



**February 2, 2025**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

# **Preparing for worship**

This morning we will ordain seven members of our congregation to serve as deacons within our church body. These men and women have already shown their heart for service among us, directing and teaching Sunday School classes, investing in our children's and student ministries, engaging in the mission of God through advocacy and community engagement, just to name a few. Through the laying on of hands this morning, we acknowledge as a congregation that we see the evidence of God's direction in their lives for this very work among us and that we will support them in their commitments to deacon service.

Any time we engage in these rituals together, it can be helpful for us to reflect on our own spiritual journeys. When someone enters the baptismal waters, we are moved to reflect on our own baptism. When we have a family dedication, we are reminded of the people who have been instrumental in our own journeys of faith.

Deacon ordinations invite us to reflect on the gifts we have been given and how we are called to use them.

Calling is not just a word reserved for the ordained. The life of the faithful involves a daily yearning for our wills to align with the will of God. Like the lyrics in our prelude today, we pray "Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light."

We will also come to the table today to partake in the Lord's Supper. This is another opportunity for reflection, this time on how we will choose to respond to God's singular love for us. May the next hour shape us to be ready to respond with a resounding "yes" to whatever it is the Lord will call us to this week.

—Katie Murray



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#### February 2, 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

Al Stewart

**Prelude** Be Thou My Vision

arr. Mark Thewes

+Congregational Song

This Is My Father's World No. 17 TERRA PATRIS

+Call to Worship

Kelly Klemme

Leader: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Tell of God's salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations,

All: The Creator's marvelous works among all the peoples,

Leader: For great is the Lord,

All: And greatly to be praised.

+Response in Song

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

#### **Introduction of New Deacons**

Timothy Peoples

Jane Alloway, Jessica Brookshire, Cindy Estee, Shana Gaines, Kathryn Keller, Raylan Loggins, Michael Shepard

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

#### Litany of Commitment to Deacon Service

Kile Brown, Gina Ortegon, Rhonda Walton

Leader: Brothers and sisters, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving

God through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood within the church. Do you believe that you are truly

called by God and this church to the life and work of a deacon?

Candidates: I believe I am so called.

Leader: Do you now in the presence of God and the church commit yourself to this

trust and responsibility?

Candidates: I do, with God's help.

Leader: Will you be faithful in prayer, in the reading and study of the Scriptures,

in stewardship of spiritual and material goods, in seeking the will of God

for the church, and in promoting the unity of Christ's body?

Candidates: I will.

Leader: Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings

of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all people?

Candidates: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Will you in all things seek not your own glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

Candidates: I will.

Leader: May the Lord uphold you with divine grace in this service laid upon you.

Candidates: Amen.

**Introduction of Returning Deacons** 

Timothy Peoples

Chris Adcox, David Duncan, Jeff Hampton, Gabe Leal, Suzy McLaughlin, John Parnell, Debbie Rampey

The Laying on of Hands and Prayer

Katie Murray

#### **Congregational Song**

Here I Am, Lord Vocalist will sing the verses. Please join in singing the refrain.

HERE I AM

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

#### **Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures** — Jeremiah 1:4–10

Britt McClung

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Offertory

Assurance Sanctuary Choir John Ness Beck

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest, Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all my life long.

#### +Epistle Reading — 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gladys Kolenovsky

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When

I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

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 "This Love Ain't No Joke" Timothy Peoples

Prayers of the People

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.

#### Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go Ralph Manuel

Sanctuary Choir

Passing of the Cup Jesus Paid It All arr. Edwin T. Childs

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

+Congregational Song Wonderful Words of Life WORDS OF LIFE

No. 163

Sharing of Decisions Timothy Peoples

**Benediction** Timothy Peoples

Postlude Hymn to Joy arr. Albert L. Travis

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Joseph Michael Furney by Nancy, William and Jonathan Furney.

# Meet today's worship leaders

**Kile Brown** and his wife, Leigh Ann, joined Wilshire in 1997. They are the parents of three young adults, Chelsea, Alison and Blake, and bonus daughter MuLar Hso, who all grew up at Wilshire. Kile is vice-chair of deacons and teaches youth Sunday School. He works as a business executive for Kigen, a cybersecurity company.

**Kelly Klemme** and her husband, Chris, joined Wilshire in 2019 and are members of Journey Class. They are parents to two young adults, Caitlin and Kyle. Kelly works as a data scientist for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Gladys Kolenovsky joined Wilshire in 1982 and is married to Bobby. Gladys teaches in Cord of Three Class, volunteers for children's Cooking Camp, serves on the Funeral Ministry Team and leads the Deacon Bylaws Workgroup. She retired after 44 years at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital, where she was director of the Center for Dyslexia and president of the Legacy Scholarship Program.

Britt McClung and his wife, Carole, joined Wilshire in 2011 and serve as directors of Genesis Class. They are the parents of Ava, a student at Rice University; Miriam, a junior at Lake Highlands High School; and Ruby, an eighth grader at Lake Highlands Middle School. Britt is a deacon and serves on the Risk Management Committee. He works as litigation counsel for Onity Group.

**Gina Ortegon** and her husband, Ronnie, joined Wilshire in 2001. They are parents to three daughters: Ana, a freshman at the University of Arkansas, and young adult twins Erika and Elena. Gina is this year's chair of deacons, a member of Journey Class and serves on the Interior Design Ministry Team. She works for Smith Brown as a sales representative serving the interior design industry.

**Al Stewart** and his wife, Chris, joined Wilshire in 2020. They are parents to four adult children: Grant, Curtis, Emery and Isla. Al attends Epiphany Class and serves on the Pathways to Ministry Committee. He works as a trial attorney in his own firm.

Rhonda Walton and her husband, Jim, joined Wilshire in 2014 and attend Epiphany Class. They are the parents of four adult sons, including Steven Walton, who attends Wilshire with his wife, Ashley, and their two children, Kennedy, 7, and Carter, 4. A retired pediatrician, Rhonda will serve as chair-elect of Wilshire's deacons this year. She is also a Stephen Minister and serves on the Pathways to Ministry Committee and the lay support team for Pastoral Resident Maggie Morey.



**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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- Carolyn Murray, Coordinator of Congregational Life (3170)
- Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor (3110)

#### **Early Childhood Learning Center**

- Carole McClung, ECLC Administrative Assistant (3115)
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#### **Finance**

■ Lori Gooden, Director of Finance (3131)

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- Haley Garcia, Food Service Director (3117)
- Luke Munion, Prep Cook
- Monique Roberts, Sous-Chef
- Wilfredo Velasquez-Cruz, Steward

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- Daniel Latin, Facilities
- Leticia Medina, Facilities
- Rachel Oney, Receptionist (3165)
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- Ariel Merivil, Minister of Music (3135)

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- Rene Altamirano, Maintenance Technician
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- Debby Burton, Pathways to Ministry Assistant (3158)
- Charlie Fuller, Pathways to Ministry Director and Coach in Residence (3123)
- George Mason, Senior Pastor Emeritus and Pathways to Ministry Alumni Director (3133)
- Georgia McKee, Pastoral Resident (3152)
- Maggie Morey, Pastoral Resident (3153)

#### **Senior Pastor**

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

#### **Spiritual Formation**

- Kelly Akins, Minister to Preschoolers (3139)
- 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

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## Advocacy project T-shirt making today after worship

All are invited to Community Hall after worship today as we prepare 200 additional T-shirts for the Stolen Lives (*Vidas Robadas*) advocacy project. Boxed lunches will be provided. In this campaign created by advocacy agency Texas Impact, each shirt memorializes a local victim of gun violence. Wilshire participated last year by creating shirts and

displaying them along Abrams Road. All shirts from Wilshire and churches statewide will be displayed at the state capitol in Austin on Feb. 27, Gun Violence Awareness Day. Pastoral Resident Georgia McKee will lead a Wilshire group to Austin for the event. If you'd like to go, contact Georgia at gmckee@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.

#### **Condolences to**

**Deborah Alexander** on the death of her husband, Ronnie Alexander, Jan. 28.

#### Kitchen adds sous-chef

Monique Roberts began work Jan. 27 as a full-time sous-chef in the Wilshire kitchen. The church created the role and made other changes after evaluating the kitchen's budget and staffing needs. As sous-chef, Monique will be second in command to Haley Garcia, food service director. Monique holds the same food handling certification as Haley, which will allow more flexibility in scheduling for the kitchen. Monique has recently managed the kitchen for a meal delivery and catering company and has experience in project management.

- Kitchen staffer **Luke Munion** has been named prep cook. While part-time, Luke will be working more hours with expanded duties.
- Wilfredo Velasquez-Cruz remains as a full-time staffer and has a new job title, steward.

#### North elevator update

Wilshire is soliciting bids to replace the elevator on the north end of the building. The current elevator, which is decades old, has proven increasingly unreliable despite repeated repair attempts, and for safety reasons it will remain out of service until the new one can be installed. The process could take several weeks. We apologize for the inconvenience.

#### Street work around church

The city of Dallas is working to install curb cuts and ramps on street corners and sidewalks surrounding the church. This will make Wilshire more accessible but may cause inconvenience until the work is done. Parking on Ravendale Lane and Springside Lane may be reduced, and entrances from Ravendale into the south parking lot and the porte-cochère drive may briefly be inaccessible. While the timing of the work is out of our control, we hope disruptions on Sundays and Wednesdays will be minimal.



## Sunday, Feb. 9 Community Hall After worship

The annual Souper Bowl of Caring will be held Sunday, Feb. 9, at noon in Community Hall. Join us after worship for soup and all the fixings and donate an amount equal to what you would spend at a nice restaurant for lunch.

This year's beneficiaries are Together for Hope and Wilshire's Rental and Utility Assistance Program.

Together for Hope is engaged in the 338 counties of persistent rural poverty in America, holistically focusing on four priorities of hope: education, health and nutrition, housing and environment, and social enterprise.

Wilshire's Rental and Utility Assistance Program, launched last year, provides crucial one-month support to help local families bridge financial gaps.

Souper Bowl of Caring is the main fundraiser for Wilshire's Phil Strickland Hunger Offering, named for a longtime Wilshire member and a leader in Texas Baptist life.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE FEBRUARY 5

#### **Koinonia Café**

**5 p.m.** | **Community Hall** | Buffet dinner. Cash/check/credit accepted. See prices at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl. **Feb. 5:** Chicken and sausage gumbo, rice, succotash, salad, bread pudding, pecan pralines, jello. **Kids:** Chicken tenders and tots.

#### **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.

#### **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.

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



#### **New Bible Study series**

6 p.m. | Community Hall | What does it mean that we're a Baptist church? And why would anyone want to be Baptist? Our February series will explore the "Four Fragile Freedoms" of Baptist identity as outlined by historian Walter Shurden: Bible Freedom (Feb. 5), Soul Freedom (Feb. 12), Church Freedom (Feb. 19) and Religious Freedom (Feb. 26). Whether you're new to Wilshire or a lifelong Baptist, this series will deepen our understanding of who we are and why it matters. Pastoral Resident Georgia McKee will lead, with Pathways Director Charlie Fuller subbing on Feb. 19.

#### **WNL: Virtual Edition on Feb. 12**

Those who engage with Wilshire mainly online are invited to a Zoom session hosted by Minister of Music Ariel Merivil on Feb. 12 at 5:30 p.m. Central. Find the link at <a href="wilshirebc.org/events/wnl-virtual">wilshirebc.org/events/wnl-virtual</a> closer to the event.

#### Next Lunch & Learn is Feb. 5



All are invited to Community Hall the first and third Wednesdays every month for lunch (\$10 ea.) and Bible study. Associate Pastor Heather Mustain will teach

on Feb. 5. See the schedule at wilshirebc.org/events/lunch-learn.

#### **Preschool Playdate at NorthPark**

Preschoolers and their families are invited to a Preschool Playdate at NorthPark Center on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The group will enjoy a performance by Bandan Koro, an African drum and dance ensemble, and then all who are able are invited for lunch in the food court. Contact Minister to Preschoolers Kelly Akins (kakins@wilshirebc.org) for details.

#### Parent series offered Sundays and Wednesdays

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

#### **Adventurers Valentine's trivia**

The Wilshire Adventurers will enjoy lunch (\$10 ea.) and a Valentine's trivia game on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 11:30 a.m. in Community Hall. Sam Tinsley will serve as emcee. No RSVP required. Adventurers is a fellowship group for those 60 and up.



#### **Auction items needed**

The annual Youth Choir Spaghetti Lunch and Silent Auction will be held Sunday, March 2, in Community Hall after worship. This event will help fund the choir's summer mission tour to Chicago to sing, serve and sightsee. If you'd like to donate items or services to the silent auction, contact Sara Tinsley at <a href="mailto:saratinsley1@yahoo.com">saratinsley1@yahoo.com</a>. Suggestions include restaurant gift cards, new household items, sporting equipment and event tickets. Professional services make great donation items, so if you're a musician, tutor, photographer, baker, designer, accountant or have a service to provide, consider donating a gift certificate of your time or service. Donations are kindly requested by Sunday, Feb. 16.

#### Men's Book Club meets Feb. 18

Wilshire's Men's Book Club will discuss Erik Larson's *The Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War* on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. Contact: Scott Spreier (<a href="mailto:swspreier@gmail.com">swspreier@gmail.com</a>) or Mike Meripolski (<a href="mailto:meripolski@att.net">meripolski@att.net</a>)



#### **Women of Wilshire Book Clubs**

- Brown Bag Book Club | Feb. 6 | Noon | 1205-L | *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)
- Tuesday Evening Book Club | Feb. 11 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | Washington Square by Henry James. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

#### **Marriage Connections is Feb. 14**



The next Marriage Connections will be held on Friday night, Feb. 14. 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 Feb. 9; visit wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections.

#### Single, Adoptive and Foster Parents Night Out

Wilshire will offer free childcare (infant-grade 5) for single, adoptive and foster parents on Friday, Feb. 14, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is required and closes Feb. 9; register at wilshirebc.org/events/pno.

#### **Time with Tim on Feb. 23**

Time with Tim, an informal chance for guests and new members to meet and chat with Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples, will be held Sunday, Feb. 23, at 9:45 a.m. in Timothy's office. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

## Wilshire and Royal Lane collaboration: Feb. 16 & 23

Wilshire and Royal Lane Baptist Church will collaborate by swapping worship leadership on two February Sundays.

On **Feb. 16**, worship at Royal Lane will include preaching from Wilshire Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples.



Wilshire Minister of Music Ariel Merivil will colead the music, and the combined choirs from both churches will sing. (At Wilshire, Sunday School and worship will be held as usual, with Pastoral Resident Georgia McKee preaching.)

On **Feb. 23**, Royal Lane Senior Pastor Victoria Robb Powers will preach at Wilshire, and the combined choirs will sing again as Royal Lane Minister of Music and Worship Harry Wooten co-leads the music with Ariel.

Congregants are encouraged to attend their respective churches both weeks.

"By participating in this swap with our most like-minded local sister church," Timothy said, "we are embracing our shared faith and practicing what it means to be community as the church universal."

#### Library is open

The Wilshire Library is open after being closed for the installation of new shelving and other enhancements. Library hours are: Sundays, 9 to 10:45 a.m.; Wednesdays, 2 to 7 p.m.; other weekdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; closed on Saturdays.

# THANK YOU FOR GIVING

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**AUTOMATIC BANK PAY.** Visit your bank's website and set up Wilshire as a payee. The bank will send the church a check.

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# This Week

#### Sunday, Feb. 2

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Book Series for Parents: Woven, 3208, 10 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Stolen Lives Project, Community Hall, noon
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

#### Monday, Feb. 3

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

#### Tuesday, Feb. 4

- Stephen Ministry Training, 1205-L, 6 p.m.
- Stephen Ministry CE/Supervision, 1100-B & 1205-G, 6:30 p.m.
- Faith in 3D Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 5

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Lunch & Learn, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Puerto Rico Team Meeting, 1205-L, 6 p.m.
- Bible Study, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- Preschool Music & Missions, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Book Series for Parents: Woven, 2230, 6:05 p.m.
- Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

#### Thursday, Feb. 6

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

#### Friday, Feb. 7

■ MomCo, James Gallery, 9 a.m.

# **Griffin Moore**

**Present City:** Dallas

Education: 6th grader at Sudie L. Williams

Talented and Gifted Academy

#### Tell us about your family.

My parents are Geoff and Nicki Moore, and I am an only child. We moved to Dallas from Los Angeles in 2021.

#### What are your future aspirations?

I'd like to visit Japan.

#### Any favorite hobbies?

I like books, soccer, Dungeons & Dragons and Pokemon.

#### What's your favorite school subject?

History and Social Studies.

# Tell us about any music, art or other media you enjoy.

I really enjoyed *Wicked* and other musicals. I also really like K-Pop (Korean pop music).

# Do you play sports or have a favorite sports team?

I started playing soccer when I was 3 years old, and I enjoy watching English soccer, especially Leyton Orient F.C. and Hudders-



field Town A.F.C. I also like cheering for Baylor sports with my family.

# Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

I sing in Youth Choir and attend Sunday School and Watershed.

#### Tell us about your faith journey.

Wilshire is my first church, and everyone has been so nice.

# What's something interesting most people wouldn't know about you?

I've visited 35 states!

#### What adjectives describe you?

Talkative, friendly, curious and kind.

If you would like to be featured in our weekly "I Am Wilshire" feature, contact Coordinator of Congregational Life Carolyn Murray at <a href="mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org">cmurray@wilshirebc.org</a>.



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