



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**August 18, 2024**

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

# Preparing for worship

Around here we've always called the start of our fall year "Promotion Sunday" — that being today. It means very little, honestly, particularly for adults — because well, we don't actually "promote." However, we never stop aging, despite our best attempts. Promotion Sunday is insider lingo that simply indicates that our preschoolers, children and youth will now attend their new age-graded Sunday School classes. So let me take this opportunity to tell you what we hope this Sunday can mean instead.

Welcome. We want you to know that you are welcome here. In fact, today you might want to check out our Welcome Y'all BBQ lunch after the service down in Community Hall, where you can enjoy a BBQ lunch and a performance by some of our own staff. There are so many incredible stories that live within these pews; don't miss out on catching up with an old friend or meeting someone new today.

We also welcome the littlest among us into the Sanctuary, with all their wiggles and giggles. At Wilshire we value the opportunity to worship as an intergenerational community of faith, and we are grateful for that reminder every time

we hear a shift or crumple in the pew behind us or every time we see a little one escaping for a quick bathroom break. A simple touch on the shoulder coupled with an "I see you" or a "You're doing a great job" could mean everything to a parent.

Community. You're not just welcome here; you belong here. And what we hope is that you'll find a meaningful way to participate that meets you right where you are. This Wednesday begins our weekly family dinner, Koinonia Café, and Bible Study as well as our weekly programming for kids and students. We have a variety of Sunday School classes you can try, mahjong and book clubs, service groups and ministry teams. We want you to know that when you're here we value what you come needing as well as what you have to give. Life together is just that — receiving and giving.

All in all, we're glad you're here. We always are. And we're taking new name recommendations for Promotion Sunday.

—Heather Mustain



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**August 18, 2024**  
11:00 a.m.  
Thirteenth 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**

Carolyn Murray

**Prelude**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, BWV 650*

Johann Sebastian Bach

**Opening Litany**

Felix Guthrie

**Leader:** From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west.

**People:** **God's holy name be praised.**

**Leader:** On the lips of children or by babies held in loving arms.

**People:** **God's holy name be praised.**

**Leader:** In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young.

**People:** **God's holy name be praised.**

**Leader:** In the banquet hall of heaven and the forgotten corners of our hearts.

**People:** **God's holy name be praised.**

**Leader:** Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.

**People:** **God's holy name be praised.**

**+Congregational Song**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*  
No. 2

ITALIAN HYMN

**Missions Moment**

Heather Mustain

**Psalm Reading — Psalm 111**

Laura Ayala

¡Aleluya! Alabaré al Señor con todo el corazón en la asamblea, en compañía de los rectos. Grandes son las obras del Señor; estudiadas por todos los que en ellas se deleitan. Gloriosas y majestuosas son sus obras; su justicia permanece para siempre. Ha hecho memorables sus maravillas. El Señor es misericordioso y compasivo. Da de comer a quienes le temen; siempre recuerda su pacto. Ha mostrado a su pueblo el poder de sus obras al darle la heredad de otras

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

naciones. Las obras de sus manos son fieles y justas; todos sus preceptos son dignos de confianza, son inmutables por siempre, establecidos con fidelidad y rectitud. Pagó el precio del rescate de su pueblo y estableció su pacto para siempre. Su nombre es santo y temible. El principio de la sabiduría es el temor del Señor; buen juicio demuestran quienes cumplen sus preceptos. ¡Su alabanza permanece para siempre!

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is God's work, and God's righteousness endures forever. The LORD has gained renown by wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful. God provides food for those who fear the LORD; God is ever mindful of the covenant. The LORD has shown the people the power of God's works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of God's hands are faithful and just; all God's precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. The LORD sent redemption to the people; God has commanded God's covenant forever. Holy and awesome is God's name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

### Offertory

#### *The Architect*

Kacey Musgraves, Josh Osborne

Amanda Mintz and Molly Shepard;  
Darren Dement and Luke Willson, guitar

Shane McAnally

Even something as small as an apple  
It's simple and somehow complex  
Sweet and divine, the perfect design  
Can I speak to the architect?

And there's a canyon that cuts through the desert  
Did it get there because of a flood?  
Was it devised, or were you surprised  
When you saw how grand it was?

Was it thought out at all, or just paint on a wall?  
Is there anything that you regret?  
I don't understand, are there blueprints or plans?  
Can I speak to the architect?

Sometimes I look in the mirror  
And wish I could make a request  
Could I pray it away? Am I shapeable clay  
Or is this as good as it gets?

One day, you're on top of the mountain  
So high that you'll never come down  
Then the wind at your back carries ember and ash  
Then it burns your whole house to the ground

Is it thought out at all, or just paint on a wall?  
Is there anything that you regret?  
I don't understand, are there blueprints or plans?  
Can I speak to the architect?

I thought that I was too broken  
And maybe too hard to love  
I was in a weird place, then I saw the right face  
And the stars and the planets lined up

Does it happen by chance? Is it all happenstance?  
Do we have any say in this mess?  
Is it too late to make some more space?  
Can I speak to the architect?  
This life that we make, is it random or fate?  
Can I speak to the architect?  
Can I speak to the architect?

**+Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures** — 1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14

Georgia McKee

Then David slept with his ancestors and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his kingdom was firmly established. ... Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David, except that he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

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!**

On the banks of old Lake Bistineau  
Beneath the cypress and the moss  
We hammered and we nailed  
To build a raft to get across  
And late at night by the fire  
We sang kumbaya  
And the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, was flowing

Late night time, New York City  
Descending subway stairs  
A man whistling out of tune  
Paid a dollar for my fare  
And we got on the same train going uptown down the tracks  
And we sang out of tune to the clackity clack clack  
And the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, was flowing

I have seen it on a mountaintop  
I have seen it in the stars  
I have felt it in a churchyard and driving in my car  
It will make you laugh, make you cry, make your heart go ping  
And the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, was flowing

**Kumbaya, my Lord**

**Message**

“What Does Wisdom Look Like?”

Timothy Peoples

**Anthem**

*Ascription of Praise*  
Sanctuary Choir

David Schwoebel

Now to him who's able to keep you from falling  
And to present you without blemish  
Before the presence of the glory.  
With rejoicing, to the only God, our Savior,  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Be the glory, majesty, dominion,  
And the authority before all time.  
Now and forever. Amen.

— *Jude 1:24–25*

**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**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
No. 71

SLANE

**Sharing of Decisions**

Timothy Peoples

**Benediction**

Timothy Peoples

**Postlude**

*Postlude on ITALIAN HYMN*

arr. Albert L. Travis

The chancel flowers today are given by David Beck in memory of Shelly K. Beck on the occasion of their 35th wedding anniversary and in honor of Laura Ayala, coordinator of global missions for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

The Lord's Supper table flowers are given by the Woodbury family in loving memory of E. Maxey Abernathy on the occasion of his 86th birthday and Julian Kampfschulte on the occasion of his 16th birthday.



**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

**Abbey Adcox** and her husband, Chris, joined Wilshire in 1999. They are the parents of Carter, 23, Camryn, 20, and Collin, 18. Abbey attends Seekers Class, serves as a deacon and is co-coordinator of Women of Wilshire. She serves on Wilshire's staff as missions and advocacy coordinator and is pursuing a Master of Arts in Ministry at SMU's Perkins School of Theology.

**Laura Ayala** has served as coordinator of global missions for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship since February 2023. In addition to missions, she oversees CBF's chaplaincy, pastoral counseling and disaster response efforts. For nine years Laura served as pastor of First Baptist Church of Rio Piedras in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Wilshire's partner congregation in recent mission trips.

**Felix Guthrie** has been attending Wilshire since he was 2. His mom is Emily Muscarella, and his siblings are Joseph and Judith Guthrie. Felix will be a senior this year at DISD's School for the Talented and Gifted, where he is involved with student council and PERIOD. He is active in Wilshire Student Ministry and will serve as this year as Youth Choir president. Felix also sings in Shekinah and volunteered for VBS this summer.

**Amanda Mintz** Amanda came to Wilshire in 2017. She is a member of Ithaca class and sings with Nova. Amanda works for Toyota, where she oversees employee learning and leadership development programs.

**Carolyn Murray** grew up at Wilshire. Her parents are Bob and Charlene Law. Carolyn is mother to an adult son, Mason, who lives in Australia, and Lucy Kate, a sophomore at Santa Clara University. As Wilshire's coordinator of congregational life, Carolyn works to welcome guests and engage members in the life of the church. She directs Journey Class and serves as staff liaison to MomCo (formerly MOPS) and the Committee on Committees.

**Molly Shepard** grew up at Wilshire and is married to Michael. Their daughter, Olivia, will turn 2 next month. Molly's parents are Wilshire members Ed and Linda Francis, and her sister is Julie Francis. Molly is a deacon, a member of Ithaca Class and sings in Sanctuary Choir. She is a vice president at Valuation Research Corporation.



# Staff contacts

**Phone numbers:** 214-452- followed by extension shown below. **Email addresses:** first letter of first name and full last name followed by @wilshirebc.org (example: tpeoples@wilshirebc.org). Staff members with phone extensions have Wilshire email addresses.

## Communications

- Mark McKenzie, Communications Director (3169)

## Congregational Care

- Barbara Clayton, Pastoral Care Assistant (3125)
- Linda Garner, Parish Nurse (3151)
- Carolyn Murray, Coordinator of Congregational Life (3170)
- Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor (3110)

## Early Childhood Learning Center

- Carole McClung, ECLC Administrative Assistant (3115)
- Ramona Randle, ECLC Director (3140)

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- Lori Gooden, Director of Finance (3131)

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- Haley Robinson, Food Service Director (3117)
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- Gillian Tinsley, Food Service Staff
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- Daniel Latin, Facilities
- Leticia Medina, Facilities
- Rachel Oney, Receptionist (3165)
- Kevin Sierra, Facilities
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## Missions and Advocacy

- 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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- 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)
- Georgia McKee, Pastoral Resident (3152)
- Maggie Morey, Pastoral Resident (3153)

## Senior Pastor

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

## Spiritual Formation

- Kelly Akins, Minister to Preschoolers (3139)
- Darren DeMent, Associate Pastor (3102)
- Julie Girards, Minister to Children (3104)
- Katie Murray, Minister to Senior Adults (3129)
- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)
- Sarah Yodh, Spiritual Formation Coordinator (3130)

# Tapestry



News & Announcements  
August 18, 2024

Welcome,  
Y'ALL!

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## Churchwide BBQ lunch today

Join us in Community Hall today after worship as we celebrate Promotion Sunday with a BBQ lunch and some down-home entertainment by Wilshire's own. Cost for the meal is \$10 per adult, \$5 for kids 4 to 9 and free for 3 and under. Cash/check/credit will be accepted at the door. Western wear optional.



**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.

## New member

Amanda Upton

## Condolences to

■ Family and friends on the death of **Gabe Baltazar**, Aug. 7.

■ **Tom Welch** and **David Welch** on the death of their mother, **Dorothy Welch**, Aug. 14.

## Pam Stiles ordination today

All are invited as Wilshire member Pam Stiles is ordained to the gospel ministry today at 4 p.m. in McIver Chapel. A reception will follow in the Parlor. Pam earned a Master of Divinity degree at Fort Worth's Southwestern Seminary and currently is a chaplain resident at UT Southwestern Medical Center. She joined Wilshire in 2018, serves on the Belong Team and attends Shiloh Class.

## Men's Book Club meets Aug. 20

Wilshire's Men's Book Club will discuss James McBride's 2020 novel *Deacon King Kong* on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. The group will meet the third Tuesday every month. Contact: Mike Meripolski ([meripolski@att.net](mailto:meripolski@att.net)) or Scott Spreier ([swspreier@gmail.com](mailto:swspreier@gmail.com)).

## Time with Tim next Sunday

Time with Tim, an informal chance for guests and new members to visit with Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples, will meet Sunday, Aug. 25, at 9:45 a.m. in Timothy's office (2203). Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org))

## Preschool Playtime at the Park

Preschool families are invited to a Playtime at the Park on Saturday, Aug. 31, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Flag Pole Hill Park (8015 Doran Cir.). This will be a fun time for preschoolers and parents to get to know new Minister to Preschoolers Kelly Akins. In the event of rain, we will reschedule. Check the POPs GroupMe for updates.

## Lunch & Learn starts Sept. 4



Lunch & Learn will be held the first and third Wednesdays of each month this fall, starting on **Sept. 4**. All are invited at 11:30 a.m. for a buffet lunch followed by

minister-led Bible study. Watch the *Tapestry* each week to see who's teaching. Lunch costs \$10 each. No RSVP necessary.

## Music group start-ups

■ **Youth Choir** will begin rehearsals today, Aug. 18, at 12:30 p.m. in Choral Hall. All students in grades 6 through 12 are welcome.

■ **Carillon Ringers** will resume rehearsals on Sunday, Aug. 25, at 2:15 p.m. in the Handbell Room. Contact: Ralph Manuel ([rmanuel@wilshirebc.org](mailto:rmanuel@wilshirebc.org)).

■ **Wilshire Winds** will start on Monday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. in Choral Hall. Brass, woodwind and percussion players are welcome. Contact: Shana Gaines ([sgaines@wilshirebc.org](mailto:sgaines@wilshirebc.org)).

■ **Children's Choirs** (grades 1-5) will adopt a new approach this year. Singers can now select one, two or three sections of choir. Each section will include a few rehearsals followed by a performance. The first section runs Sept. 8 to Oct. 6. Rehearsals will be held Sundays from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. after a snack lunch.

■ **Kindergarten, Pre-K and 3-Year-Old Choirs** will meet as part of Wednesday Night Live at 6 p.m. starting Aug. 21. Contact: Candy McComb ([cmccomb@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmccomb@wilshirebc.org))

## MomCo seeks Mentor Moms

MomCo (formerly MOPS) is looking for a few new Mentor Moms. Mentor Moms attend Friday morning MomCo meetings once or twice a month to offer a mature perspective on mothering, relationships and more. To learn more, email [wilshiremops@gmail.com](mailto:wilshiremops@gmail.com) or Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org)).

## Bright Stars of Bethlehem gala

A virtual gala for mission partner Bright Stars of Bethlehem will be held the evening of Sept. 7 at the home of Mary and Kenton Keller. Bright Stars raises awareness and support for Dar al-Kalima University, the first and only university for arts, culture and design in Palestine. The evening will include stories of resilience from students and remarks from founder Mitri Raheb. RSVP to Associate Pastor Heather Mustain ([hmustain@wilshirebc.org](mailto:hmustain@wilshirebc.org)) by Aug. 30.

## African American history tour

Wilshire has reservations for a few folks to join a Hidden History Tour on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The tour traces the African American experience from the Civil War to the 1960s. Cost: \$25 per person. Register at [wilshirebc.org/events/hidden-history-tour](http://wilshirebc.org/events/hidden-history-tour).

## Democracy emphasis this fall

With the election coming in November, the Christian Advocacy Committee is offering these opportunities to help us navigate the season:

■ On Sunday, Sept. 8, tables around the church will offer resources for how you can engage in democracy over the coming weeks.

■ On Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. during October, Associate Pastor Heather Mustain and others will lead a group through a resource called “Navigating an Election Year.” This series will offer a space to share concerns and create an action plan to address the real fears we hold and how best to continue to meet the needs of our neighbors.

## Fellowship Southwest Conference

Wilshire is a sponsor for Fellowship Southwest’s Compassion + Justice Conference, to be held Sept. 20 and 21 at Life in Deep Ellum. Speakers will discuss topics including hunger, native issues, immigration and racial justice. Visit [fellowshipsouthwest.org/conference-2024](http://fellowshipsouthwest.org/conference-2024).

## Women of Wilshire

### ■ Tuesday Evening Book Club |

Sept. 10 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier. Contact: Debby Burton ([dburton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:dburton@wilshirebc.org))

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Sept. 5 | Noon | 1205-L | *The Plot* by Jean Hanff Korelitz. Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org))

## Blood Drive on Sept. 4

Carter BloodCare will be at Wilshire from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 4. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are recommended. Visit [wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive](http://wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive) or see the ad on the back cover.

## Poetry workshop in September

Wilshire member and retired English professor Jerry McElveen will lead “Poetry: How to Read and Write This Stuff,” a two-part workshop on Wednesdays, Sept. 11 and 18, at 6 p.m. in Room 1205-G. Come prepared to have an informative and fun time as Jerry pulls back the curtain on this sometimes mysterious and magical form of human expression. “You will learn something,” Jerry says, “and there will be no tests.”

## Marriage Connections is Sept. 13

In Marriage Connections, held on select Friday nights at 6:30, free childcare (infant–grade 5) is provided while parents enjoy a short program at the church and then have the rest of the night, until 9:30, to themselves. Registration for childcare is required by Sept. 8; visit [wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections](http://wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections).

## Single, Adoptive and Foster Care Parents Night Out, Sept. 13

Wilshire will offer free childcare (infant–grade 5) for single, adoptive and foster parents on Friday, Sept. 13, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is required and closes Sept. 8; visit [wilshirebc.org/events/pno](http://wilshirebc.org/events/pno).

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

## Resumes Aug. 21

### Koinonia Café

**5 p.m. | Community Hall** | Buffet dinner with kid-friendly options. Cash/check/credit accepted. Prices at [wilshirebc.org/events/wnl](http://wilshirebc.org/events/wnl). **Aug. 21: Breakfast for Dinner:** Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hashbrown casserole, pancakes, fruit. **Kids:** Assorted mini cereals.

### Preschool Music & Missions

**6 p.m. | Age 3–Pre-K** | Preschool choir plus fun activities and lessons focused on God’s love and caring for others.

### KidConnect

**6 p.m. | K–Grade 5** | A rotation of activities to help kids learn how to love God and others with every part of themselves. Activities include art, music, recreation and more. Kindergartners will have choir as part of KidConnect.

### Watershed

**6:30 p.m. | Grades 6–12** | Wilshire Student Ministry’s weekly time of Bible study and music in the Youth Center.

### Sanctuary Choir

**7 p.m. | Choral Hall** | New singers are always welcome. No audition.



### Get to Know the Residents

**6 p.m. | Community Hall** | Join us on our first week back as our new pastoral residents Maggie Morey and Georgia McKee share their stories and engage in a time of Q&A.

■ **Aug. 28:** The residents will lead Vespers, an intimate time of worship in McIver Chapel.

■ **Sept. 4:** Bible Study series begins.

### WNL: Virtual Edition

Do you engage with Wilshire primarily online? You’re invited to a monthly Zoom discussion led by a Wilshire minister. Katie Murray will host the first session on **Sept. 11** at 6 p.m. CDT. The Zoom link will be available at [wilshirebc.org/events/wnl-virtual](http://wilshirebc.org/events/wnl-virtual) by noon that day.

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

# THANK YOU FOR GIVING

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**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.

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# *This Week*

## **Sunday, Aug. 18**

- Back to School Drive Collection
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday School with Laura Ayala, McIver Chapel, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Welcome, Y'all Churchwide BBQ Lunch, Community Hall, noon
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Pam Stiles Ordination Service, McIver Chapel, 4 p.m.

## **Monday, Aug. 19**

- Deacons Meeting, Community Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## **Tuesday, Aug. 20**

- Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- Men's Book Club, Parlor, 7 p.m.

## **Wednesday, Aug. 21**

- New Song Officers Meeting, 3301, 9:30 a.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Preschool Music & Missions, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Bible Study, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

## **Thursday, Aug. 22**

- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

## **Friday, Aug. 23**

- Friday Friends, 3301, 10 a.m.
- Dorothy Welch Memorial Service, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, 1205-L, 1 p.m.

# Elle Sheaffer

**Hometown:** Dallas

**Present City:** Dallas

**Education:** Woodrow Wilson High School  
(2022–present)

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

My family consists of me, my mom, Dawn, my dad, Michael, and my dog, Walter.

## **Tell us about your volunteer life.**

I volunteer mostly wherever the Wilshire youth group is. I try to make it to wherever Tuesday Missions are hosted and volunteer for the camps Wilshire hosts, when I'm in town. Other than that, I mostly volunteer at school-hosted opportunities.

## **What are your aspirations for the future?**

In the future, I want to go to college and major in film development. The behind-the-scenes of movies has always piqued my interest, and I would love to help translate movies from script to the big screen.

## **What are your favorite hobbies?**

In school, I participate in Woodrow's theater productions, and I'm in Variations, Woodrow's show choir. Outside of school, I participate in the Greater Dallas Choral Society, hang out with friends and read all the time.

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

I'm involved in Wilshire Student Ministries, and I sing in Youth Choir and Shekinah.



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

I've been at Wilshire since I was about one year old, so I can't say that much has surprised me. However, the love that Wilshire never fails to show to people within the church and outside of it always amaz-

es me. As I've grown more involved in the life of our church, I've had the privilege to be a part of a loving community like our youth group. WSM is a place I know I can always rely on, no matter what is going on in my life, good or bad.

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

I think God is giving me good people who remind me daily that I am good just as I am. In the youth group, we have a saying: "You are uniquely created in the image of God and worthy of love." I have felt that recently more than ever because of the people I'm surrounding myself with.

## **Who are the greatest influences in your life shaping who you are today?**

The friends I surround myself with shape how I present myself and interact with others. My parents and teachers have taught me things that continue to change how I think and react. So many people throughout my life have brought different perspectives to think about that continue to shape me as a person.



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