



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

March 2, 2025
Transfiguration Sunday

Preparing for worship

This Sunday marks Transfiguration Sunday on our liturgical calendar. If you're not familiar with this tradition, don't worry! Our church follows a calendar that, in the simplest terms, journeys through the life of Christ. Today, we celebrate a profound moment when Jesus took three of his disciples up a mountain to pray. There, the Spirit of God made itself known among them.

In this extraordinary encounter, Jesus's face and garments shone with dazzling white light. Moses and Elijah appeared beside him, and the voice of God declared favor on Jesus, foreshadowing his redemptive mission to come. A powerful moment of divine revelation. Those disciples went up seeking God, and in their moment of need, God showed up and reaffirmed God's constant presence — I was there (past — Moses and Elijah), I am present now (with you here) and I will be with you through the end.

This ancient story speaks directly to us even now. When we gather as a community — whether two or three or hundreds — God is here in our midst, reminding us of divine guidance through every season. We know this truth because God has always been faithful. The testimony of those who came before us confirms it, and your own story bears witness to God's faithfulness and

restorative power in our present.

I can think of no better example of God's continuing presence than through our youth. Today, our Youth Choir leads us in worship with their music. Immediately following our service, they invite you to join them for our annual Youth Choir Spaghetti Luncheon and Silent Auction. This Wilshire tradition supports their upcoming summer mission tour to Chicago.

Each year, our youth immerse themselves in a new city, offering their gifts of music and service to missions and advocacy organizations. I've had the privilege of witnessing this firsthand, and I'm continually moved by how their presence impacts lives. Our singers radiate purpose and joy as they live out Christ's love through their music and service — a transfiguration of its own kind.

Please consider supporting their journey by bidding on an auction item, tipping your servers generously or making a donation. Your investment in these young people reflects the same divine faithfulness we celebrate today — God's presence extending through generations.

Friends, God is here. God is moving. God is moving through you — and through the hopeful voices of our youth.

—Ariel Merivil



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March 2, 2025
11:00 a.m.
Transfiguration Sunday

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

Elle Sheaffer

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Dan Forrest

+Congregational Song

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
No. 58
stanzas 1–3

ST. DENIO

+Call to Worship

Pat Spikes

Leader: God of power and wonder,

All: We are awestruck by the glory of your presence.

We rejoice at what we can see;

And we marvel at what we cannot see.

You dazzle us with your brightness;

You overshadow us as with a great cloud.

Loving, protecting, challenging, nurturing,

You strengthen and transform us.

May we love and serve you in all that we are and do.

Glory to you forever! Amen.

+Response in Song

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!**

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

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with complete frankness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, the same veil is still there; it is not unveiled since in Christ it is set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds, but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Prayers of the People

Kelly Akins

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

Jubilate Deo
Youth Choir

Jay Althouse

Jubilate Deo (Rejoice in the Lord). Sing and rejoice.

Sing we now in great exultation.
Sing we now in one vibrant voice.
Sing we now, let all nations hear us.
Sing we now rejoice, and sing!

May the music bring us together.
May our song bring peace ever more.
May our voices ring to the heavens.
Let the music soar. We sing!

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,” not realizing what he was saying. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

“A Great Divide”

Timothy Peoples

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Timothy Peoples

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

The Stuff of Us
Darren DeMent

Eef Barzelay

Almost biblical scenes unfold
Somewhere they’re deep in our minds
Smell of the asphalt after the rain
It disentangled the line

What if we just let all the deadwood burn down
Could we open our smoke filled eyes
Just a little more deep and wide
Oh Heaven spread all around us, love
Maybe too close to see
And the stuff of us that’s most real
Is eternal and free

To be blessed is always to be cursed as well
Dark matter holds it all in place
So when we grind against it
Let’s keep our angles true
Our bodies bend the empty space

What if we just let all the deadwood burn down
Could we open our smoke filled eyes
Just a little more deep and wide
Oh Heaven spread all around us, love
Maybe too close to see
And the stuff of us that’s most real
Is eternal and free

Passing of the Cup

Esto Les Digo

Kinley Lange

Nova

Candy McComb, director

Bill Jernberg, accompanist

*Esto les digo, si dos de ustedes se ponen,
Se ponen de acuerdo aquí en, en la tierra para pedir,
Pedir algo en oración,
Mi padre que está en el cielo, se lo dará.
Porque donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre,
Allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos.*

This I say to you, if two of you are put,
Are put in accord here in, in the earth to ask,
To ask anything in prayer,
My Father who is in heaven, will give it to you.
Because where two or three gather in my name,
There am I, in the midst of them.

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

+Congregational Song

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n to earth come down,
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast!
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be;

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest.
sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, 'til in heav'n we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
pray, and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
'til we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

Postlude

Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

The flowers today are given in memory of Sue Fisette
by her family: Robert, Sheri and Jennifer;
and with deep affection for and in loving memory of Mike Diffie
by Wilshire's Puerto Rico mission teams past and present.

Meet today's worship leaders

Elle 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.

Pat Spikes joined Wilshire in 2013 and is married to Duane. They have two adult sons and two grandchildren. Pat attends Compass Class, sings in New Song Community Choir and has participated in Faith in 3D. She is retired from a 33-year career as a public school science teacher

John Skinner and his wife, Mary, joined Wilshire in 2022 and are members of Labyrinth Class. Their two daughters are Emily, a first grader at Hexter Elementary School, and Caroline, age 4. John volunteers with KidConnect and serves on the Children's Education Committee and the Committee on Committees. He works as a retail manager.



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

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- Mark McKenzie, Communications Director (3169)

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- Linda Garner, Parish Nurse (3151)
- Carolyn Murray, Coordinator of Congregational Life (3170)
- Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor (3110)

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- 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, Prep Cook
- Monique Roberts, Sous-Chef
- Wilfredo Velasquez-Cruz, Steward

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

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- Abbey Adcox, Missions and Advocacy Coordinator (3127)
- Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor (3110)

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- 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)

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- Rene Altamirano, Maintenance Technician
- Bryant Greer, Building Operations Manager (3146)
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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)
- Darren DeMent, Associate Pastor (3102)
- Julie Girards, Minister to Children (3104)
- Katie Murray, Minister to Senior Adults (3129)
- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)

Tapestry



Wilshire
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News & Announcements
March 2, 2025

YOUTH CHOIR

Spaghetti Lunch

& SILENT
AUCTION

Today!



Head to Community Hall after worship for a favorite Wilshire event — the annual Youth Choir Spaghetti Lunch & Silent Auction, a fundraiser for the choir's summer trip to Chicago to sing, serve and sightsee. Donate any amount for lunch and bid on fun items in the silent auction. You don't have to be present when the auction closes to win. Cash/check/credit accepted.

Auction items include

- "Styling with T" with Timothy Peoples
- Seven-night Cayman Island Getaway
- Two nights at Dallas Omni Hotel
- Reserved Sunday parking spots
- SMU, Baylor, Rangers and DSO tickets
- Sign & Go events
- Restaurant and service gift cards
- Pet sitting, babysitting and tutoring

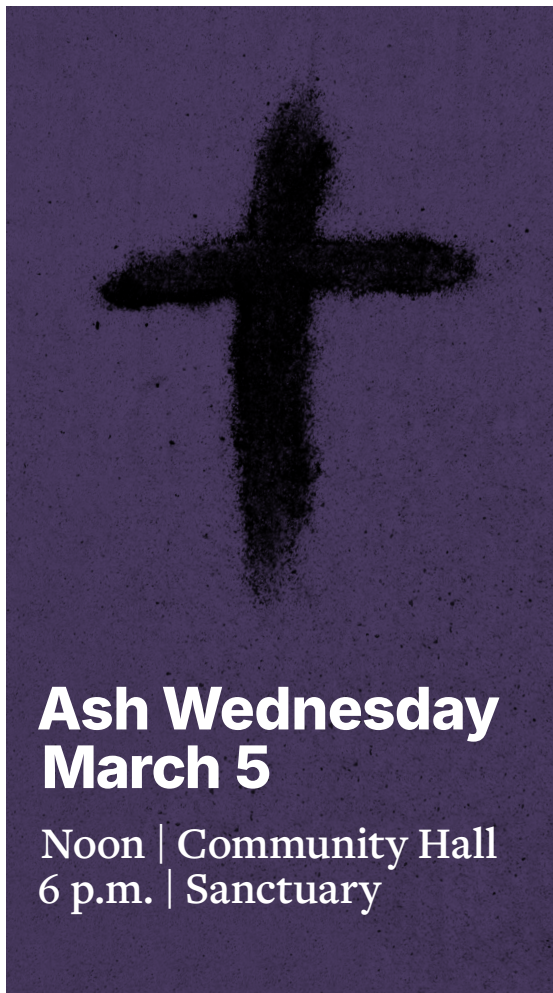


Can't stay?

Scan code to donate to Youth Choir tour.



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 will offer two worship services as Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Both are open to anyone and will include the imposition of ashes.

■ The first Ash Wednesday service will take place in Community Hall as part of Lunch & Learn. Lunch (\$10 ea.) will begin at 11:30 a.m., and the service will start at noon.

■ An Ash Wednesday Family Service will be held at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This service will be held in lieu of regular offerings; children and youth are encouraged to attend. Childcare will be available for preschoolers. Koinonia Café will be offered at 5 p.m. as usual.

New members

- Amy and John Caverlee
- Connie and Steve McDaniel

Lunch & Learn includes Ash Wednesday service

All are invited to Community Hall the first and third Wednesdays every month at 11:30 a.m. for lunch (\$10 ea.) and Bible study. On March 5, Lunch & Learn will include an Ash Wednesday service in lieu of Bible study. See the spring schedule at wilshirebc.org/events/lunch-learn.

Life Line Screenings here March 7



Life Line Screenings will screen for stroke and cardiovascular disease risks at Wilshire on Friday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For \$159, Life Line will screen for carotid artery disease, atrial fibrillation, peripheral artery disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm and hypertension. To make an appointment, call 888-814-0466 and use code HSCA001 or visit llsa.social/hasca.

Next Blood Drive is March 12



Carter BloodCare will be at Wilshire for a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12. There is a critical need for several blood types, including A+, A-, O+, O- and B-. Walk-ins are welcome; appointments are recommended. Visit wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive or scan the QR code.

Easter lily ordering is open

It's time to order lilies to beautify the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 20. Congregants are invited to provide the flowers in honor or memory of family members or friends, and dedications will be listed in the worship folder. Each plant costs \$20; orders can be made at wilshirebc.org/easter-lilies or in the church office. The deadline for ordering is Palm Sunday, April 13.



Koinonia Café

5 p.m. | Community Hall | Buffet dinner. Cash/check/credit accepted. See prices at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl. **March 5:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, cream of mushroom soup, peach cobbler, chocolate chip cookies, jello. **Kids:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans.

Ash Wednesday Service

6 p.m. | Sanctuary | This service will be held in lieu of regular Wednesday faith formation offerings; children and youth are encouraged to attend. Childcare will be available for preschoolers.

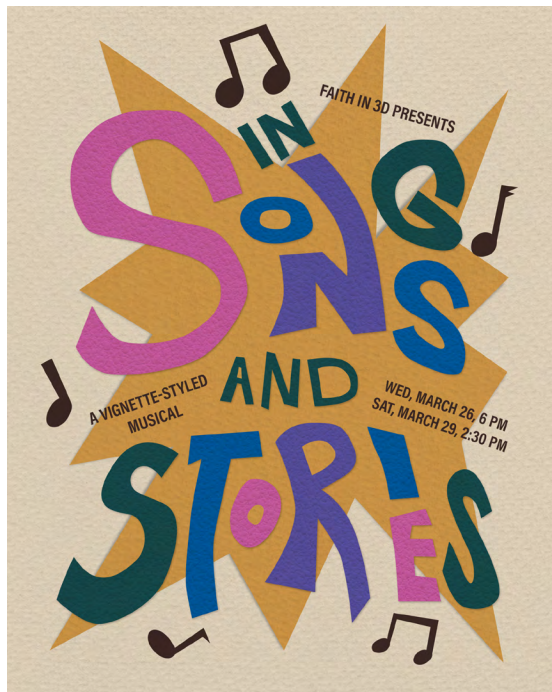
Sanctuary Choir

7 p.m. | Choral Hall | New singers are welcome. No audition.

No WNL on March 12

There will be no Wednesday Night Live on March 12 due to Spring Break.

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



Faith in 3D is coming

Wilshire's 2025 Faith in 3D production is an original vignette-styled musical, *In Songs and Stories*. The show will feature a compilation of songs, most from Broadway musicals, that will not only entertain but also stimulate discussion with the potential to change individuals — and maybe the world.

Director Nancy Poynter is returning for her 11th Faith in 3D production, and Ralph Manuel will serve as musical director.

The free show will be performed at Wilshire on **Wednesday, March 26**, at 6 p.m. and **Saturday, March 29**, at 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Wednesday performance will take the place of Wilshire's usual faith formation offerings (childcare will be offered for preschoolers).

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



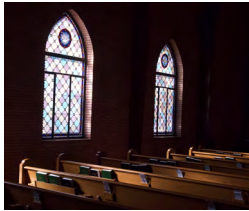
PREPARE THE WAY

Wilshire Lent 2025

JOIN US THIS LENT as we Prepare the Way for Christ's resurrection. Together, we'll journey through the wilderness of these 40 days, embracing spiritual practices that open our hearts to the sacred and prepare us for the mystery of what's to come. In a world that feels fractured and uncertain, these practices will ground us in the reality of God's presence, equipping

us to rise, resist and rebuild. Like Jesus, we are called into the untamed spaces of our lives to pause, listen and reorient ourselves toward the Divine. This Lent, let us prepare not just for Easter, but for the ongoing work of healing and hope in our world. Come, let us walk this path together, trusting that even in the wilderness, God is making a way.

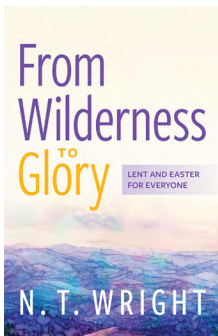
Sacred Space each Sunday



Sundays, March 9–April 13 | 9–9:30 a.m. | McIver Chapel | Join us each Lenten Sunday for a time of quiet contemplation and spiritual practice. Each gathering

will begin with a brief prompt, but the focus will be on creating space to quiet your mind and engage in the spiritual practices we're exploring this season. All are welcome. Led by Associate Pastor Darren DeMent, Minister to Senior Adults Katie Murray and Pastoral Resident Georgia McKee.

Lenten book focus



All are invited to read along as we study N.T. Wright's *From Wilderness to Glory: Lent and Easter for Everyone*. Many Sunday School classes will be using the book during Lent, but it is also appropriate for individual study. If you'd like to connect with a class,

contact Associate Pastor Darren DeMent or Minister to Senior Adults Katie Murray for recommendations. This new book is available at Amazon and other sellers.

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

Lenten resource guide

Wilshire ministers and staff have compiled a Lenten resource guide focused on spiritual practices. The list contains book suggestions and other resources, including several for families and children. Download or view the guide at wilshirebc.org/lent.

Lenten playlist

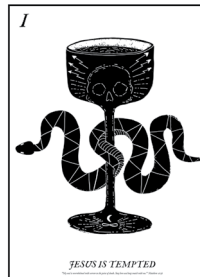
Wilshire's eclectic Lenten playlist, curated by Associate Pastor Darren DeMent, will be up and running on Spotify by Wednesday, March 5. We'll share the link on social media and at wilshirebc.org/lent.

Songwriter Vespers: John Prine

Sunday, March 23 | 4:30 p.m. | Choral Hall |

This unique worship opportunity will be a fusion of a coffeehouse-style concert and a vespers service. Join Associate Pastor Darren DeMent and other musicians as they explore themes of home, connection, loss and redemption found in the music of John Prine. Coffee and light snacks will be provided.

Holy Week: Stations of the Cross



Visit McIver Chapel during Holy Week for a Stations of the Cross exhibit featuring the work of artist Scott Erickson. The exhibit, which invites us to reflect as we walk with Jesus on his journey to the cross, will be introduced on Palm Sunday,

April 13, at the 9 a.m. Sacred Space gathering and will be available whenever the church is open through Good Friday, April 18, at 3 p.m.

Palm Sunday

April 13 | 11 a.m. | Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

April 17 | 7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

April 20

■ Sunrise Service, T. & P. Hill at White Rock Lake, 6:30 a.m.

■ Columbarium Service, 9:30 a.m.

■ Worship in the Sanctuary, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

■ Visit the Flowering Cross

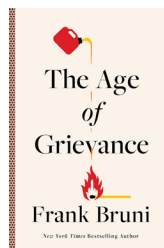


Women of Wilshire Book Clubs

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | March 6 | Noon | 1205-L | *Camino Island* by John Grisham. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

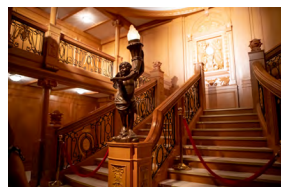
■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | March 11 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *Death on the Nile* by Agatha Christie. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

Men's Book Club meets March 18

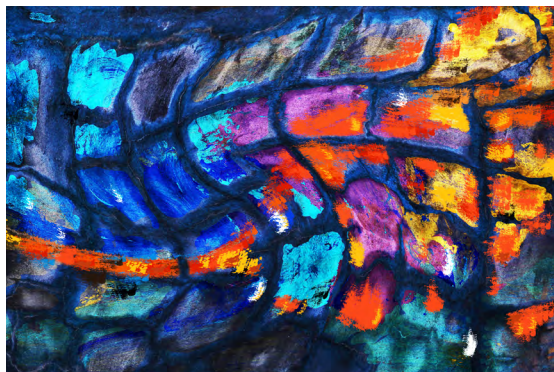


The Men's Book Club will discuss Frank Bruni's *The Age of Grievance* on Tuesday, March 18, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. The group meets the third Tuesday every month. Contact: Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net)

Adventurers to Titanic exhibit



The Wilshire Adventurers, a fellowship group for those 60 and above, will visit Titanic: The Exhibition on Thursday, March 20, at 10 a.m. at Pepper Square (14902 Preston Road #386). The immersive, interactive tour includes vast recreations of the ship's interior and exterior along with artifacts from the Titanic and props and costumes from the 1997 film. Space is limited; please register at wilshirebc.org/events/titanic.



David Clanton art exhibit celebrates "God's Gift of Seeing"

Wilshire's latest art exhibit features the digital photography of one of our own members, David Clanton. "A Celebration of God's Gift of Seeing" will be on display through Easter Sunday, April 20, in the South Lobby.

David says the exhibit "seeks to deepen our understanding of how we see, how we perceive and how our vision of the world is shaped by our faith in God." The 33 images in the exhibit combine representational and abstract elements, which David likens to "the dual nature of our sight — the physical, which connects us to the world around us, and the spiritual, which connects us to the eternal."

A Louisiana native, David spent his career working in communications and public relations for Baptist entities and other nonprofit organizations. He joined Wilshire in 2010.

The prints in the show will be available for purchase, with proceeds benefiting the Wilshire Youth Choir's summer mission tour.



Elliana Mitchell

Hometown/Present City: Dallas

Education: Currently at Woodrow Wilson High School

Profession: Part-time babysitter *wink wink*

Tell us about your family.

I am the oldest daughter in my family. My mom is Keri, my dad is Damien and my sister is Everly. I also have two dogs, Ruth and Sonia. They're named after female Supreme Court justices!

How about your work or volunteer life?

I love volunteering with Wilshire youth! We get to volunteer a lot in the summer during Choir Tour and other scheduled days.

Any favorite hobbies?

I love listening to music, playing the piano and singing chorally and regularly. I am very active in my school's choir and theater programs. I also love reading fiction, but I'm trying to get into more non-fiction to broaden my horizons.

What are your favorite places to travel?

I love going to New York City and the beach. Those places are very different, but they both speak to me in different ways.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

I was brought to Wilshire in 2023 with my family, although I went to Wednesday nights for a while when I was younger. A supportive youth congregation was important to my parents regarding our journey of faith, so I'm glad we came here! The youth community at Wilshire has helped me grow in my faith tremendously.



Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

Youth Choir and Shekinah.

What has surprised you most about Wilshire?

I was surprised by how little we interacted during church. At my old church,

we would regularly hold our hands up in praise or affirm our pastor's preaching. It's not the same here. Let's bring back open praise!

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

I think God is trying to help me figure out who I am. Sometimes I need to remember that God created me beautifully and wonderfully in God's image and can help me grow into that person.

Tell us about your faith journey.

To be honest, my faith journey is kind of boring. I never had a big revelation where Christ spoke to me, but that's OK! I am slowly growing in my faith through normal world experiences.

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

I love playing Google Minesweeper. I play it whenever I need a little break from schoolwork.

What adjectives best describe you?

I am very giving and loving. Whenever I truly get to know someone, I really will do anything for them.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Your gifts are changing lives inside and outside our walls. Here are some ways to make a financial contribution to Wilshire.

ONLINE. Set up a recurring or one-time gift charged to your debit or credit card or as an ACH from your checking account. Get started at wilshirebc.org/give.

REALM CONNECT APP. Easily make gifts and see past giving on your mobile device. Available at your device's app store. Find download links at wilshirebc.org/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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This Week

Sunday, March 2

- David Clanton Art Exhibit, South Lobby, through April 20
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Book Series for Parents: *Woven*, 3208, 10 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Faith in 3D Rehearsal, McIver Chapel, noon
- Youth Choir Spaghetti Lunch & Silent Auction, Community Hall, noon
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

Monday, March 3

- Wilshire Winds, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4

- Austin Advocacy Day: Public Education, Austin, Texas, 5 p.m.
- Stephen Ministry Training, 1205-L, 6 p.m.
- Stephen Ministry CE/Supervision, 1100-B & 1205-G, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5

- New Song Community Choir, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Lunch & Learn with Ash Wednesday Service, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary, 6 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 6

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

Saturday, March 8

- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 9 a.m.

Sunday, March 9

- Sacred Space, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Faith in 3D Rehearsal, McIver Chapel, noon
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.