



September 15, 2024
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for worship

My favorite poem is “won’t you celebrate with me” by Lucille Clifton. (If you’ve ever been to my office, it is taped to the door as you enter.) This week I did a deep dive into Clifton’s poems, and they spoke to me like Scripture. I could say they fed me like bread and became a nourishment for my soul. That ever happen to you? Have words from another attached themselves to your soul or echoed the beats of your heart?

As I was doing my deep dive, I came across a 2001 conversation between Clifton and Sonia Sanchez from Cave Canem, a nonprofit organization committed to cultivating the artistic and professional growth of Black poets. If you ever have 30 minutes, I suggest you watch. The two share the hardships and the beauty of poetry and discuss their careers as poets, sharing poems and letters from their past. But there was one thing that stuck with me from Clifton. She stated:

“I borrow something from Rudine Sims, who said that all children, and I think all adults, as well, need mirrors and windows — mirrors in which they can see themselves; windows through which they can see the world. And everybody’s children are disadvantaged by not having that.”

I have been on this mirror thing lately. It seems so simple, yet so powerful, for us to look at ourselves and how we can be part of change and solutions rather than causing more division and disruption to the building of the Kingdom. But Clifton goes further in her remarks — we not only need mirrors to aid in justice work and reform of this world, but we need windows to see past ourselves too. The ask is not just how can we remedy ourselves, but also how can we allow the holy and wholly work we do on ourselves to validate those we see through our windows?

This morning you have taken time to enter this space, whether virtually or in person. My hope is that you will personally access a mirror and take time to do the inner hard work. But I have a request for you. Through the window of our eyes in this space, see each other. We are each going through so much, and whether we tell another verbally all we are holding on our shoulders, can we at least look each other in the eyes and reassure them, “I may not know what you are holding, but I am with you.” So often we forget the “world” is also right in front of us.

—*Timothy Peoples*



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September 15, 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

Georgia McKee

Prelude

Toccata on "Amazing Grace"

arr. J. Christopher Pardini

Opening Sentences

Drew Murray

God, thank you for this day! Thank you for the birds and the animals, the flowers and the trees.
Thank you for creating everything we see! Thank you for the joy you give and the lives we live.
Thank you for providing everything we need! This morning we sing to you with grateful praise.

+Congregational Song

For the Beauty of the Earth
NO. 341

DIX

Children's Choir will sing the introduction. Please join in singing as invited.

Children's Moment

Julie Girards

Responsive Reading — Psalm 98:1–6

Abi Hrbacek

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song, for the LORD has done marvelous things;
God's right hand and God's holy arm have worked salvation.

**People: The LORD has made God's salvation known and revealed
righteousness to the nations.**

Leader: God has remembered God's love and faithfulness to Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;

Leader: Make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

**People: With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn —
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.**

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

Offertory

God of Grace
Carillon Ringers
Ralph Manuel, director

arr. Paul Manz

+Reading from the Gospels — Mark 8:27-38

Emily Bufkin

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

Raise a Song of Gladness
The choir will sing the first time.
Please join in singing during the repeats.

JUBILATE DEO

Raise a song of glad-ness, peo-ples of the earth. Christ has come,
bring-ing peace, joy to ev-ery heart! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
joy to ev-ery heart! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, joy to ev-ery heart!

Message

“Who Am I?”

Timothy Peoples

Anthem

He Is Marvelous
Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir
Sarah Navy, solo
Jonah Payne, percussion

Rosephanye Powell

He is marvelous! Jesus is wonderful! Give him glory!
Shout to the Lord and proclaim: he is marvelous, oh, so wonderful!
Give him the glory and praise!

For he is king of kings. And he is Lord of all creation.
Yes, he is king of kings and Lord of Lords!

Shout to the Lord! All the earth let us sing!
Shout to the Lord, Jesus Christ, king of kings!

He is marvelous! Jesus is wonderful! Give him glory
Shout to the Lord and proclaim: He is marvelous, oh, so wonderful!

+Doxology

OLD 100TH, alt.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise God, a-bove ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Prayers of the People

Charlie Fuller

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

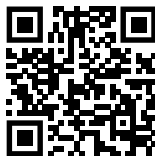
Benediction

Timothy Peoples

Postlude

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel



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

Emily Bufkin joined Wilshire with her husband, Michael, in 2023. They are members of Ithaka Class and have two kids: Nate, age 4, and Mary Bryce, age 2. Emily is an internist and pediatrician at UT Southwestern Medical Center, where she directs the combined Med-Peds residency program.

Abi Hrbacek began visiting Wilshire in late 2023 and joined this March. She is a member of Ithaka Class and volunteered this summer with Listen to Your Art!, Wilshire's creative arts camp for children. Abi works as a graphic designer for Aon.

Drew Murray is the son of Katie and Steven Murray and big brother to Annie and James. A second grader at Wallace Elementary, Drew takes piano lessons and plays flag football, basketball and baseball. His activities at Wilshire include Children's Choir and KidConnect.

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.

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)

Finance

- Lori Gooden, Director of Finance (3131)

Food Services

- 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

Hospitality and Facilities

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

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)

Operations and Technology

- Rene Altamirano, Maintenance Technician
- Bryant Greer, Building Operations Manager (3146)
- Jim Tapley, Audio and Video Coordinator

Pathways to Ministry

- 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, Childcare Coordinator (3130)

Tapestry



News & Announcements
September 15, 2024

Condolences to

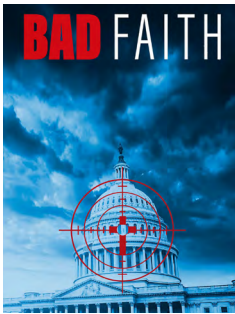
■ **Elizabeth Marshall and Rob Thomas** on the death of Elizabeth's stepfather, Carroll "Coach" Dawson, Sept. 9. Grandson is **Trey Thomas**.

■ Family and friends on the death of **Pat Tilley**, Sept. 12.

Andrew Bowles ordination service this afternoon

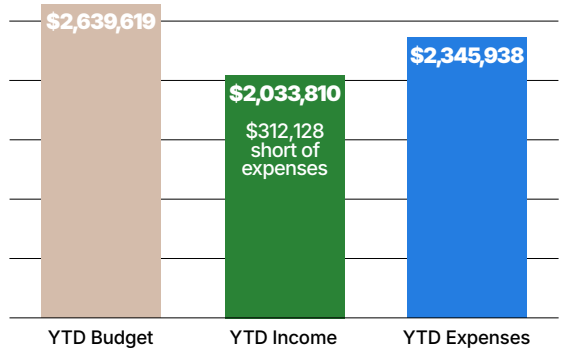
Andrew Bowles will be ordained to the gospel ministry in a service at 2:30 p.m. today in McIver Chapel. Andrew, who participates with Wilshire online, holds a Master of Divinity from Baylor's Truett Seminary and is a chaplain at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Documentary screening this week



Faith Commons will present the documentary *Bad Faith* followed by a panel discussion on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m. at SMU's Dedman School of Law. The film explores Christian Nationalism, and the panel will include journalist Anne Nelson, Tennessee Rep. Justin Jones and Rabbi Nancy Kasten of Faith Commons. The event is free. Reserve a spot at tinyurl.com/ye2h3kjj.

Unified Budget Update



Pathways Endowment YTD gifts.....\$33,325
Pathways Endowment Aug. balance\$10,249,456



Wednesday, Sept. 18

All are invited the first and third Wednesdays every month for lunch (\$10 ea.) and Bible study. On Sept. 18, Associate Pastor Darren DeMent will teach on 1 Samuel 1-12. See the schedule at wilshirebc.org/events/lunch-learn.



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.

Deacon nominations sought

The Deacon Nominating Committee asks Wilshire members to submit names of persons to be considered for deacon service. Nominees should be individuals who have modeled consistent, faithful service and leadership and who have been Wilshire members at least one year. You may also nominate deacons in reserve to rotate into active service.

Nominate as many individuals as you wish. New deacons will be ordained and start their three-year terms after being approved at Wilshire's Annual Church Conference in January. The Deacon Nominating Committee appreciates your prayerful consideration.

How to submit nominations:

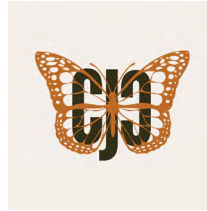
Online: Scan the QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/deacon-nominations.

Paper Form: Pick up a nomination form in the church office, fill it out and return it to the attention of Chelsea Hopkins.

Deadline: Friday, Sept. 27.

Note: If you have been ordained as a deacon in another church and have not served at Wilshire, please let Chelsea Hopkins know (chopkins@wilshirebc.org).

Friday night service open to all



Wilshire is hosting a worship service on Friday, Sept. 20, at 7:30 p.m. as part of Fellowship Southwest's Compassion + Justice Conference. You are welcome at the service even if you don't

attend the conference, which is being held Sept. 20 and 21 at Life in Deep Ellum. Learn more about the conference at fellowshipsouthwest.org/conference-2024.

Wilshire Welcome next Sunday

Wilshire Welcome, a one-hour session to help guests and new members learn more about the church, will meet Sunday, Sept. 22, at 9:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room near the chapel. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

Adventurers Fall Kickoff: Sept. 24

James Gallery and the Prayer Garden will be transformed into a state fair for the Wilshire Adventurers' Fall Kickoff on Tuesday, Sept. 24, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Enjoy midway games, blue ribbon-worthy submissions from Wilshire artisans, free fair food (corn dogs!) and information about Adventurers events. Adventurers is a fellowship group for those 60 and up.

Adventurers travel survey

Wilshire Adventurers is committed to friendship, belonging and helping people live life fully through serving, learning and exploring together. As they begin planning for 2025, your input is needed on opportunities to travel together as a group. Please consider filling out the online survey at wilshirebc.org/travel-survey, even if you have never been on an Adventurers trip. Your feedback will be beneficial as the group plans opportunities that align with the needs, passions and interests of our congregation.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE SEPTEMBER 18

Koinonia Café

5 p.m. | Community Hall | Buffet dinner with kid-friendly options. Cash/check/credit accepted. Prices at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl.
Sept. 18: Chili bar: Beef or vegetarian chili with onions, cheese and Fritos; cornbread; salad; desserts. **Kids:** Corn dogs and chips.

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 in our main adult choir. No audition.

Bible Study series continues



6 p.m. | Community Hall | Have you encountered a Bible story from childhood and thought, “This doesn’t sound the same as an adult”? In this series, Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples and our residents will help us see these stories with fresh eyes as the cautionary tales they were intended to be.

Looking ahead

■ **Sept. 25:** Vespers in McIver Chapel.
■ **Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23:** As the “Children’s Stories” series continues, Associate Pastor Heather Mustain will also lead a series on navigating an election year.

WNL: Virtual Edition

Those who engage with Wilshire primarily online are invited to a minister-led Zoom discussion on Oct. 9 at 6 p.m. Central. The Zoom link will be posted at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl-virtual closer to the event.

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

New Song Community Choir

Are you passionate about singing? Do you love making music with others? Try New Song Community Choir. This no-audition senior adult choir welcomes everyone, regardless of musical experience. Their repertoire includes secular, gospel, spirituals and hymn arrangements, and the group performs at venues in the community. Rehearsals are held Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in Choral Hall. To learn more, contact Director Sarah Stafford at 214-232-9212 or visit newsongchoir.org.

Men's Book Club meets Sept. 17

Wilshire's Men's Book Club will discuss "The Guest," an Albert Camus short story, on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. The group meets the third Tuesday each month. Contact: Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net).

Women of Wilshire

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Oct. 8 | 6 p.m. | Parlor | *Redeeming Love* by Francine Rivers. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Oct. 3 | Noon | 1205-L | *Someone Else's Shoes* by Jojo Moyes. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

Children and the Enneagram

Parents, grandparents, teachers and anyone else who works with children will benefit from a special event at Wilshire on Saturday, Nov. 2. Guest speakers Joey and Billy Schewee of the @enneagramparents Instagram account will lead us in exploring how your Enneagram type and that of children in your care inform your engagement and relationships. Prior Enneagram knowledge is not required. The event will be held in Community Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A \$10 per-person cost will cover lunch and snacks. Learn more and register at wilshirebc.org/events/children-enneagram.

Audition for Faith in 3D

Wilshire's Faith in 3D initiative is creating an original vignette-styled musical for its 2025 production and will hold auditions on Tuesday, Sept. 24.

In Songs and Stories will feature a compilation of songs, predominantly from Broadway musicals, that will not only entertain but also stimulate discussion with the potential to change individuals — and maybe the world.

The show will be performed at Wilshire on Wednesday, March 26, at 6 p.m. and Saturday, March 29, at 2:30 p.m. Director Nancy Poynter is returning for her 11th Faith in 3D production, and Ralph Manuel will serve as musical director. The cast will consist of soloists and storytellers, with everyone as part of the chorus.

The three Ds in Faith in 3D stand for drama, dialogue and dessert. Productions have usually featured a theatrical presentation followed by dessert and a moderated discussion of the show's themes.

■ To register your interest in auditioning, complete the form at wilshirebc.org/faith-in-3d-auditions by Monday, Sept. 16.



Faith in 3D produced Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* in 2023.

Amy Kendrick Lee

Hometown: Midland

Present City: Plano

Education: B.A., Music, SMU

Profession: Manager of community outreach/
executive director, The Ryan Foundation

Tell us about your family.

I'm married to Thomas, and we have two energetic, assertive, smart kids. Hamilton is 7 and Eleanor is 3. We also have a cat (Eponine) and a dog (Glinda).

How about your work or volunteer life?

I've been at Ryan for 10 years, connecting corporate resources to needs in the communities where we have offices. Prior to Ryan, I spent 13 years fundraising in the nonprofit sector, primarily for the performing arts.

Any favorite hobbies?

I enjoy music, gardening and travel.

What are your favorite places to travel?

The Moon Crush Music Festival in Florida, Europe and any wine-producing area.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

Wilshire Winds drew me to Wilshire in 2003. I had put down my horn for a couple years after college. I joined to play in the Winds because it was church and they wouldn't kick me out, even if my playing wasn't perfect. When I was going through a divorce, I felt grateful to be needed at rehearsal, even in my depleted state.

Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

Wilshire Winds, Women of Wilshire, Kindergarten Choir and Odyssey Sunday School Class.



What has surprised you most about Wilshire?

Wilshire has had a unique way to be the hands and feet of Jesus to me at many stages in my life. Wilshire was there when one of my best friends died and I was trying to find a place for her service — a church that

would welcome celebrating her life as a gay woman. Wilshire even played a role in my first date with my husband, Thomas, as our first date was scheduled on the evening of the 60th anniversary celebration, which ran long. I jokingly told him he couldn't be mad at me if the other man in my life was God. My husband and I have experienced times of sorrow and times of jubilation dealing with infertility and pregnancy and miscarriage and child rearing where Wilshire has been a rock I have returned to again and again.

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

I think God is teaching me patience, grace and perseverance.

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

I was a pageant baby and twirled a baton as a little girl.

What are your strengths, or what adjectives best describe you?

I'm an Enneagram 2; my CliftonStrengths are Input, Adaptability, Relator, Learner and Woo.

Committee interest form

Wilshire's Committee on Committees is beginning its work to nominate members for 2025 committees. If you are not currently on a committee and are interested in volunteering yourself or suggesting someone for consideration, please complete the form below. All names received will be considered and evaluated against current committee openings and needs. The Committee on Committees' final report will be presented at January's Annual Church Conference for approval. Complete the form below and return it to the church office. Questions? Contact Carolyn Murray at cmurray@wilshirebc.org.

Committee on Committees: *Ed Francis, Kim Mason, Steve Melton, Juliana Moore, Monica Mullins (chair), Rachel Murphy, Janet Stegner, Price Tinsley, Max Tucker. Staff Liaison: Carolyn Murray*



To submit your preferences electronically, scan the QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/committee-interest-form.

I am willing to serve on a church committee, and my preferences and comments are:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

I would like to suggest the following people be invited to serve on the committee indicated.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

My Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Wilshire committees

Baptism

Handles preparations and hospitality related to baptisms.

Building & Grounds

Assists staff with maintenance and repair of church property by developing plans to improve the efficient use of the church premises and enhance the security of the property.

Children's Education

Reviews performance of the children's education program and makes recommendations to the minister to children. Promotes growth in the program, reviews curriculum, helps recruit and retain teachers and establishes policies to ensure the safety of children.

Christian Advocacy

Guides Christian advocacy initiatives.

Deacon Nominating

Makes annual recommendations for selection of deacons.

Finance

Develops the church budget and works with the finance director to monitor income and expenses, approving monthly financial statements and reporting them to the church.

History

Maintains archives of the church to preserve a record of our history together.

Interior Decor

Consults with other committees to coordinate decor of interior public spaces.

Library

Advises and supports library administration and events.

Missions

Supports and promotes partnership missions by developing and maintaining relationships that provide opportunities for Wilshire to be on mission.

Pathways to Ministry

Coordinates and supports work of the Pathways to Ministry program, including the pastoral residency.

Personnel

Establishes duties and responsibilities of ministry staff and maintains personnel manual. Recommends new ministry staff to the church. Recommends ministry staff compensation.

Preschool Education

Reviews performance of the preschool education program and makes recommendations to the minister to preschoolers. Promotes growth in the program, reviews curriculum, helps recruit and retain teachers and establishes policies to ensure safety of children.

Risk Management

Works with staff to reduce and manage safety and liability risks.

Weekday Education

Sets policies and governs Wilshire's Early Childhood Learning Center.

Wilshire Adventurers

Plans fellowship activities for senior adults.

Front desk volunteers needed

We are looking for a few volunteers to help in the main office weekly or on a rotational basis. Sunday morning volunteers are needed from 9 to 11 a.m. to greet and assist people and connect them to the appropriate staff member when needed. Volunteers are also needed on Tuesdays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Contact Geri McKenzie (gmckenzie@wilshirebc.org) to volunteer or learn more.

CenterPeace conference

Wilshire will host the 2024 CenterPeace Conference, a warm-hearted gathering of LGBTQ+ Christians, their churches and families, from Thursday, Oct. 24, through Saturday, Oct. 26. The conference will feature a range of speakers, worship leaders and storytellers exploring topics related to faith and sexuality. Wilshire's George Mason will lead a pre-conference workshop for pastors and church leaders, and there will also be a post-conference workshop for parents of LGBTQ+ individuals. Wilshire member Sally Gary is executive director of Center Peace. Learn more and register at centerpeace.net/conference-2024.

Library closed, help needed

The Library's main location on the first floor is temporarily closed for renovation. The book racks on the third floor and near the Preschool Hall, both with self-checkout, are operational.

■ The Library could use volunteers to help dismantle its old shelves on Saturday, Sept. 21. Reach out to Librarian Barbara Peterson (bpeterson@wilshirebc.org) if you can help.

Wilshire seeks coordinator

Wilshire is accepting applications for the role of spiritual formation coordinator, a part-time salaried position reporting to Associate Pastor Darren DeMent. Learn more at wilshirebc.org/employment.

This Week

Sunday, Sept. 15

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, 2221, noon
- Deacon Nominating Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Finance Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Library Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Missions Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Personnel Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Preschool and Children's Education Committees, Community Hall, noon
- Children's Choir, 12:30 p.m.
- Ordination Service for Andrew Bowles, McIver Chapel, 2:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 16

- Bylaws Workgroup, 1205-G, 5:30 p.m.
- Wilshire Winds, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 17

- Wilkinson Center Pantry Assistants, noon
- Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- Men's Book Club, Parlor, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 18

- New Song Community Choir, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Lunch & Learn, Community Hall, 11:30 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.
- Poetry Workshop, 1205-G, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 19

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

Friday, Sept. 20

- MomCo, James Gallery, 9:00 a.m.
- Fellowship Southwest Compassion + Justice Conference Worship Service, Sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.