

**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**April 20, 2025**  
*Easter Day*

# Preparing for worship

You know the story. There's a hidden video camera in place. One of our armed forces personnel who's been overseas for extended service sneaks up on their loved one, usually at a public event. The last thing in the world their loved one expects is to see their service person, who is stationed halfway around the world. The loved one who is the object of the surprise might be a spouse or, even better, a child.

At some point in this wonderful ruse, the service person, always in uniform, is revealed to their family. What follows are the tightest hugs you can imagine. There are whoops and hollers. The tears flow. Tears among the family, the onlookers, and even those watching the video. You've seen some of these videos. Admit it. Your eyes got just a little moist, too. Not with sadness, but with joy.

Now think of the party that follows. Think of how the hugs continue, how the joy flows between them. Think of how important the conversations are. After all, they've got a lot of catching up to do.

The coming of Christ is often referred to as a massive party. In Scripture we see words like "banquet," "feast" and "dinner." It's a time

of celebration. It's a graduation, a birthday, a wedding reception and even a reunion. All rolled into one. Yet so much more.

And a banquet requires preparation. Intentional actions are required to prepare a place for joy to happen. It's true for spiritual celebrations, spiritual banquets, too.

We don't often think of celebration as a spiritual practice, but it is. The point of a spiritual practice is intentionality. We have to be intentional about looking for God, about finding ways to connect the physical world and the spiritual world. Celebration doesn't just happen. It takes intention. Someone has to prepare the food, line up the venue, arrange for the right people to be there, etc.

Spiritual celebration is no different. It takes intention. Today we celebrate the one we thought dead and in a tomb but is now in our midst. Today we send and receive spiritual hugs, whoops and hollers and maybe even shed a tear or two. The one we thought dead is yet alive, living in our midst, available to us as both God and friend.

What's more to celebrate than that?

—Charlie Fuller



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**On the cover:** *Circular Forms, Sun No. 1*, Robert Delaunay, 1912–13, oil on canvas.

April 20, 2025  
8:30 a.m. / 11:00 a.m.  
Easter Day

**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**

Timothy Peoples

**Prelude**

*Corrente (from Partita No. 1 in B-flat)*  
Easter Festival Orchestra

J. S. Bach/Thomas Oehler

**+ProceSSIONal Song**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*  
No. 194

EASTER HYMN/arr. John Rutter

**+Call to Worship**

Ariel Merivil / Darren DeMent

The congregation is invited to read the bold text aloud.

Today the mystery unfolds.  
**We glimpse it at the dawning of light.**

We yearn to hear our Lord calling us:  
**Sister, brother, sibling.**

Today we recall again God's trustworthy promise:  
**The enemy of death is destroyed!**

We delight, saying: alleluia!  
**We wonder, singing: alleluia!**  
**We are witnesses shouting: alleluia!**

Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed!**  
Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed!**  
Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed!**

**+Response in Song**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN/arr. John Rutter

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!**  
**Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!**  
**Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!**  
**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

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

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears God and practices righteousness is acceptable to God. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**Offertory**

*Beautiful City (from Godspell)*  
Darrell Morris Jr.

Stephen Schwartz

Out of the ruins and rubble  
Out of the smoke  
Out of our night of struggle  
Can we see a ray of hope?  
One pale thin ray reaching for the day

We can build a beautiful city, yes we can; yes we can  
We can build a beautiful city  
Not a city of angels, but we can build a city of man

We may not reach the ending  
But we can start  
Slowly but truly mending  
Brick by brick, heart by heart  
Now, maybe now, we start learning how

When your trust is all but shattered  
When your faith is all but killed  
You can give up bitter and battered  
Or you can slowly start to build

A beautiful city, yes we can; yes we can  
We can build a beautiful city  
Not a city of angels, but finally a city of man

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

*Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!*

HYFRYDOL

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the throne;  
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now;  
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our stay;

Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone!  
Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lieves nor ques - tions how.  
Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from day to day.

Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood:  
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty days were o'er,  
In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea

“Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us with his love.”  
shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise: “I am with you ev - er - more?”  
where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

**Message**

“The Threat of Resurrection”

Timothy Peoples

**Anthem**

*Glorious Everlasting*  
Sanctuary Choir  
Easter Festival Orchestra

Thomas Cousins

Glorious everlasting.

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people;  
I will sing unto thee among the nations.

I will praise thee, O Lord. I will sing unto thee.  
Glorious everlasting!

I will praise thee among the people. I will sing unto thee, O Lord.  
Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens.

Let thy glory be above all the earth.  
Glorious everlasting.  
Amen.

**Doxology**

*Our God Is Making All Things New*

OLD HUNDREDTH  
Text: LeAnn Hampton



Our God is mak-ing all things new, a prom-ise that we know is true.



Through eyes of faith we long to see a love-trans-formed com-mun-i-ty. A-men.

## Silence

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

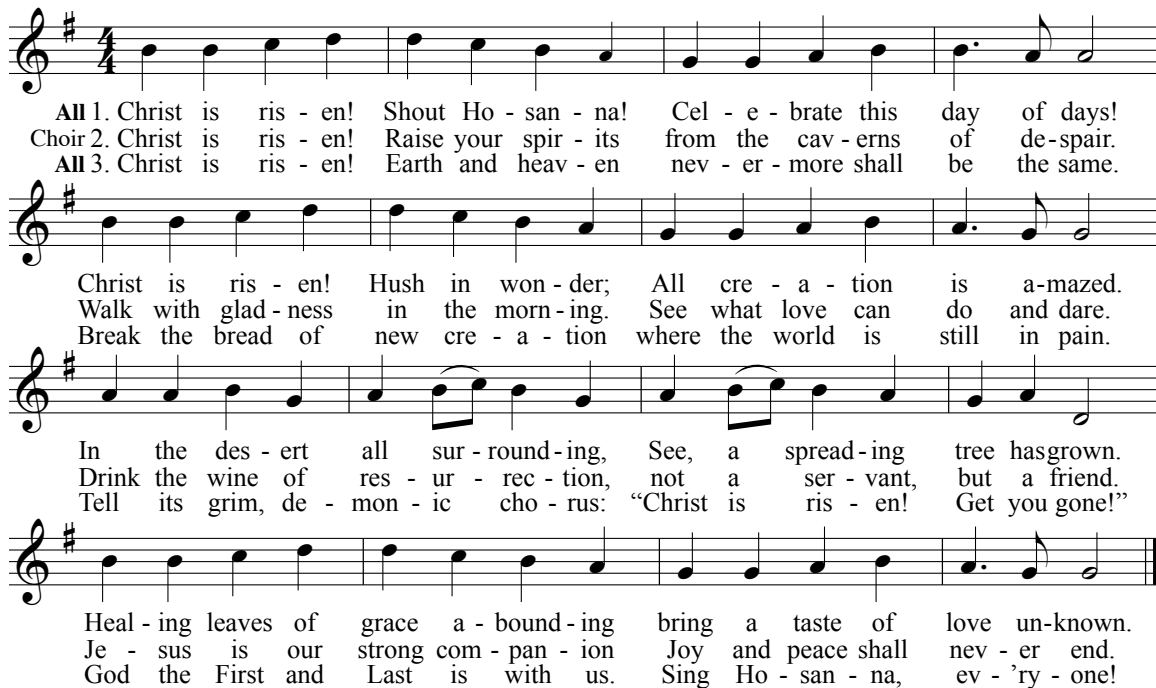
## The Lord's Prayer

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

*Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna!*

HYMN TO JOY/arr. Bankson



All 1. Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
 Choir 2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
 All 3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der; All cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all sur - round - ing, See, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - 'ry - one!

## Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

## Choral Blessing

*Alleluia*

Debbie Wiseman

Alleluia

O clap your hands together all ye people  
O sing unto God with the voice of melody  
For the Lord is high and to be feared.  
God is the great king upon all the earth.  
Alleluia.

## Benediction

Timothy Peoples

## Postlude

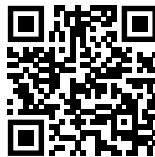
*Toccata (from Symphony No. 5 for Organ)*

Charles-Marie Widor

### Easter Festival Orchestra

Mark Miller, violin; Andres Bravo, violin  
Ute Miller, viola; Noemie Golubovic, cello  
William Clay, bass; Sharon Lacy, oboe  
Brian Mendez, trumpet; Paul Stancampiano, trumpet  
Alexander Kienle, horn; Matthew Ethier, trombone  
Jonah Payne, timpani

Guest vocalist **Darrell Morris Jr.** is an actor, singer and dancer based in New York City. Originally from Dallas, he holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre from the Boston Conservatory and a Bachelor of Music degree in vocal performance from Baylor University. His professional credits include productions of *Les Misérables* and *Godspell*. Darrell is a friend of Wilshire members Megan and Luke Willson and often attends when visiting Dallas.



**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.



**W**ilshire Baptist Church acknowledges those who gave Easter lilies to beautify our Easter service. The love expressed through these flowers is dedicated to our Lord and Savior in celebration of the resurrection.

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## **In memory of**

Maxey Abernathy by Carole Jean Abernathy

Maxey Abernathy by Paula, Jason, Garrett,  
Kathryn Woodbury and Sher Moo Ku

Charles F. Ackerman by Betty Ackerman

Paul Alloway by Jane Alloway

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and Whit Anderson

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Allen by Barbara A. Baker

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Kay Brown by Leigh Ann and Kile Brown

Bobby Bunch by Deanna, Jeff, David and  
Brian Bunch

Susan and Jesse Calame by Julie Girards

Sodi Castleberry by Emily and Gil Herrick

Ruth and Earl Coffman by Mary, Paul and  
Diana Early

Bobbie Coleman by Cindy and David Coleman

Diane Thedford Collins by Bryan and  
Robert Rollins

Spencer Cordell by the Cordell family

Earl A. Davis by Ricci Davis and family

Thomas DeBose Sr. by Lynette DeBose

Leon DeMent Sr. by Joannah, Darren, Virginia  
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Tom Fry by Melanie Beller

Jenny Genoway by Sarah and Dietrich Knabe

Sasha Nicole Hallman, Peaches and Sandy  
Hallman and John M. Shaw by Dawn and  
Stephen Hallman

Anita Hood by Ricci Davis and family

Jill Gush Hrnair by Jenyce Gush

Dorothy and Burke Hunter by Lyn and Ross  
Prater

Lindsay Nicole Hyder by Amy Duval, Josiah  
Hyder, Zachary Hyder, Matthew Hyder, Adam  
Hyder, Megan Hyder and Landon Hyder

Lindsay Nicole Hyder by Carole and Jerry Duval

Ivan's parents and siblings by Linda and  
Ivan Martinez

Uncle Joe by the McNicholas family

Joanna Ching-Ping Wong Jones by Bill Jones  
and family

Julian Kampfshulte by Paula, Jason, Garrett,  
Kathryn Woodbury and Sher Moo Ku

Annie Kuczynski by Sarah and Dietrich Knabe

Doris and Dick Luttrell by Sally and Richard  
Luttrell

Janet Mabry and Margaret Lewis by Karen and  
Brad Lewis

Adam Townsend Malcik by Vy and Michael  
Malcik

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Sheila and Gene Moore by Carole Jean  
Abernathy

Roan Mulholland by Sarah and Dietrich Knabe

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Anderson

Douglas Newsom by Amy, Cory, Bryn and Whit  
Anderson

Tom Newsom by Amy, Cory, Bryn and Whit  
Anderson

Bill O'Brien by B.E.S.T. Sunday School Class

Candy Post by Max Post and family

Julie Judd Prater by Lyn and Ross Prater

Michael Lance Prater by Lyn and Ross Prater

Paul Ross Prater by Lyn and Ross Prater

David A. Risinger by Janice and Bill Jernberg

Marian Rollins by Bryan and Robert Rollins

Stephen Rollins by Bryan and Robert Rollins

Wells Rollins by Bryan and Robert Rollins

Jean Shepard by Molly, Michael and Olivia  
Shepard

Josephine and J.D. Shilling and Norva and Joe  
Tippins by Glenda and Gerald Shilling

Phoebe and Tom Swan by Lyn and Ross Prater

Doris “Meme” Swift by Deanna and Chuck  
Bunch

Donna Martin Thompson by Kathryn and Chase  
Thompson

Joyce J. Whitbread by Janice and Bill Jernberg

Jim White by B.E.S.T. Sunday School Class

Jenna Worthen by Jenyce Gush

Tracy Yetter by Janice Vergez

## **In honor of**

Carole Jean Abernathy by Paula, Jason, Garrett,  
Kathryn Woodbury and Sher Moo Ku

Barbara Baker by Rachel Barker

Chris, Rachel, Alison and Charlotte Barker by  
Barbara A. Baker

Tanis Binfield by Sarah and Dietrich Knabe

Dorothy Boyd by Lynette DeBose

Jessica, Andy and Callum Brookshire by Gail  
and Steve Brookshire

Dorothy Burrus, on the occasion of her 106th  
birthday today, by Raymond, Susan, JoBeth,  
Bill, Liz and Kate

Robert Fisette by Jeri Baker

Sally and Dean Hamilton by Linda and Ivan  
Martinez

LeAnn Hampton by Alison Wingfield

Margaret, Brad, William and Jack Jernberg by  
Janice and Bill Jernberg

Linda’s family by Linda and Ivan Martinez

Valerie Lott and Timothy Peoples by Jenyce  
Gush

Margie Lynn by Jeri Baker

Ralph Manuel by Laurie Diffie

Skye and Nick McQuillan and Dorothy Shaw by  
Dawn and Steven Hallman

Ariel Merivil by Laurie Diffie

John F. Minor Jr. by Janice and Bill Jernberg

Monica Mullins by Laurie Diffie

Heather Mustain by Vickie Conn

New Song Community Choir by Jeri Baker

Odyssey Sunday School Class by Candy  
McComb and Vic Henry

Nancy Poynter by Laurie Diffie

Nancy Poynter by Alison and Mark Wingfield

Anne and Damon Scalfaro by Janice and Bill  
Jernberg

Jonathan, Sabrina, Ezra and Nuria Shilling by  
Glenda and Gerald Shilling

Katherine Shilling and Sydney Snow by Glenda  
and Gerald Shilling

Ellen Grace Wilkerson by Lori Wilkerson

Wilshire Children’s Ministry volunteers by Julie  
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Wilshire Music Ministry by Candy McComb and  
Vic Henry

Wilshire Preschool and Children’s Choir leaders  
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Alison and Mark Wingfield by Jeri Baker

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# Tapestry



News & Announcements  
April 20, 2025



## EASTER AT WILSHIRE

### Service of Remembrance

**April 20 | 9:30 a.m. | Columbarium** |

This brief service is geared toward those with loved ones inurned or memorialized in Wilshire's Columbarium, which will be open for visits from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Flowering Cross

Stop by anytime this morning to place a flower into the mesh-wrapped wooden cross outside the Sanctuary. Bring your own fresh-cut flowers or take one from a limited supply provided by the church. Don't miss this favorite photo opportunity.

### Office closed tomorrow

The church building will be closed for a staff holiday on Monday, April 21.

### Condolences to

**Sherri Mosser** on the death of her nephew, Frank Udouj, March 7.

### Art exhibit closes today



Today is the last day to view the digital photography of David Clanton in the South Lobby. The prints in the show are up for bid, with purchases benefiting the Youth Choir's summer mission tour to Chicago.

### Internet safety encore on Zoom

The recent Internet safety presentation by Wilshire member Teri Walker will be repeated over Zoom on Wednesday, April 23, at 6 p.m. Learn how to protect yourself and your information in email, social media, texting and more. To find the Zoom link, visit [wilshirebc.org/events/internet-safety](https://wilshirebc.org/events/internet-safety). We'll have the Zoom running in Room 3103 for those in the building.

### Music and Missions zoo outing

KidConnect and Children's Choir participants will celebrate the end of the school year with a fun day at the Dallas Zoo on Saturday, May 3, from 8:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. The outing will include a photo scavenger hunt, a picnic lunch with the animals, a Wonders of the Wild demo and more. See full details and register by May 1 at [wilshirebc.org/events/zoo](https://wilshirebc.org/events/zoo).



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

## Hannah Service offered May 4

As much as we celebrate the gift of mothers in our lives, Mother's Day can bring feelings of grief to those who have experienced infertility, miscarriage, death of an infant or child, adoption loss, abortion, family estrangement or the death of a mother. With this in mind, Wilshire will offer a Hannah Service on Sunday, May 4, at 2 p.m. in McIver Chapel. For those who grieve and the loved ones who support them, the service will give space to lament and remember. To register for childcare, email Kelly Akins at [kakins@wilshirebc.org](mailto:kakins@wilshirebc.org).

## New Song benefit concert



New Song Community Choir will hold a 20th-anniversary benefit concert at Wilshire on May 4 at 6:30 p.m. "You're never too old to make a

new friend or learn a new song" is the motto of the choir, a vibrant group of senior adults led by Sarah Stafford. With over 80 singers from 28 churches, eight senior living facilities and 10 Metroplex communities, the group performs regularly at senior centers, churches and community organizations, offering both sacred and secular music to uplift audiences. New Song began at Wilshire in 2005 and became a stand-alone nonprofit in 2020 with generous seed funding from Wilshire, which provides the choir rehearsal, storage and office space. New Song is funded mostly by grants and donations. Learn more and donate at [newsongchoir.org](http://newsongchoir.org).

## Next Lunch & Learn is May 7

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. Minister to Senior Adults Katie Murray will teach on May 7. See the schedule at [wilshirebc.org/events/lunch-learn](http://wilshirebc.org/events/lunch-learn).

## Volunteer opportunity at WRCH



Wilshire is assembling a team of 20 volunteers for White Rock Center of Hope's food distribution on Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to noon. To sign up, scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/4ilg7n8](http://bit.ly/4ilg7n8) or contact Abbey Adcox ([aadcox@wilshirebc.org](mailto:aadcox@wilshirebc.org)).

## Grocery distribution team

You can join a team to distribute groceries in partnership with Catholic Charities and the Vickery Meadow Youth Development Foundation on the last Friday morning of each month. Contact Associate Pastor Heather Mustain ([hmustain@wilshirebc.org](mailto:hmustain@wilshirebc.org)) to learn more.



## Women of Wilshire book clubs

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | May 1 | Noon | 1205-L | *Dragonfly* by Leila Meacham. Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org))

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | May 13 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. Contact: Debby Burton ([dburton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:dburton@wilshirebc.org))

## Free yoga class May 17



Wilshire member Mary Lu Hare will offer a free yoga class in the Youth Center on Saturday, May 17. The one-hour session will start at 10 a.m. and is suitable for all experience levels. Bring a yoga mat, water and a friend.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

## APRIL 23

### Koinonia Café

**5 p.m. | Community Hall** | Buffet dinner. Cash/check/credit accepted. See prices at [wilshirebc.org/events/wnl](http://wilshirebc.org/events/wnl). **April 23:** Lemon chicken, orzo with sun-dried tomatoes and feta, broccoli, hummus and pita, lentil soup, salad, cheesecake, honey cookies, jello. **Kids:** Chicken, orzo, broccoli.

### Preschool Music & Missions

**6 p.m. | Age 3-Pre-K** | Preschool choir plus activities and lessons focused on God's love.

### 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.

### 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.

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



## Mystics & Misfits

### Bible Study

**6 p.m. | Community Hall** | Christians throughout history have sought God in radical ways — some by locking themselves in solitude for a life of prayer, others by leaving behind comfort to serve the poor. Join us as we explore their stories and what they can teach us about faith today.

■ **April 23: Thomas Merton.** Pastoral Resident Georgia McKee will explore Merton's life and teachings, showing how his deep contemplative practice offers meaningful guidance for living faithfully in today's fast-paced world.

■ **April 30: Vespers.** The series will close with a contemplative service in McIver Chapel.

### Coming May 7

The final Wednesday night this spring will feature the Children's Choir year-end program at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



## MARRIAGE Connections

### **Marriage Connections is May 9**

The final Marriage Connections of the school year will be a celebration of outgoing mentor couple Patty and Paul Latham on Friday, May 9. Free childcare (infant–grade 5) will be provided at the church from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration for childcare is required by May 4. Visit [wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections](http://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, May 9, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is required and closes May 4; register at [wilshirebc.org/events/pno](http://wilshirebc.org/events/pno).

### **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.

### **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.

## 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](mailto:stephenministry@wilshirebc.org), or call 214-452-3176.

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# New pastoral residents named

**A**MANDA HINES AND JORDANN MCMAHAN, both graduates of Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University, have been hired as Wilshire's next class of pastoral residents and will begin their two-year terms in August.

Amanda and Jordann will join Maggie Morey and Georgia McKee in the Pathways to Ministry program, which will again have four pastoral residents — the norm for most of the program's 23-year history. No new residents were called in 2022 or 2023 as Wilshire paused to evaluate the program.

"We couldn't be more pleased that Amanda and Jordann will be joining us. Both of them are most talented and eager to learn," said Pathways to Ministry Director Charlie Fuller. "With a full complement of four residents, we'll be back up and running with all the opportunities our complete program provides."

Jordann will complete a Master of Divinity degree in May from Truett, where she was honored as a CBF Vestal Scholar for the current academic year. She currently is co-president of Truett's Women in Ministry Student Organization, serves as a Baylor residence hall chaplain and previously worked for Truett as an associate director of recruitment. She also was an administrative intern for Baptist Women in Ministry. Jordann grew up in Richmond, Virginia, and was ordained by her home church there, Gayton Baptist. She earned a B.A. in philosophy with a concentration in religious studies from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. Jordann has been a ministry associate at Freemason Street Baptist and Talbot Park Baptist, both in Norfolk, and is currently completing mentoring field work at Calvary Baptist in Waco.

Amanda earned a Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in spiritual formation from Truett in 2022 and currently works as a project manager for Ideal Impact, a Grape-



*Amanda Hines*



*Jordann McMahan*

vine-based consultancy for ministry and education. She served as associate pastor for youth and community engagement at Kingwood Christian Church in Houston and completed internships in student ministry at Lubbock's Highland Baptist Church and her home church, First Baptist in Huntsville, Alabama. Amanda also worked for Truett helping to manage its Online Certificate Program and was a summer counselor at Glorieta Camps in New Mexico. She earned a B.S. in human development and family science from Mississippi State University. Amanda is married to Chris; the couple currently lives in Arlington with their corgi, Tater-Tot.

Jordann and Amanda are both licensed spiritual directors through Truett.

The third and fourth houses from the church on Resident Row are currently under renovation and will be ready for the new residents when they arrive this summer. Charlie added, "Please pray for Jordann and Amanda as they finish up their current commitments and make their transition to Dallas and a new place of service."

Wilshire's pastoral residency program began in 2002 and now counts 40 alumni serving around the U.S. and overseas, including Wilshire's own senior pastor, Timothy Peoples.

# 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.

**MAIL.** Send to Finance Director Lori Gooden's attention at Wilshire.

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# *This Week*

## **Sunday, April 20**

- Easter Sunrise Service, T.&P. Hill at White Rock Lake, 6:30 a.m.
- David Clanton Art Exhibit, South Lobby
- Worship, Sanctuary, 8:30 a.m.
- Columbarium Service, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.

## **Monday, April 21**

- Staff holiday, building closed

## **Tuesday, April 22**

- Stephen Ministry Training, 1205-L, 6 p.m.

## **Wednesday, April 23**

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Preschool Music & Missions, 6 p.m.
- Internet Safety Presentation, Zoom and 3103, 6 p.m.
- Bible Study, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

## **Thursday, April 24**

- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

## **Sunday, April 27**

- 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
- Committee Meetings (Adventurers, Children's Education, Compass Class Curriculum, One Starry Night Steering, Pathways to Ministry, Preschool Education), Community Hall, noon
- Missions & Advocacy Committee, 3301, noon
- Children's Choir, 12:30 pm.
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

# Barry Preston

**Hometown:** Childress (the Crossroads of Hospitality), Texas

**Present City:** Dallas

**Education:** Doctor of Ministry (SMU), M.A. Film Studies (UNT), M.Div. Theology (Vanderbilt), B.A. Religion and English (TCU)

**Profession:** I've been a literature and communications teacher and a spiritual formation minister. Currently I'm self-employed as a mindfulness and strengths coach, spiritual life coach and academic coach (Preston Coaching & Training).

## **Tell us about your family.**

My wife, Natalie, is an office admin for Edward Jones; she is an avid reader, is gifted with a love of all things beautiful and is one of the most thoughtful humans you will ever meet. My son, Evan, works for EMFX Studios/Split Window Studios; he is kind, creative and fiercely loyal.

## **How about your work or volunteer life?**

Baseball coach, scout leader, marching band dad, looking for what's next.

## **Any favorite hobbies?**

Reading speculative fiction and theology (not kidding), listening to music (composed between 1963 and 1978), board and video games, meaningful movies and creative writing.

## **What are your favorite places to travel?**

Cabins in natural settings for peace; festivals and theme parks for excitement; Scotland anytime.

## **What brought you to Wilshire and when?**

Tina Johnson and Drew Easley invited Evan to youth activities. Epiphany Class and pastoral staff ministered to our family during times of need. The church showed up for us.



## **Where are you engaged at Wilshire?**

Sunday School and Worship. I love the Sacred Spaces worship experiences, and I look forward to the next Songwriter Vespers because, like Kurt Vonnegut, you can put on my headstone, "The only proof he needed for the existence of God was music."

## **What has surprised you about Wilshire?**

This is not the kind of Baptist church I visited with my childhood friend who asked me if I was "saved." I hadn't the foggiest idea of what he meant by that. Wilshire asks different questions!

## **What do you think God is up to in your life?**

Prompting me to find ways to serve in accordance with my gifts.

## **Tell us about your faith journey.**

Born and raised in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). My faith is impacted by encounters with world religions, psychology, visual arts and literary aesthetics. My spirit cherishes silence and contemplative practices; my soul needs community and opportunities to serve.

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

I worked for two years at a "monument shop," creating headstones and grave markers and placing them in cemeteries.

## **What adjectives best describe you?**

Lifelong learner, spiritual, open-minded, creative, satirical.



# 2025 Summer CHILDREN & PRESCHOOL

## **VBS: CAMP FIRELIGHT**

**Mon.-Fri., June 9-13, 9 a.m.-noon**

This year's Vacation Bible School is a summer camp-themed adventure where kids learn to trust God no matter what life brings. Older preschool (age 3 by 9/1/24) through completed grade 5. Free. Advance registration ends June 1. Walk-ins as space allows.

## **KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL CAMP**

**Mon.-Fri., July 7-11, 9 a.m.-noon**

With "Listening to God" as our theme, we'll use Godly Play to explore Bible stories. Art and science too! Older preschool (age 3 by 9/1/24) through completed Kindergarten. \$50. Register by June 30.

## **COOKING CAMP**

**Mon.-Fri., July 7-11, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Completed first through fifth graders will learn about food safety and nutrition and prepare a three-course lunch daily. \$100. **Sold out; waitlist available.**

## **LISTEN TO YOUR ART!**

**Mon.-Fri., July 7-11, 12:30-5 p.m.**

Creative arts camp with music, visual art, drama, movement, crafts and more. On Friday, kids stay for dinner, and families are invited to a 6:30 p.m. performance and art showcase. Lunch not provided; cost includes T-shirt. Completed first through fifth graders. \$100. Register by June 30.

## **FULL-DAY COOKING & ART**

**Mon.-Fri., July 7-11, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Full-day option for grades 2-5. Lunch included. \$175. **Sold out; waitlist available.**

## **PASSPORT KIDS! PRETEEN CAMP**

**Sun.-Wed., July 20-23**

Completed third through fifth graders will travel by chartered bus to Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center in Glen Rose for high-energy worship, interactive Bible study, recreation, missions and more, led by camp staff and Wilshire chaperones. \$450. \$50 nonrefundable deposit guarantees a spot. Full payment due July 15.

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