

Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

November 17, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for worship

This past weekend I helped the kids put up small Christmas trees in their bedrooms, betraying my own rule of no Christmas decor pre-Thanksgiving. The last couple of weeks have left me searching for joy wherever I can find it. And it's amazing how a pre-lit, 5-foot silver tinsel Christmas tree can transform a little girl's bedroom and make it, in her words, "magical" with joy beaming in her eyes.

As you sit in the pew today, I want to challenge us in thinking about where we can find joy. Maybe it's in a dear friend sitting near you or the special memory of a baptism or family dedication, or perhaps you were married in this very room. Today I find joy as I look at the chancel steps. They are lined with brown bags packed with food to help restock White Rock Center of Hope's food pantry as they prepare Thanksgiving food baskets for their neighbors. And those signs sticking out of the bags? Those represent turkey baskets that will be distributed to families who utilize the services of the Wilkinson Center.

Pure joy given out of generous hearts; pure joy in those who will receive.

As I draw my eyes upward, I see our very own Wilshire Student Ministry prepared and empowered to lead us in worship — from singing and praying to preaching. Former student Emma Roden recently shared the impact this church has had in her life as a young person, and now we as a congregation have the same opportunity to allow the Spirit to impact us through our students. Pure joy in the giving and pure joy in the receiving, Wilshire.

And while I know pre-lit, 5-foot silver tinsel Christmas trees, Thanksgiving bags and one worship service cannot alleviate the grief so many of us are carrying, we also cannot let it steal the joys that often exist right under our noses. So, take a moment. Breathe deep. Settle in. And give thanks. Because as I was reminded by a dear friend this week, joy is meant to be shared, and rejoicing is a group activity.

—Heather Mustain



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November 17, 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

Judith Guthrie, Felix Guthrie

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount

arr. Jason D. Payne

Opening Sentences

A Prayer for Courage

Joe Warden, Griffin Moore

Leader 1: Courage comes from the heart

Leader 2: and we are always welcomed by God, the heart of all being.

Leader 1: We bear witness to our faith,

Leader 2: knowing that we are called to live lives of courage, love and reconciliation
in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of each day.

Leader 1: We bear witness, too,

Leader 2: to our failures and our complicity in the fractures of our world.

All: May we be courageous today.

Leaders: May we learn today.

All: May we love today. Amen.

—from *Daily Prayer with the Corrymeela Community*, Pádraig Ó Tuama

+Congregational Song

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners
No. 422

HYFRYDOL

Psalm Reading — Psalm 119:9–16; 105–112

Alden Henry, Elias DeMent

How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you. Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes. With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth. I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your stat-

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

utes; I will not forget your word. ... Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances. I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word. Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances. I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law. The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts. Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

Offertory

Be Not Afraid
Shekinah

Taylor Davis

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you.
Be not afraid, I've called you by name.
My love for you is everlasting,
My love for you shall have no end.

When you pass through the waters, I will surround you.
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er.
When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed.

You are my child, you are so precious to me.
You are my child, and I'll love you always.
Just hold my hand, and I'll lead you home.
When you feel lost, always remember
I am right here, just call out my name.

+Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures — Isaiah 11:1-9

Kathryn Woodbury

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

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

Double Cure

Bill Mallonee

Today I'm sick of all I am
Today is my setback
First I swear I love you
Then I stab you in the back

**I wanna drink out of that fountain
On a hill called double cure
I wanna show you my allegiance Lord
I wanna be a son of yours**

So tired of all my toys
They never last for long
They keep beaming dreams and wishes
To a big dish on my front lawn

**I wanna drink out of that fountain
On a hill called double cure
I wanna show you my allegiance Lord
I wanna be a daughter of yours**

Bet you all have got a story
You're just aching to tell
Haven't we thrown our coinage
Down the wishing well

So go and call your neighbor
Proceed with all due haste
Go grab your wife and sweet family
See there is no time to waste

**We're gonna drink out of that fountain
On a hill called double cure
I wanna show you my allegiance Lord
I wanna be a child of Yours**

You ask me why I love him
He gave riches to the poor
Yes and I will one day see that face
Over yonder shore

Reflections

Drew Perry, Ruby McClung

How has Wilshire shaped your understanding of worship?

Music for Inspiration

Where the Light Begins

Susan LaBarr

Miriam McClung, Katherine Pottkotter, Elle Shaeffer

Perhaps it does not begin. Perhaps it is always.
Perhaps it takes a lifetime to open our eyes, to learn to see
The luminous line of the map in the dark, the vigil flame in the house of the heart,
The love so searing we can't keep from singing,
The luminous line of the map in the dark, the vigil flame in the house of the heart,
The love so searing we can't keep from singing, from crying out.

Perhaps this day the light begins, perhaps this day the light begins in us.
We are where the light begins.

Perhaps it does not begin. Perhaps it is always.

Message

"Becoming God's Promise of Peace"

Elliana Mitchell

Anthem

In Meeting We Are Blessed
Youth Choir
Jonah Payne, percussion

Troy Robertson

We are met together and in meeting we are blessed.
Peace in coming and in going, peace in labor and in rest.

Hold on, dear brother! Hold on, dear sister! Hold on! Hold on to me.

You're not alone, and you never more will be.
I will be with you, and I will carry you with me.
Friendship endures, and surely we will prove
It's not ourselves, but our bodies that move.

Prayers of the People

Ashleigh Currie, Cullen Taylor,
Cate Tabor, Ethan Howland

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayers.

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 Heard

Horatio Bonar/
Tim Sean Youmans

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found him in a resting place, and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.**

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk till traveling days are done.

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

Musical Benediction

Last Song

Bill Mallonee/Julie Miller

May your peace be anchor in stormy tide,
May your hope run like a river that’ll never run dry,
May your burdens grow light, may your worries subside,
This is my prayer for you.

May your soul grow deep, may your joy run wild,
May your heart know the face of mercy has smiled,
May your faith come to let you believe like a child,
This is my prayer for you.

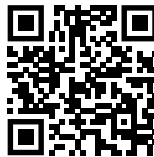
Postlude

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

Katherine Pottkotter, music director

The flowers today are given by David Beck in honor of
and thanksgiving for Valerie Lott and Timothy Peoples.



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.

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Meet today's worship leaders

■ **Ashleigh Currie** is a ninth grader in the Theatre Conservatory at Booker T. Washington High School for the Visual and Performing Arts. She also trains in dance and voice at the Dallas Conservatory.

■ **Elias DeMent** is a senior at Lake Highlands High School, where he plays on the basketball team and serves as student council vice president. Elias recently committed to play basketball at Trinity University in San Antonio.

■ **Felix Guthrie** is a senior at DISD's School for the Talented and Gifted, where he is involved with student council and PERIOD. Felix is president of Wilshire's Youth Choir and works as a tutor at Mathnasium.

■ **Judith Guthrie** is a tenth grader at the School for the Talented and Gifted at Townview Center and is involved in dance, Destination Imagination and yearbook. At Wilshire, she serves on the lay support team for Pastoral Resident Georgia McKee.

■ **Alden Henry** is a seventh grader at Robert T. Hill Middle School. He also plays baseball and takes musical theater classes at Dallas Children's Theater.

■ **Ethan Howland** is a junior at Woodrow Wilson High School, where he is a member of the golf team, Young Men's Service League and National Honor Society.

■ **Miriam McClung** is a junior at Lake Highlands High School, where she is involved with choir and musical theatre.

■ **Ruby McClung** is an eighth grader at Lake Highlands Middle School, where she participates in volleyball, choir and the Limited Edition show choir.

■ **Elliana Mitchell** is a tenth grader in the International Baccalaureate program at Woodrow Wilson High School, where she sings in the choir. Elliana also plays piano and enjoys reading and babysitting.

■ **Griffin Moore** is a sixth grader at Sudie L. Williams TAG Academy, where his activities include soccer, Dungeons & Dragons Club and scouting.

■ **Drew Perry** is a senior at Lakehill Preparatory School, where he serves as captain of the basketball and baseball teams and is active in student council. At Wilshire, he serves on the Finance Committee. Drew will attend Baylor University next year as a member of the basketball team.

■ **Katherine Pottkotter** is a junior at Lake Highlands High School and has sung in the Texas All State Choir, the Greater Dallas Choral Society and the Dallas Opera Chorus. She also studies organ with Jeff Brummel.

■ **Ele Sheaffer** is a junior at Woodrow Wilson High School, where she is active in student council and performing arts. She also sings in the Mixed Youth Choir of the Greater Dallas Choral Society and serves as vice president of Wilshire's Youth Choir this year.

■ **Cate Tabor** is a senior at Booker T. Washington High School for the Visual and Performing Arts, where she is part of the Theatre Conservatory and president of the Communications Committee. Cate also serves on the DISD Teen School Board.

■ **Cullen Taylor** is a ninth grader at Woodrow Wilson High School, where he plays saxophone in the marching and jazz bands and is a member of the swim team.

■ **Joe Warden** is a senior at Lake Highlands High School, where he is a special education classroom assistant and serves as vice president of communications for Young Men's Service League.

■ **Kathryn Woodbury** is a tenth grader at Lake Highlands High School, where she is involved with theatre and choir, including the show choir Espree. She also participates in National Charity League and is a Life Scout in Scouts BSA.

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Tapestry



News & Announcements
November 17, 2024

Condolences to

Family and friends on the death of **George Gagliardi**, Nov. 14.

WSM Fall Retreat tackles cliches

Wilshire Student Ministry will explore cliches at its Fall Retreat on Saturday, Nov. 23, and Sunday, Nov. 24, at the Lone Oak Ranch and Retreat in Gainesville. Phrases like “everything happens for a reason,” “God has a plan” or “the Bible has all the answers” are sometimes used in an effort to make sense of complex truths. At the retreat, our youth will engage with some of these well-worn cliches in an attempt to understand why they get used, what they communicate about God and how they potentially raise more questions than answers. Registration is open at wilshirebc.org/events/wsm-fall-retreat.

Wilshire kitchen is hiring

Over the past few months, Wilshire staff have thought through food service staffing needs to ensure that we are able to provide a meaningful fellowship experience for members and guests when the kitchen is used. To that end, the church is seeking applicants for three food service positions: a full-time sous chef, a part-time prep cook and a part-time floater position. See the job descriptions and application instructions at wilshirebc.org/employment and contact Food Service Director Haley Robinson Garcia (hrobinson@wilshirebc.org).



Fireside Chats

There's still room for you! Sign up to attend tonight

Wilshire will host Fireside Chats at members' homes on Sunday evening, Nov. 17. This social event with fellowship and light refreshments will deepen connections and provide an intimate setting for us to express our collective gratitude. Sign up to attend at any of the host homes throughout the area. Some sites will start at 5 and end at 6:30, while others will run from 6:30 to 8. Sign up at wilshirebc.org/events/fireside-chats or scan code.



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.

Men's Book Club meets Nov. 19

Wilshire's Men's Book Club will discuss *The Jazzmen: How Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, and Count Basie Transformed America* by Larry Tye on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. The group will not meet in December. Contact: Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net).

Preschool Playtime on Nov. 25



Preschoolers and their families are invited to a Preschool Playtime on Monday, Nov. 25, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Join Minister to

Preschoolers Kelly Akins in the Multipurpose Room for a fun time of building and art.

Wilshire Welcome is Dec. 8

Wilshire Welcome, a one-hour session to help guests and new members learn more about the church, will meet Sunday, Dec. 8, at 9:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room near the chapel. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)



Women of Wilshire

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Dec. 5 | Noon | 1205-L | *Good Night, Irene* by Luis Alberto Urrea. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Dec. 10 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *The Deal of a Lifetime* by Fredrik Backman. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

■ **Take a Hike: Holiday Edition** | Dec. 14 | 8:30 a.m. | NorthPark Center | Loop the mall and then grab breakfast.

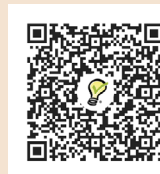
Thanksgiving FOOD DRIVES

White Rock Center of Hope bags due today

Today's the day to place food bags on the chancel steps for White Rock Center of Hope. You can still help stock their food pantry by shopping from their Amazon wishlist. Scan the code or find the link at wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives.



Bring Wilkinson Center boxes on Nov. 20



Wilshire has committed to provide 100 boxes for families in our community through the Wilkinson Center. A box costs \$50 to \$75 to assemble and provides a whole meal for a family. This is a great service opportunity for Sunday School classes, other groups or individuals. Scan the above QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives to sign up and see full instructions. Boxes should be brought to Wilshire's South Lobby on Wednesday, Nov. 20, between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

■ For more information, contact Abbey Adcox at aadcox@wilshirebc.org.



Library update

I know many of you are wondering how the work in the Library is going. As you know, we are a very busy church, and there have been lots of events that have prohibited us from doing work in the Library, but I think we are back on a schedule. This past Friday and Monday, the Library was painted, and on Tuesday carpet was installed. We will be mapping out the arrangement of the shelves, and then can install them. We will need some volunteers to help with the shelving installation on Saturday, Nov. 23. After that we will need more help moving the boxes of books out of storage and shelving them. When all the books are on the shelves, we will be ready to open. The Library is celebrating its 70th birthday this year, and the new look will indeed make for a Happy Birthday!

—Barbara and the Library Committee

NEW BOOKS

These titles are available for self check-out in the third-floor coffee bar book rack.

- *A Christmas Duet*, Debbie Macomber
- *Counting Miracles*, Nicholas Sparks
- *Framed: Astonishing True Stories of Wrongful Convictions*, John Grisham and Jim McCloskey
- *Grey Wolf*, Louise Penny
- *Here One Moment*, Liane Moriarty
- *Identity Unknown: A Scarpetta Novel*, Patricia Cornwell
- *In Too Deep: A Reacher Novel*, Lee Child
- *The King of Diamonds: the Search for the Elusive Texas Jewel Thief*, Rena Pederson
- *Lies He Told Me*, James Patterson
- *The Waiting: A Ballard and Bosch Novel*, by Michael Connelly



Lunch & LEARN

Wednesday, Nov. 20

All are invited the first and third Wednesdays every month for lunch (\$10 ea.) and Bible study. On Nov. 20, Minister to Senior Adults Katie Murray will teach on 2 Samuel 5–7. See the fall schedule at wilshirebc.org/events/lunch-learn.



The Sacred Art of Ethiopia

Last day for art show

Today is the last Sunday to view *The Sacred Art of Ethiopia* in the South Lobby. With works including processional crosses, folding icons and paintings on biblical themes, the exhibit celebrates the rich artistic heritage of one of the world's oldest Christian civilizations.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE NOVEMBER 20

Koinonia Café

5 p.m. | Community Hall | Buffet dinner. Cash/check/credit accepted. See prices at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl. **Nov. 20:** Turkey stuffing casserole, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, rolls, cranberry sauce, corn chowder, salad, assorted pies, cookies, jello. **Kids:** Corn dogs and fries.

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.

Final week: Christianity in America



6 p.m. | Community Hall | Join us as we explore the impact of Christianity on American culture, politics and society from the colonial period to the present. We’ll cover significant movements, people and events as we consider positive contributions as well as challenges, including issues of diversity, social justice and the role of religion in public life.

Looking ahead

- **Nov. 27:** No Wednesday activities.
- **Dec. 4:** Resident-Led Vespers at 6 p.m. in McIver Chapel will take the form of a Moravian Lovefeast, a traditional service of music and readings with no homily.
- **Dec. 11:** The final WNL of 2024 will feature the preschool Christmas Pageant at 6 p.m.

WNL: Virtual Edition Dec. 11

Those who engage with Wilshire primarily online are invited to a Zoom session led by Associate Pastor Darren DeMent on Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. Central. The 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.



Like the shepherds who kept watch over their flock, we too want to keep watch this Advent season. In a time when our public life feels polarized and uncertain, how do we keep watch for one another? As we move through the weeks of Advent, is it possible for us to keep watch for moments of hope, joy, peace and love? In this season of great anticipation, may the eyes of our hearts be open as we keep watch for God's continual love and presence to us and the world.



Time to order Sanctuary poinsettias

Help decorate the Sanctuary by ordering a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. Dedications will be listed in the Dec. 8 worship folder. Each plant costs \$14, and donors may take them home after Christmas Eve services. Order by Dec. 1 in the church office or online at wilshirebc.org/poinsettias.

Join Sanctuary Choir for Christmas

All are invited to join Sanctuary Choir for Advent and Christmas. As always, there's no audition, and this beautiful season is a great time to try choir. Christmas singers will rehearse Wednesdays, 7-7:45 p.m., in Choral Hall. Childcare is available; visit bit.ly/4f2ylc6 to sign up.

Children's Christmas Choir is underway

Children (grades 1-5) are invited to sing with Children's Choir for Christmas. Rehearsals are held Sundays after worship and a snack lunch. The kids will sing for Dec. 1 worship and Celebration of the Green on Dec. 8. Details at wilshirebc.org/childrens-christmas-choir.

Celebration of the Green

Sunday, Dec. 8 | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary | In this annual favorite event, themed *Comfort! Comfort Now, My People. Tell of Peace!*, the Christmas story will come alive through music and narration, offering a timeless message of peace and the assurance that “all will be well.” Featuring Wilshire Winds, Carillon Ringers, Children’s Choir, Youth Choir, Shekinah, Nova and Sanctuary Choir. A reception will follow.

Sign up kids to build nativity

Elementary school children are invited to help build the Sanctuary nativity scene by carrying elements to the chancel at the start of worship. We’ll begin Dec. 1 and build the scene week by week until it is complete at the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Sign up at wilshirebc.org/nativity.

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, Dec. 24 | Services at 4 and 11 p.m.

Adventurers lights tour

Tuesday, Dec. 10 | 6 p.m. | Join the Wilshire Adventurers for a guided bus tour of Christmas lights in Highland Park. \$40 per person. Register by Dec. 10 at wilshirebc.org/events/christmas-lights.



Christmas pageant

Wednesday, Dec. 11 | 6 p.m. | **Sanctuary** | Kindergarten, Pre-K and 3-Year-Old choirs will be in costume as they sing and act out the Nativity.

Parents Night Out

Friday, Dec. 13 | 6:30 p.m. | Wilshire will offer free child-care (infants–grade 5) on the night many adult classes have Christmas parties. Space is limited. Register at wilshirebc.org/events/pno-dec13 by Dec. 8.



Giving Tree

Visit the Giving Tree in James Gallery (coming soon), select a tag and fulfill a Christmas wish for a child or adult served by one of our local mission partners. Due dates and instructions vary by agency. Scan your tag’s QR code and we’ll send you a due-date reminder. We also have a **Virtual Giving Tree**; find the link at wilshirebc.org/giving-tree.

Give a Hope Box for Christmas

Give a unique gift and support a Wilshire mission partner with a Hope Box from Together For Hope, which fights rural poverty through education, health, housing and social enterprise. Each box contains culinary products produced by TPFH partners. Purchase at koinoniafarmstore.com/together-for-hope-box.

Advent book study

All are invited to participate as we collectively read the book *Calling All Angels: an Advent Study of Fearlessness and Strength* by Erin Wathen. The book examines four angelic encounters that all begin with the same refrain, “do not be afraid,” and challenges readers to apply this timeless message to our lives today. The book is available to purchase from major book retailers.

■ On Sundays from 9 to 9:45 a.m., Darren DeMent and Katie Murray will lead a **discussion group** on the book in 1205-G. Starts Dec. 1.

■ Many **Sunday School** classes, including Youth, will study the book during Advent.

■ A **family study guide** will be available for parents to use with children.

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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Help others as a Stephen Minister

BY MICKI LACKER, STEPHEN LEADER

Wilshire's Stephen Ministry program is calling for applicants for the next Stephen Minister training session, which starts in January and will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings through May. Our training covers a broad spectrum of useful and healthy topics that prepare the Stephen Minister with skills to work with others in need of support. As a secondary benefit, this type of training serves other work in church ministry, family relationships and life in general. In fact, many present and past Stephen Ministers have found the training empowering. During my training, I practiced the strategies and skills I was learning on my friends and family. Most of this was helpful (if not entertaining), and I believe I'm a better wife, mom, grandmother and friend.

What is this ministry about? Stephen Ministers are trained lay ministers led by seasoned Stephen Leaders and our ministerial staff. Stephen Ministers are matched to work one-on-one in a confidential way with those who are hurting and have asked to receive this benefit. Care recipients may have faced the loss of a loved one, received a diagnosis, lost a job or may be navigating through a stressful time. Stephen Ministers provide a compassionate, trustworthy, faithful presence during their storm.

Wilshire members who are attracted to Stephen Ministry tend to be gifted with mercy and love and typically prefer to listen, encourage and faithfully walk alongside and build up others. If this sounds like you or someone you know, contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Debbie Meripolski, Tim Morgan, Gail Brookshire, Linda Garner (214-452-3151) or me (214-676-2878). You can learn more and find a Stephen Minister application at wilshirebc.org/stephen-ministry.

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.

Evening knitting group

Anyone who enjoys knitting is invited to Peggy Tinsley’s Garland home one evening each month, usually the third Thursday, to work on projects in fellowship with others. All skill levels are welcome. Contact Sara Tinsley for more details at saratinsley1@yahoo.com.

Adam’s Baskets

Wilshire’s Adam’s Baskets ministry was created in memory of Adam Malcik and provides a way for members to assist in keeping our food pantry stocked. Our small pantry meets immediate needs when a neighbor stops by the office for assistance. Proteins, peanut butter and pop-top canned goods are most needed. Nonperishable food items are collected on the second Sunday of each month from the wicker baskets located around the church. You can place nonperishable items in a basket at any time.

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OUR VALUES



Peggy Tinsley

Hometown: Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Present City: Garland

Education: B.A., Ouachita Baptist University

Profession: Retired high school business education teacher

Tell us about your family.

Sam and I have been married 58 years. We met at Ouachita and married following my graduation. We have two sons. Steve, who lost his wife, Shannon, three years ago, has two children, Abigail and Ryan. Price and his wife, Sara, are active members of Wilshire, and their two girls are Gillian and Anabelle.

Any favorite hobbies?

I have been knitting, needlepointing and sewing since I was 16. I am a reader of both nonfiction, which gives me a chance to learn something, and fiction. I usually have two books going at the same time.

What are your favorite places to travel?

Sam and I have had the opportunity to travel extensively, and two of our favorite trips have been to Africa and to Cambodia and Vietnam.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

During the five years we lived in Oxford, Mississippi, we were active members of First Baptist Church. In fact, there has been no time in my life where I was not active in church. While in Oxford, Sam was assigned to be one of the front-door greeters. The University of Mississippi had a large population of international students,



and on one Sunday, a young African couple walked up the wide front steps to the doors leading into the sanctuary. Sam greeted them warmly and guided them in. Another greeter observed this and told Sam to never invite anyone of color in again. That was our

last Sunday at First Baptist. The next Sunday, we walked across the street to the Episcopal church and attended there for the remainder of our time in Oxford. Soon, we moved to Dallas and were guided to Wilshire by Shaeron and Mike Moorhead. Wilshire was beginning to change, first by our newly formed Compass Class, which chose to not follow standard Sunday School curriculum. It took a few decades, but at last Wilshire has become what we were looking for all along — a church which values and accepts all people. I currently serve on Wilshire's Funeral Ministry Team.

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

When I was in high school, I taught myself to dive in a local pool. When my grandchildren were old enough to learn to dive, I began working to teach them. Granddaughter Gillian was the only one who truly mastered diving. I have a precious video of her and me performing a synchronized dive.

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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/realml.

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.

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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, Nov. 17

- *The Sacred Art of Ethiopia*, South Lobby
- Kindergarten Open House, 2226, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, 2221, noon
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Children's Ed. Committee, 1205-G, noon
- Finance Committee, Comm. Hall, noon
- Missions/Advocacy Committees, Comm. Hall, noon
- Pathways Committee, Comm. Hall, noon
- Personnel Committee, Comm. Hall, noon
- Preschool Ed. Committee, Comm. Hall, noon
- Children's Choir, 12:30 p.m.
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.
- Fireside Chats, 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 18

- Exercise Class, 3301, 10:30 a.m.
- Deacons Meeting, Comm. Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 19

- Compass Class Thanksgiving Box Assembly, James Gallery, 8:30 a.m.
- Wilkinson Center Pantry Assistants, noon
- Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- Men's Book Club, Parlor, 7 p.m.
- UNT Choir Concert, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Lunch & Learn, Comm. Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Koinonia Café, Comm. Hall, 5 p.m.
- Preschool Music & Missions, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Committee on Committees, 1205-L, 6 p.m.
- Risk Management Committee, 1205-G, 6 p.m.
- Bible Study, Comm. Hall, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 21

- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.
- Faith in 3D meeting, 1205-L, 6:45 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 22

- Alzheimer's Caregiver Group, 1205-L, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 23

- WSM Fall Retreat, Lone Oak Ranch and Retreat

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