



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

September 29, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for worship

God:

A burning question, given the current wars and rumors of wars. A desperate query, considering the political and cultural strife rending our democracy, not to mention the sacred fabric of our once shared faith.

A plea of sorts, if you're listening:

Are you really on our side as the Psalms say, willing to go to bat for us? Or are you a "talking general," waiting for us to take matters into our own hands, like Queen Esther in today's Scripture?

Some of us, perhaps many, are sitting here today wondering. In our hearts we're praying for the former, the easy way out. You know, just leave it to the "Big Guy." But miracles are scarce nowadays, and our minds are filled with despair and doubt.

We could, of course, take responsibility for the mess we're in and deal with it ourselves. But that would take an enormous amount of time and energy, not to mention patience and understanding and the ability to listen and not just shake our heads, speak our minds, wave our fists.

A suggestion, God, if I may? One you've no doubt pitched before, often to deaf ears: What

if we worked this thing together? How about you coach us, and we handle the heavy lifting. Like the hymn we're singing this morning: "He Leadeth Me." (I'm sure you've heard it once or twice — it's been sung for 160 years.)

What if you give us the vision, insight and strategy, and we execute?

Come to think of it, isn't that what the Bible is trying to tell us? We should have picked up on that by now. But we're just human. And, like the movies we watch on Netflix, we go straight for the drama and special effects, ignoring the storyline — a more believable narrative of your vision and guidance and our struggle as your sons and daughters to bring your plan to life.

God, as we sit here today, we ask you, we beg you, to lead us forward in this difficult time. We pray that you hear our cries, sense our anguish, understand our fear and frustration, and give us not only the understanding and compassion to see clearly the challenges our nation faces, but also the will and the power to ensure we stay on course and safely navigate this treacherous journey.

Amen.

—Scott Spreier



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September 29, 2024
11:00 a.m.
Nineteenth 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

Angela Brindle

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Carillon Ringers
Ralph Manuel, director

arr. Bish/Thompson

Baptism — Kenneth Waterman

Timothy Peoples

Litany

Ariel Merivil

Leader: From the dust of the earth, the Holy One breathed us into life.

People: Through the breath of God we are all connected.

Leader: Shaped in God's image, we were formed with a purpose:

**People: To create
To serve
To tend
To protect
To love**

Leader: That life may flourish in all its forms,

People: May the Spirit of the Living God be manifest in us!

+Congregational Song

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
No. 315

MIT FREUDEN ZART

+All congregants are invited to stand in body or spirit.
Hearing devices are available in the Narthex and South Atrium.

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side
 — let Israel now say —
 if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
 when our enemies attacked us,
 then they would have swallowed us up alive,
 when their anger was kindled against us;
 then the flood would have swept us away;
 the torrent would have gone over us;
 then over us would have gone
 the raging waters.

Blessed be the LORD,
 who has not given us
 as prey to their teeth.
 We have escaped like a bird
 from the snare of the hunters;
 the snare is broken,
 and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
 who made heaven and earth.

Offertory

It Is Well with My Soul
 Carillon Ringers

arr. Lloyd Larson

+Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures — Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Darren DeMent

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me — that is my petition — and the lives of my people — that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace, but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and an enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. ... Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very pole that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hung Haman on the pole that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. ... Mordecai recorded these things and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday, that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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!

Music Meditation	<i>Golden Hour</i> Hannah Weller, clarinet	Cait Nishimura
Message	“Give Me My Life”	Timothy Peoples
Anthem	<i>Jesus Calls Us</i> Sanctuary Choir Hannah Weller, clarinet	Joy Patterson

Jesus calls us over the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea;
Day by day his voice is sounding, saying, “Christian, follow me.”

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these.”

Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all, best of all.

Prayers of the People		Kelly Akins
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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	<i>He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought</i> No. 68	HE LEADETH ME
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Sharing of Decisions		Timothy Peoples
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Benediction		Timothy Peoples
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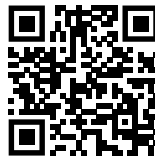
Postlude	<i>Voluntary on MIT FREUDEN ZART</i>	arr. Paul Laubengayer
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Meet today's worship leaders

Angela Brindle first joined Wilshire in 2014 and rejoined in 2022 after living out of state for five years. Her daughter, Nicolette, is a third grader at Mockingbird Elementary. Angela attends Genesis Class, subs as a teacher in third grade Sunday School and serves on the Children's Education and Library Committees. She works as the librarian at the upper campus of Dallas International School.

Barbara Gass Utay grew up at Wilshire and is married to Justin. She is a member of Ithaka Class and serves on the Risk Management Committee. Barbara works as a commercial real estate portfolio manager at Commerce Bank.

Guest musician **Hannah Weller** is pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts in wind conducting at the University of North Texas, where she teaches undergraduate conducting classes and works with several ensembles. She earned her master's degree in clarinet performance from UNT in May. Hannah is an active clarinet teacher and performs as a freelance musician and as a member of the Lone Star Wind Orchestra.



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.

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)

Tapestry



News & Announcements
September 29, 2024

Condolences to

■ **David Clanton** on the death of his wife, Jann Aldredge-Clanton, Sept. 20.

■ **Courtney Cobelle** on the death of her mother, **Suzanne Cobelle**, Sept. 21.

■ **Jenn Weaver** on the death of her mother, Margaret Weaver, Sept. 21.

New member

Adrienne McCann with Juliana and Joseph Rousch

Art exhibit opens this week



Wilshire's latest art exhibit, *The Sacred Art of Ethiopia*, opens Oct. 2 and will be on display in the South Lobby through Nov. 17. The show celebrates the rich artistic heritage of one of the world's

oldest Christian civilizations. Works include processional crosses, folding icons and paintings on biblical themes — especially the life of Jesus — in the style of traditional illuminated manuscript art.

We're hiring

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

WILSHIRE GAME NIGHT



All ages welcome!

Everyone, preschoolers through senior adults, is invited to join the intergenerational fun at Wilshire Game Night on Friday, Oct. 4, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Community Hall.

Wilshire will supply fresh popcorn, toys and games for preschoolers and a few family games; feel free to bring your own games and food. Mahjong will be available, and Carolyn Murray will offer lessons and tips.



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 are due today, Sept. 29

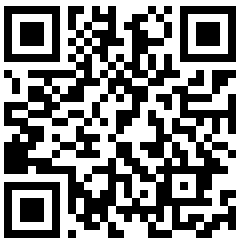
The Deacon Nominating Committee asks Wilshire members to submit names of persons to be considered for deacon service. Nominees should be individuals who have modeled consistent, faithful service and leadership and who have been Wilshire members at least one year. You may also nominate deacons in reserve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

For reference, lists of active deacons, inactive deacons and those with "deacon emeritus" status can be found at wilshirebc.org/deacon-nominations.

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).



Two ways to submit deacon nominations:

ONLINE

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

PAPER FORM

Forms are available in the office to fill out and turn in today.

Adventurers survey ends today

As Wilshire Adventurers 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. The survey will close after today, Sept. 29.

Preschool Playtime at the Park



Preschool families are invited to a Playtime at the Park on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Flag Pole Hill Park (8015 Doran Cir.). This event will be a fun time for preschoolers and their parents to get to know each other and new Minister to Preschoolers Kelly Akins.

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.

Men's Book Club

Wilshire's Men's Book Club will discuss *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. The group meets the third Tuesday each month. Contact: Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net) or Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com).



Wednesday, Oct. 2

All are invited the first and third Wednesdays every month for lunch (\$10 ea.) and Bible study. On Oct. 2, Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples will teach on 1 Samuel 13 and 15. See the schedule at wilshirebc.org/events/lunch-learn.

Women of Wilshire

- **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Oct. 8 | 6:30 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)

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 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 CenterPeace. Register at centerpeace.net/conference-2024.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE OCTOBER 2

Koinonia Café

5 p.m. | Community Hall | Buffet dinner with kid-friendly options. Cash/check/credit accepted. Prices at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl.
Oct. 2: Salisbury steak with mushroom gravy, roasted potatoes, glazed carrots, cake, jello, fruit. **Kids:** chicken nuggets 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.

Two 6 p.m. options in October



■ **Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23** |

Children’s Stories All Grown Up will continue in 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.

■ **Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23** | **Navigating the Election** will meet in the Parlor. Led by Associate Pastor Heather Mustain, the series will focus on building community, offering ways we can find hope and love during this tumultuous season and beyond.



WNL: Virtual Edition next week

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.

Library closed for renovations

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.

Documentary film screening



Join Wilshire, First Presbyterian Church of Dallas and the Thanks-Giving Foundation for a film screening on Thursday, Oct. 10, at 6:30 p.m. in Emmanuel Hall at First Pres. *Join*

or Die is a documentary about why you should join a club — and why the fate of America depends on it. Follow the story of America's civic unraveling through the journey of *Bowling Alone* author Robert Putnam, whose research into American community decline may hold the answers to our democracy's present crisis. To watch the trailer and reserve a spot, scan the code or visit <https://bit.ly/3Bi6q90>.

Vidas Robadas email updates



Texas Impact has started a weekly email newsletter to give updates on its *Vidas Robadas* (*Stolen Lives*) gun violence awareness and prevention campaign. Wilshire participated in the effort this year by making and displaying T-shirts to memorialize gun violence victims. To sign up for the emails, scan the code or visit <https://bit.ly/3NinIG1>.

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Front desk volunteers needed

Wilshire is looking for a few volunteers to help in the main office on Sunday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. The only responsibility is to greet and assist people and connect them to a staff member when needed. Volunteers could serve weekly or in rotation with others. Contact Geri McKenzie (gmckenzie@wilshirebc.org) to volunteer or learn more.



Knitting group lives up to its name

Wilshire's Knit Unto Others ministry made and donated about 100 items to Fellowship Southwest for use in the organization's work along the U.S.-Mexico border. Mary Carver represented Knit Unto Others in presenting the scarves, hats, washcloths and booties at Fellowship Southwest's Compassion + Justice Conference on Sept. 21. Knit Unto Others, which began about 15 years ago, meets every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor and includes Wilshire members as well as community members of various faith traditions.

Claire Flores

Hometown: Houston

Present City: Dallas

Education: Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Baylor University. I start my Master of Science in Nursing Education in February 2025!

Profession: Bone Marrow Transplant Registered Nurse

Tell us about your work or volunteer life.

I am currently working my dream job with T. Boone Pickens Cancer Hospital, a part of Baylor University Medical Center. Aside from my regular shifts, I am also completing a hospital-wide project to decrease infection occurrences with oncology patients, and I teach introductory material to new or onboarding nurses regarding oncology. I also volunteer with Baylor Scott & White's outpatient cancer services, East Lake Pet Orphanage and Baylor University.

What are your favorite hobbies?

I love playing the oboe! I also love going to the gym, riding my bike, volunteering, reading in coffee shops and spending quality time with my friends.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

I accidentally stumbled upon Wilshire during one of the worst periods in my life. I'd been desperately looking for a new place to connect with others, and I was having a difficult time finding a place that offered services not just strictly on Sundays, since I work primarily weekends. I saw the sign "Come on a Sunday. Come on a Wednesday. But above all, come as you are" outside, and I randomly showed up one Wednesday



Night Live. I knew God wanted me here when I saw Monica Mullins, my former advisor at Baylor University, and I instantly burst into tears.

Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

I am an active member with Wilshire Winds and Ithaka Class, but

I'm always looking for new ways to get involved.

What has surprised you most about Wilshire?

The fact that everyone here is just genuinely that nice. Everyone here really cares about one another, and the kindness never feels like it's forced or disingenuous. People can love me exactly as I am, regardless of my past.

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

I'm not sure, but God's got a great sense of humor ...

What is something interesting most people would not know about you?

I used to be really shy! Being a nurse has forced me to learn how to talk to anyone and everyone. Now I can hold a conversation with a brick wall.

What adjectives best describe you?

Brave, fiercely loyal, genuine, overprotective.

Committee nominations due Oct. 1

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. **The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, Oct. 1.**

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 committee descriptions

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.

Someone to talk with.

If you are facing a life challenge and would like to have a spiritual friend to walk alongside you for a season of healing, perhaps you would benefit from a Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministry pairs trained lay people with individuals in need of Christian companionship during times of life crisis. Wilshire has trained Stephen Ministers available.

To learn more about receiving confidential care from a Stephen Minister, please reach out using our dedicated email address, stephenministry@wilshirebc.org, or call 214-452-3176.

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This Week

Sunday, Sept. 29

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Belong Team, 1205-L, noon
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, 2221, noon
- Deacon Nominating Committee, 1205-G, noon
- IDAT Cohort Meeting, 1100-B, noon
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Children's Choir, 12:30 p.m.
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 30

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

Tuesday, Oct. 1

- Stephen Ministry Supervision/CE, 1205-G & 1205-L, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 2

- *The Sacred Art of Ethiopia* opens, South Lobby
- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Lunch & Learn, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Committee on Committees, 1205-G, 6 p.m.
- *Navigating the Election*, Parlor, 6 p.m.
- Preschool Music & Missions, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Adult Bible Study: *Children's Stories All Grown Up*, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 3

- WOW Brown Bag Book Club, 1205 L, noon
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 4

- Memorial Service for Nancy Park, Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m.
- Wilshire Game Night, Community Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 5

- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 9 a.m.
- Memorial Service for Jann Aldredge-Clanton, Sanctuary, 1 p.m.