh my Lord, oh my Lord, what shall I do?

Opening Sentences

Chrissy Alvarez

O God, who has taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor:
grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and
united to one another with pure affection.

+Congregational Song

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
No. 33

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Psalm Reading — Psalm 48

Rob Roden

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. God's holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great ruler. Within its citadels God has shown godself a sure defense. Then the kings assembled; they came on together. As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic; they took to flight; trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in labor, as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes forever. We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory. Let Mount Zion be glad; let the towns of Judah

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

rejoice because of your judgments. Walk about Zion; go all around it; count its towers; consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever. The LORD will be our guide forever.

Prayers of the People

Jared Jagers

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.**

Offertory

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
LeAnn Hampton, flute

arr. Molly Ijames

+Gospel Reading — Mark 6:1-13

Sher Moo Ku

[Jesus] left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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 "A New Perspective" Ava McClung

Celebration of the Lord's Supper Ava McClung and Timothy Peoples

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 *Aria* Eugene Bozza
Mark McKenzie, alto saxophone

Passing of the Cup *RHOSYMEDRE (Lovely)* Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

+Congregational Song *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY
No. 405

Sharing of Decisions Timothy Peoples

Benediction Ava McClung

Postlude Improvisation on themes of the day Jeff Brummel



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

Chrissy Alvarez joined Wilshire in May with her wife, Abigail. Chrissy and Abigail attend Shiloh Class, and Chrissy sings in Sanctuary Choir and participated in this year's Faith in 3D production, *The Christians*. She is a mental health counselor at Dallas Therapy Collective.

LeAnn Hampton joined Wilshire in 1983. She and her husband, Jeff, are members of Epiphany Class. LeAnn is a deacon, serves on the Funeral Ministry Team, plays flute in Wilshire Winds and teaches Pre-K Sunday School and Pre-K Choir. She also chaired the search committee that brought Minister of Music Ariel Merivil to Wilshire. LeAnn works as a grant writer and consultant.

Jared Jagers has been associate minister at the American International Church in London since 2020, when he completed Wilshire's pastoral residency program. Before becoming a resident in 2018, he and his wife, Hannah, were members at Wilshire for four years. Jared and Hannah welcomed daughter Sunny in April 2023.

Sher Moo Ku has been attending Wilshire since 2016, when she was a sixth grader. Her parental guardians are Paula and Jason Woodbury. Ku is a rising sophomore at Austin College, where she studies psychology and serves as historian and PR chair for the Asian Student Association. She is serving at Wilshire this summer as a children's ministry intern.

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

Mark McKenzie joined Wilshire in 1992 with his wife, Geri. They are parents to Harper, a graduate student at Syracuse University. Mark and Geri attend Journey Class, and Mark serves as a deacon, plays in Wilshire Winds and serves on Wilshire's staff as communications director. An avocational musician, he leads his own jazz trio and plays with other local groups.

Sarah Navy recently graduated with a Master of Music in voice performance from SMU's Meadows School of the Arts. She will return to pursue a performance diploma and continue her studies with Professor Barbara Hill-Moore. Sarah was a Wilshire choral scholar during the last two academic years.

Rob Roden has been a Wilshire member since 1998. He and his wife, Michelle, attend Journey Class and are parents to two adult children, Henry and Emma. Rob is a deacon, serves on the Personnel Committee and is a member of the Lord's Supper and Hospitality Ministry Teams. He works as an executive recruiter at PwC.

Sam Schaal joined Wilshire in 2016 and is a member of Epiphany Class. He is retired from a 25-year career in ministry, most of which was intentional interim ministry. Prior to becoming a minister, Sam worked in corporate public relations. He has two adult sons and six grandchildren.

Staff contacts

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

Early Childhood Learning Center

- Kelly Akins, ECLC Assistant Director and Curriculum Specialist (3139)
- Carole McClung, ECLC Administrative Assistant (3115)
- Ramona Randle, ECLC Director (3140)

Finance

- Lori Gooden, Director of Finance (3131)

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- Luke Munion, Food Service Staff
- Haley Robinson, Food Service Director (3117)
- Shari Spell, Food Service Staff
- Gillian Tinsley, Food Service Staff
- Wilfredo Velasquez-Cruz, Food Service Staff

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- Holly Irvin, Director of Hospitality (3150)
- Daniel Latin, Facilities
- Leticia Medina, Facilities
- Rachel Oney, Receptionist (3165)
- Kevin Sierra, Facilities
- Leticia Vega, Facilities

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- Abbey Adcox, Missions and Advocacy Coordinator (3127)
- Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor (3110)

Music and Worship

- Jeff Brummel, Associate Minister of Music/Organist (3122)
- Carol Cabaniss, Music and Worship Coordinator (3106)
- Shana Gaines, Wilshire Winds Director (3163)
- Ralph Manuel, Handbell Coordinator (3161)
- Candy McComb, Children's Choir Coordinator (3124)
- Ariel Merivil, Minister of Music (3135)

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- Rene Altamirano, Maintenance Technician
- Jim Tapley, Audio and Video Coordinator

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- Debby Burton, Pathways to Ministry Assistant (3158)
- Charlie Fuller, Pathways to Ministry Director and Coach in Residence (3123)
- George Mason, Senior Pastor Emeritus and Pathways to Ministry Alumni Director (3133)

Senior Pastor

- Chelsea Hopkins, Executive Assistant (3132)
- Geri McKenzie, Executive Director of Administration (3159)
- Timothy Peoples, Senior Pastor (3132)

Spiritual Formation

- Darren DeMent, Associate Pastor (3102)
- Julie Girards, Minister to Children (3104)
- Staci Langley, Childcare Coordinator
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- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)
- Sarah Yodh, Spiritual Formation Coordinator (3130)


Tapestry



News & Announcements
July 7, 2024

**GIDDYUP,
GIDDALONG**

Gideon

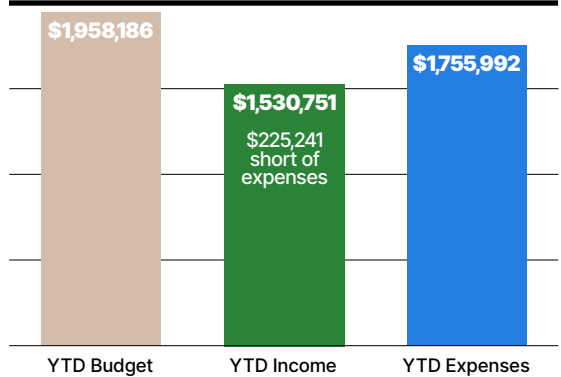


**LISTEN TO YOUR ART!
MUSICAL PERFORMANCE
FRIDAY, JULY 12
6:30 P.M. SANCTUARY
WILSHIRE BAPTIST CHURCH**

Listen to Your Art! musical

This week's Listen to Your Art! camp for grades 1-6 will culminate at 6:30 p.m. Friday with a presentation of *Giddyup, Giddalong Gideon* in the Sanctuary. The kids will learn the Western-themed musical during the week while also rotating through other artistic experiences. It's not just for parents! All are invited. ■ Our popular Cooking Camp will also be going on this week. Both camps are full.

Unified Budget Update



Pathways Endowment YTD gifts \$26,966
Pathways Endowment June balance..... \$9,971,333

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 appointment at wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive or scan the QR code in the ad on page 12.

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)



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.

Virtual Time with Tim next Sunday

Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples will offer a “Virtual Time with Tim” via Zoom on Sunday, July 14, at 5 p.m. CDT. The event is geared toward anyone, member or guest, who mainly engages with Wilshire online. To find the Zoom information, visit wilshirebc.org/events/virtual-time-with-tim. For security reasons we’ll wait to post the Zoom info until July 14.

Preteen Camp has open spots



There are still a few spots available for completed third through sixth graders to register for Passport Kids preteen camp, set for Saturday, July 27, to Tuesday, July 30. The group

will travel by bus to the Heart of Texas Baptist Camp and Conference Center near Brownwood, where they will experience high-energy worship, interactive Bible study, recreation, missions and more. Register soon at wilshirebc.org/events/preteen-camp.

Sign up for 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 at wilshirebc.org/events/creation-station.



Subscribe to sermon podcast

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.

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 of three summer Lunch & Learns will be held Wednesday, Aug. 7.

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.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Your gifts are changing lives inside and outside our walls. Here are some ways to make a financial contribution to Wilshire.

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 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, July 7

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Preschool Parents' Sunday School Series, 1350, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.

Monday, July 8

- Cooking Camp, Community Hall, 9 a.m.
- Listen to Your Art! Camp, 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 9

- Cooking Camp, Community Hall, 9 a.m.
- Listen to Your Art! Camp, 12:30 p.m.
- WOW! Tuesday Evening Book Club, Parlor, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 10

- Cooking Camp, Community Hall, 9 a.m.
- Blood Drive, Parking Lot, 10 a.m.
- Listen to Your Art! Camp, 12:30 p.m.
- Adventurers Committee, 1205-G, 1 p.m.
- Spanish with a Mission, 1205-G, 4 p.m.
- WSM: Study-n-Pickleball, North Parking Lot, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 11

- Cooking Camp, Community Hall, 9 a.m.
- Stewpot Meal Service, 11:15 a.m.
- WOW Brown Bag Book Club, 1205-L, noon
- Listen to Your Art! Camp, 12:30 p.m.
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, July 12

- Cooking Camp, Community Hall, 9 a.m.
- Mahjong!, 1205-L, 10 a.m.
- Listen to Your Art! Camp, 12:30 p.m.
- Listen to Your Art! Program, Sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

Larry Harrington

Hometown: Plano

Present City: Plano

Education: Plano High School; B.S., Baylor University; Ph.D., chemistry, U.T.-Austin

Profession: Research chemist

Tell us about your family.

I am an only child and never married.

How about your work or volunteer life?

I've done industrial research in Texas, North Carolina and Massachusetts and am a life member of the Sierra Club. While in North Carolina, I often spent weekends in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. A favorite trail, five miles each way, climbs 3,000 feet to the top of Mount Le Conte, where a rustic lodge offers meals and a room for the night. My first research employment was with Exxon. At that time, the Baytown refinery, as a new and separate venture, was making polypropylene (PP) and striving to produce the best quality product, as determined by structural regularity. Regular alignment is characteristic of a superior product and has a higher melting temperature. I devised an apparatus to separate the product into fractions, each having a different and distinct melting temperature. To complicate matters, we were producing a "copolymer," a molecule combining segments of polypropylene with segments of polyethylene (PE). One of our competitors was marketing such a copolymer, and I was keen to examine it with my device. Huge surprise: one of the fractions was essentially pure polyethylene, as you'd get from a simple mixture of PE and PP. This was potentially embarrassing



for Exxon. I was ordered to stop using my apparatus, and someone from Exxon in New Jersey announced there was nothing new about my device. Meanwhile, I had presented my work at a company meeting and gained wide approval. Just days before my departure (they dismembered the Baytown research department) they assigned a coworker to spend a day with me. His assignment was to learn how to use my apparatus!

Any favorite hobbies?

Physical fitness. I also read serious public affairs media bearing on the health of our democracy, convert the articles to Word docs and email them weekly to an interested group.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

I found Wilshire in 1991 after a move from Austin.

Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

Compass Class.

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

I hold a pilot's license. At age 72 I was part of a U.S. Masters Swimming team and won second place! I quietly celebrated all the way home from San Antonio.



Blood Drive



McKenzie C.

Blood Recipient
Woodway, Texas



Wednesday, July 10, 2024
10:00am - 3:00pm

Wilshire Baptist Church

4316 Abrams Rd.

Carter BloodCare Bus

Contact:

Linda Garner, PhD RN

l Garner@wilshirebc.org

Schedule an appointment



Receive a beach towel!*



CarterBloodCare.org
800-366-2834 | Text CBCDonate to 999-777

*While supplies last. Item may be substituted for item of equal value.