



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

January 5, 2025

Second Sunday after Christmas

Preparing for worship

Another year has come and gone and it's hard to believe that this is the first Sunday of a brand new year. For some of us, a new year brings excitement and renewed commitment to old or new intentions. For others of us, we grieve that time seems to continue, yet our hearts still carry the same wounds. Time is a funny thing that isn't often measured in numerical increments, but in experiences like love, grief, healing and joy.

Tomorrow is Epiphany, and last year we began a new tradition of handing out "star words," which — don't worry — will come next Sunday.

Do you remember your word? Better yet, do you even remember where it is? I for sure couldn't locate mine, but I do remember the word. Reflect. And I remember what I said upon receiving it, "That hits." Many of you know that this past year gave me ample opportunities of things to reflect on. For the better part of 2024, I spent more time taking an honest assessment of my heart and mind because sometimes that's what our circumstances demand of us. Finding healing required my deepest and most honest reflection. Forging new paths and rhythms required my deepest and

most honest reflection. Creating and working toward new dreams required my deepest and most honest reflection. And while that work has been and continues to be exhausting and not without failure, I found it was in the stillness and silence of my reflecting that I was able to find myself back to my own belovedness and God's faithful promises.

And so, time. Some say it heals all wounds, but I'm not so sure. However, perhaps with time we find the courage to find our center again and allow God to love us in ways we didn't know we even needed.

Friends, you have a week left to sit with last year's star word. And I don't say that in any way other than to encourage you to take the opportunity this week to allow the spirit of God to speak to you, hold you, find you, heal you, center you, love you — all through the gift of one word. What will come of it? Maybe nothing. Maybe something. But until we enter into that time of stillness and solitude, we'll never know. And I'm believing God has something for each of you.

—Heather Mustain



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On the cover: *The Lord is My Light*, Mike Moyers, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville.

January 5, 2025
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

Ariel Merivil

Prelude

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

arr. Jeffrey Brummel

+Congregational Song

Angels, from the Realms of Glory
No. 126

REGENT SQUARE

+Call to Worship

Michael Shepard

Leader: We wake up in the morning and see the sunrise:

People: How majestic is your name in all the earth!

Leader: We are warmed by the sun; the rain cleanses all creation:

People: How majestic is your name in all the earth!

Leader: We watch the moon light up the night; we fall asleep to the lullabies of the stars:

People: How majestic is your name in all the earth!

—From *The Same Old Way* by Thom M. Shuman

+Response in Song

Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed

REGENT SQUARE

**Come and feast, for all are welcomed at God's table spread with love.
Come proclaim God's grace and goodness in, around us, and above.
Come and feast, for all are welcomed at God's table spread with love.**

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before the Lord in love. God destined us for adoption as God's children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of God's will, to the praise of God's glorious grace that God freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight the Lord has made known to us the mystery of the Lord's will, according to God's good pleasure that God set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of God's glory.

Prayers of the People

Katie Murray

Silence

We pause in silence to reflect and to be attentive to the Spirit of God.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offertory

A Cradle Carol
Taryn Beard, soprano

Dan Forrest

Lord Jesus, Savior, infant weak, why come to earth as one so meek?
A newborn babe, helpless and small; and yet Creator of us all.

Thou hast no beauty, form, or grace; no fortune, rank, no fame, no place
That all should see thee and adore a babe so humble and so poor.

But to the soul whose eyes are healed, to whom the truth has been revealed,
Thy glory challenges the sun; thou art a thousand joys in one.

Though strangers see a babe in straw, thy children see the Lord of all
Who laid aside his rightful reign to take away our sin and shame.

This sacrifice of love divine, that condescends for humankind
With beauty robes thy lowly frame and sanctifies thy simple name.

O aid my worship, Mighty King, that I might with the angels sing,
“Glory to God on high!” Now crowned again beyond the sky!

Oh, help me see thee and adore this little child, my God and Lord.

—Text: Rebekah Pringle

+Gospel Reading — John 1:1-18

Dale Cohen

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made God known.

For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
And for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God!

Message

“Story and the Word Made Flesh”

Maggie Morey

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Charlie Fuller

All followers of Christ are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper, whether you are a Wilshire member or not. The bread used this morning is gluten free.

Passing of the Bread	<i>Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light</i> Mark McKenzie, soprano saxophone	J.S. Bach
Passing of the Cup	<i>Christ, Be Our Light</i> Taryn Beard and Ariel Merivil	Bernadette Farrell
	Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, Light for the world to see.	
	Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.	
	Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.	
	Many the gifts, many the people, Many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, Making your kingdom come.	
Passing of the Peace	May the peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.	
+Congregational Song	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i> No. 96	HOUSTON
Sharing of Decisions		Maggie Morey
Benediction		Maggie Morey
Postlude	Improvisation on themes of the day	Jeff Brummel

The flowers today are given in honor of Sue and Jerry McElveen for their loving leadership of the Compass Sunday School Class.

Meet today's worship leaders

Taryn Beard recently graduated with her Bachelor's of Music in Music Education from Southern Methodist University. She is currently preparing to student teach at two DFW schools to complete her teaching certification. This is Taryn's second academic year as a Wilshire choral scholar.

Dale Cohen attended Wilshire as a teen in the 1970s and later began attending with her father, Robert Kung, who died in 2022. Dale, a realtor with Ebby Halliday, is married to Randy Cohen and has one adult daughter, Jessie. A member of Foundations of Faith Class, Dale serves on the Hospitality and New Member Ministry Teams, the Belong Team and the Lay Support Team for Pastoral Resident Maggie Morey.

Karen Keen joined Wilshire in 2022 with her wife, Sally Gary. Karen and Sally are members of the Shiloh Sunday School Class, and Karen serves on the Lay Support Team for Pastoral Resident Maggie Morey. Karen is a biblical scholar and spiritual care provider at the Redwood Center for Spiritual Care and Education.

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

Michael Shepard joined Wilshire in 2016 and is married to Molly. Their daughter, Olivia, is two years old. Michael is a member of Ithaka Class and teaches 11th and 12th graders in Sunday School. He is a frequent student ministry volunteer, serves on the Risk Management Committee and on the Lay Support Team for Pastoral Resident Maggie Morey. Michael works as an electrical engineer for STMicroelectronics.



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.

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- 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

- Haley Garcia, Food Service Director (3117)
- Luke Munion, 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)
- Becky Bridges, Spiritual Formation Coordinator (3130)
- 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
January 5, 2025

Condolences to

Rena Mason on the death of her father, Donald G. Mason, Dec. 27.

Annual Church Conference

Make plans to attend our annual church conference in Community Hall after worship on Sunday, Jan. 26. We'll adopt a budget, elect deacons and committees and hear updates about the church. Lunch will be provided. Childcare is available by reservation; find the link at wilshirebc.org/events/church-conference.

Ministry Team Expo on Jan. 26

Wilshire's Ministry Teams will be featured in an event in James Gallery on Sunday, Jan. 26, from 9 to 11 a.m. Come through before or after Sunday School to learn about these opportunities to serve the church.

Lunch & Learn resumes Jan. 15

All are invited the first and third Wednesdays every month for lunch (\$10 ea.) and Bible study. On Jan. 15, Minister to Senior Adults Katie Murray will teach on the book of Kings. See the fall schedule at wilshirebc.org/events/lunch-learn.

Blood Drive is Jan. 8

Carter BloodCare will be at Wilshire for a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 8. Walk-ins are welcome; appointments are recommended. Visit wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive or scan the QR code on the back cover.



MLK Day Meal Packing

Join us on the MLK Day holiday, Monday, Jan. 20, as we partner with Rise Against Hunger to pack healthy meals for those in need. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in Community Hall. This project is for everyone and includes ways to serve while seated. Children are a great help collecting completed bags with help from a parent.

Rise Against Hunger's mission is to create immediate, long-term solutions to hunger by building resilience, self-sufficiency and empowerment in communities worldwide.

Please register and complete a waiver in advance at events.riseagainsthunger.org/wilshirebaptistchurch2025 or via the QR code.

Volunteers are also needed for set up and clean up. Contact Abbey Adcox if you can help (aadcox@wilshirebc.org).



Sundays: Worship at 11 a.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Our service livestreams at youtube.com/wilshirebaptist and at wilshirebc.org/worship/livestream. Keep up with Wilshire by subscribing to our YouTube channel and following us on Facebook and Instagram.

Wilshire joins racial reconciliation effort

Wilshire has been selected to participate in *In Deed and Truth: Interrogating the Legacies of the White Church in America* (IDAT), a program aimed at fostering reconciliation and healing by examining the history of racism in Southern churches.

Launched in 2023 by the St. Charles Center for Faith + Action (stcharlesave.center) and E Pluribus Unum (unumfund.org), this initiative brings together predominantly white churches over 50 years old to reflect on their racial legacies and discern new paths forward. The mission of this effort is aligned with E Pluribus Unum's goal of building a more just and inclusive South and the St. Charles Center's commitment to convening diverse voices for justice.

Wilshire's five-member cohort — Abbey Adcox, Juliana Moore, Louis Moore, Shelby Patterson and Margaret Rice — will engage in this vital work over the next 12 months.

Inspired by 1 John 3:18, "Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth," the program includes monthly virtual workshops with faith leaders and subject matter experts. These sessions will guide the team as they:

- Research Wilshire's history regarding race and racism.

- Explore theological foundations for truth-telling, lament, and reconciliation.

- Develop strategies to involve the congregation in meaningful, collaborative transformation.

The cohort is identifying specific ways to explore Wilshire's history from the perspective of race relations, both negative and positive. The cohort will gain information from the History Committee, talk with longtime members and review documents in our church and local news media archives. The cohort will then present findings to the church and involve the Wilshire community in honest conversations about where we have been, where we are now and where we need to change to bring meaningful reconciliation and better alignment with God's will regarding racial inclusiveness and equity. From these conversations, the cohort will develop a plan that will move the church toward fulfilling these goals.

The program will culminate in November with a gathering in New Orleans, where churches will share their journeys and celebrate progress toward healing and justice.

Wilshire is honored to take part in this significant and sacred work.

Women of Wilshire Book Clubs

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Jan. 9 | Noon | 1205-L | *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Jan. 14 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *James* by Percival Everett. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

Men's Book Club meets Jan. 21

Wilshire's Men's Book Club will discuss James Baldwin's novel *Go Tell It on the Mountain* on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. Contact: Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net).

Wilshire Welcome is Jan. 19

This one-hour session to help guests and new members learn more about the church will meet Sunday, Jan. 19, at 9:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room near the chapel. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

Rental assistance program

Wilshire's rental and utility assistance program is looking for volunteers to meet with those applying for assistance. Training will be held in January. Email Associate Pastor Heather Mustain (hmustain@wilshirebc.org).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

New Bible Study series as
WNL returns on Jan. 8

Koinonia Café

5 p.m. | Community Hall | Buffet dinner. Cash/check/credit accepted. See prices at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl. **Jan. 8:** Cheese ravioli with alfredo, roasted vegetables, garlic bread, cream of mushroom soup, red velvet cheesecake, espresso cookies, jello. **Kids:** Cheese ravioli and veggies.

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

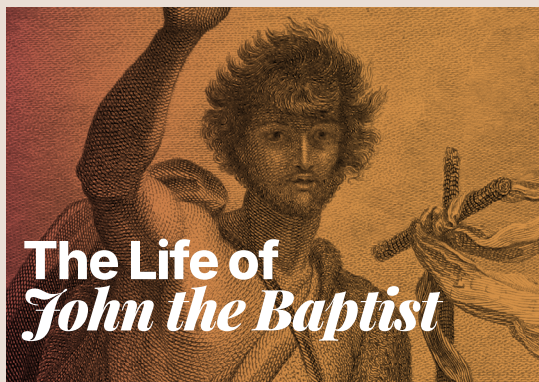
6 p.m. | K–Grade 5 | A rotation of activities to help kids learn how to love God and others with every part of themselves. Activities include art, music, recreation and more. Kindergartners will have choir as part of KidConnect.

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.



The Life of *John the Baptist*

New Bible Study series

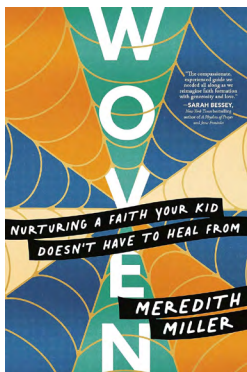
6 p.m. | Jan. 8, 15, 22 | Community Hall | As we move from the Christmas season, we move our focus to a different character in the story, one who came in a prophetic manner to prepare a way for the Lord: John the Baptist. There’s not much known about him, but together we’ll dive deeper into his life and legacy, including his birth, calling and even death.

WNL: Virtual Edition

Those who engage with Wilshire primarily online are invited to a Zoom session on Jan. 8 at 6 p.m. Central. Find the link 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.

Parent series on nurturing faith



Nurturing faith in kids will be the topic of a series for parents on Sunday mornings from Jan. 26 to March 2 (except Feb. 9). Minister to Children Julie Girards will facilitate a discussion of the book *Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From* by Meredith

Miller. The series will meet Sundays from 10 to 10:40 a.m. in Room 3208 (Labyrinth Class). Check in with your regular class and then join us. The five sessions will also be offered Wednesdays from Jan. 29 to Feb. 26 at 6:05 p.m. in Room 2230.

MARRIAGE Connections

Register by today for Jan. 10 Marriage Connections

Marriage Connections will meet on Friday night, Jan. 10. In this event, held on select Friday nights at 6:30, free childcare (infant–grade 5) is provided while parents enjoy a short program at the church and then have the rest of the night, until 9:30, to themselves. Registration for childcare is required by Jan. 5; visit wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections.

Single, Adoptive and Foster Parents Night Out is Jan. 10

Wilshire will offer free childcare (infant–grade 5) for single, adoptive and foster parents on Friday, Jan. 10, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is required and closes today, Jan. 5; visit wilshirebc.org/events/pno.

Someone to talk with.

If you're 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 those in need of Christian companionship during times of crisis. Reach out using our dedicated email address, stephenministry@wilshirebc.org, or call 214-452-3176.

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GROUPS

The 89th Texas Legislature and
119th U.S. Congress convene in January.

Consider joining an Advocacy Action Group
to receive educational resources and
action alerts regarding local, state and
national issues.



Martha Hinojosa-Nadler

Hometown: Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas, Mexico

Present City: Dallas

Education: Texas Tech University

Profession: Retired

Tell us about your family.

I was born in Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas, Mexico, and immigrated to the U.S. at age 7 when my father became pastor of a Latino Assemblies of God congregation in Lubbock. My father was 40, my mother was 35 and there were eight children; the oldest was 16, the youngest was 2. None of us spoke English. Two more children were born in Lubbock. We moved to Dallas in 1965 when my dad became a pastor here. I was married to Barry Nadler for almost 40 years. Ours was an interfaith marriage. Barry was Jewish. My evangelical parents accepted him enthusiastically. In turn, he loved being part of a big family. I was deeply moved by Timothy Peoples's support when Barry died on May 22, 2024. Timothy is a true servant leader!

How about your work or volunteer life?

I had a 28-year career with AT&T. I led teams in human resources, network services, regulatory relations, business sales and corporate real estate. I retired at age 49.

Any favorite hobbies?

I have written, directed and produced documentaries on the lives of my parents, siblings and husband. These are compelling stories of individuals, 10 of them immigrants, who demonstrated a high work ethic, perseverance, resilience and inner strength. One story recounts Dr. Michael Hinojosa's journey from being hit with a ruler on



the first day of school because he spoke Spanish in the classroom to leading and transforming numerous school districts, including DISD.

What are your favorite places to travel?

I have been to 36 countries and six continents. The most memorable experiences include the Great Wall of China, the Taj Mahal, Machu Picchu, the Galapagos Islands, Patagonia and Iguazu Falls and going on safari in South Africa. I hope to have as many additional adventures as possible. Perhaps I can make it to my seventh continent, Antarctica.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

After leaving home, I seldom attended church. Eventually, a career crisis brought me back into the fold, and I became active in the Presbyterian Church. I left that denomination because of a position they took on Israeli matters. I began searching for progressive, open-minded congregations. A friend told me about a "barely Baptist" church, Wilshire! I joined in 2006. It was a special bonus for me that Wilshire had strong connections to the Jewish community.

Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

I am a member of Cord of Three Class and serve on the Personnel Committee.

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SEDONA'S RED ROCK COUNTRY & THE GRAND CANYON

SEPT. 28–OCT. 4, 2025

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wilshirebc.org/adventurers-trip



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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.

TEXT. Text WILSHIRE and a dollar amount (ex: WILSHIRE 50) to 73256.

DONATE STOCKS. Contact Lori to learn how to donate appreciated stocks.

FROM YOUR IRA. For those over 70.5 years old, tax-free IRA gifts offer a financial benefit and may reduce future tax burdens.



Scan code with your smartphone camera to make an electronic contribution.

At Wilshire, we use a one-fund approach to giving called the Unified Budget. Your gifts support the basic mission, ministry and operations of the church. Once the Unified Budget is fulfilled, gifts overflow into visionary aspects of our mission.

This Week

Sunday, Jan. 5

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship Sanctuary, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 7

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

Wednesday, Jan. 8

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Blood Drive, North Parking Lot, 10 a.m.
- Adventurers Committee, 1205-G, 1 p.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- WNL: Virtual Edition, Zoom, 6 p.m.
- Bible Study, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- Preschool Music & Missions, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 9

- Stewpot Meal Service, The Bridge, 11:15 a.m.
- WOW Brown Bag Book Club, 1205-L, noon
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 10

- Friday Friends, 3301, 10 a.m.
- Marriage Connections, James Gallery, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 12

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship Service, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Belong Team, 1205-L, 11:45 a.m.
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Pathways to Ministry Committee, 2312, noon
- Finance Committee, 1205-G, noon
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.



BLOOD Drive



Jaden from Grand Prairie, TX
Blood Recipient

Receive a hooded
long sleeve!*



Wednesday, January 8, 2025
10:00am - 3:00pm

Wilshire Baptist Church
4316 Abrams Rd
Carter BloodCare Bus

Schedule an
appointment



Contact:
Linda Garner, Nurse
l Garner@wilshirebc.org



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