



Preparing for worship

In every faith community, there are moments when life becomes overwhelming — when grief, illness, loss or loneliness casts long shadows. It is in these sacred spaces of pain and vulnerability that Stephen Ministry offers something deeply healing: a compassionate presence. Grounded in Christ's call to love one another, Stephen Ministry equips laypeople to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life's difficulties.

Stephen Ministers are not counselors, therapists or miracle workers. They are trained listeners — people who walk alongside others with empathy, offering support without judgment or advice. Their role is to be the hands and heart of Christ in a hurting world. Often, just having someone there to pray with, talk to and cry beside is enough to help someone feel less alone.

Commissioning new Stephen Ministers is a sacred event in the life of a congregation. It is both a celebration and a commitment. During the commissioning service, these lay caregivers are formally blessed and sent forth to serve, recognizing the months of training they've completed and the spiritual weight of the work they're

undertaking. It's a powerful moment when the church says, "We see your calling, and we stand with you."

Commissioning also reminds the whole church body of our shared responsibility to care. It highlights the ministry of presence — not just for those called to serve as Stephen Ministers, but for all of us as members of the body of Christ. Whether we are the ones offering care or receiving it, Stephen Ministry models how we are meant to live: in compassionate community.

Ultimately, Stephen Ministry is a quiet but profound expression of love in action. It brings light into dark places, not with grand gestures, but with consistent, Christ-centered compassion. And commissioning marks the beginning of that journey — the start of something holy.

Wilshire would not be who we are without the steady, faithful and quiet caregivers among us. Doing and being church is a communal witness to God's faithful and unending love. So let me just say how thankful the staff is for each of you who walk alongside many, compassionately serving.

—Heather Mustain



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Building a Community of Faith Shaped by the Spirit of Jesus Christ

Partnered with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

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On the cover: *The Good Shepherd*, Kelly Latimore.

May 11, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Maggie Morey

Randall Standridge

Prelude

Blue Sky Horizon Wilshire Winds Shana Gaines, director

+Congregational Song

Come, We That Love the Lord

FESTAL SONG

No. 549 Stanzas 1–3

+Call to Worship

Diana Early

One: We love you, Lord,

All: Because you have first loved us.

One: We love those whom we meet every day,

All: Because you have first loved us.

One: We love those who are difficult to love,

All: Because you have first loved us.

One: Because you have first loved us,

All: We feel your love and worship you, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

+Response in Song

Come, We That Love the Lord Stanzas 4

FESTAL SONG

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; We're marching through Immanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high.

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

Debbie Meripolski

Introduction of New Stephen Ministers

David Giles, Tina Johnson, JoBeth Quillian

Litany of Commissioning of Stephen Ministers

Linda Garner

Leader: Will you assume this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?

Stephen Ministers: Yes, with God's help.

Leader: Will you nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service

to others — to support, encourage, build up, and comfort people in all

their needs?

Stephen Ministers: Yes, with God's help.

Leader: Wilshire, will you open your hearts to the ministry of these people and

pray for them, that they may be effective servants of Christ?

Congregation: Yes, with God's help.

Leader: Are you prepared to serve as Stephen Ministers and commit yourself

to active service?

Stephen Ministers: Yes, with God's help.

Leader: Because you have promised faithfully to serve Christ and Christ's people

as Stephen Ministers, I commend you each to the care and guidance of the ministry. Use your gifts and talents that you might be a blessing to the

people you meet and care for.

Prayer of Blessing

Congregation: Loving God, we joyfully commission these Stephen Ministers to serve

in your name. Bless them with compassion, wisdom, and attentiveness as they walk alongside those in need. Give them strength when the journey is difficult, patience when progress is slow, and humility to seek your guidance in all things. May their ministry reflect God's love and bring comfort to those who suffer. May our support and prayers encourage them as they serve this sacred calling. Together, we commit to this ministry of care, recognizing your presence in our midst. Amen.

Judy Coleman

At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Offertory

Be Still, My Soul Wilshire Winds arr. James Swearingen

+Psalm Reading — Psalm 23

Matt Howell

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

> 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

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought No. 68

HE LEADETH ME

Anthem Psalm 23 Heather Sorenson Sanctuary Choir

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I shall not want.

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I shall not want for more.

How could I ask for more?

He leads by still water, and I shall not want. He leads by still water, and I shall not want for more. How could I ask for more?

> He is enough for every need. He is enough for every broken dream. And I shall not want.

> I'm satisfied with what he gives. He will provide and faithfully supply. And I shall not want.

He leads through the valley, and I shall not want. He leads through the valley, and I shall not want.

> He is the night, he is the day. He is the sun, he is the shade. He is the ocean, he's the stream. In every song, he is my theme.

And if we wander off alone, his mercy calls us back to home.

I feast at his table, and I shall not want. I feast at his table, and I shall not want for more.

> He is the strength to conquer sin. He's faithful when my trust is thin. I shall not want.

Prayers of the People

Julie Girards

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness No. 48 FAITHFULNESS

Sharing of Decisions

Darren DeMent

Benediction

Darren DeMent

Postlude

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Kathy and Chuck Cabaniss by their daughter, Kristin Cabaniss, their son, Kevin Cabaniss, and his family — Carol, Peyton, Tanner and Trace Cabaniss.



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.

Meet today's worship leaders

Judy Coleman has been at Wilshire since 1975. She is married to Bob, and they are members of Compass Class. Judy is a deacon and a Stephen Minister. Bob and Judy's two adult children, Robert and Claire, grew up at Wilshire.

Diana Early joined Wilshire in 2001. She is a member of Foundations of Faith Class and currently helps teach Kindergarten Sunday School. Diana is a deacon, serves on the Preschool Education Committee, sings in Nova and plays piano for kindergarten choir. Diana is a physical therapist and research coordinator at Children's Health.

Linda Garner has been a Wilshire member since 1970. She is a deacon, teaches the Women's Bible Class, is a Stephen Ministry leader and serves on the Funeral Ministry Team. A retired professor of nursing, Linda serves Wilshire as parish nurse.

Matt Howell and his wife, Donna, joined Wilshire in 2023 and are members of Epiphany Class. They have two adult sons and recently welcomed their first grandchild. Matt is retired from a career in banking.

Debbie Meripolski and her husband, Mike, joined Wilshire in 2004 and are members of Epiphany Class, which Debbie directs. Their daughter, Ann Meripolski, also attends Wilshire. Debbie is a deacon, a Stephen Ministry leader and serves on the Personnel Committee. She works as a nonprofit development consultant.

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

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- Ramona Randle, ECLC Director (3140)

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■ Lori Gooden, Director of Finance (3131)

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- Haley Garcia, Food Service Director (3117)
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- Abbey Adcox, Missions and Advocacy Coordinator (3127)
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- Jeff Brummel, Associate Minister of Music/ Organist (3122)
- Carol Cabaniss, Music and Worship Coordinator (3106)
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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)
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- Timothy Peoples, Senior Pastor (3132)

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- Kelly Akins, Minister to Preschoolers (3139)
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- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)

Tapestry



News & Announcements May 11, 2025

Condolences to

Kathleen Johnson on the death of her husband, Johnny Johnson, May 1.

Wednesday nights on break

Wilshire Student Ministry Watershed will meet for the final time this school year on May 14 at 6:30 p.m. Other Wednesday Night Live activities are already on a break for the summer.

Pray for Macedonia team

A Wilshire team traveled to Macedonia on May 7 to learn and serve alongside members of Second Baptist Church of Little Rock, Arkansas. The group will return Friday, May 16. Our Wilshire contingent includes Christina Evans, Jenny Wolff, Missions and Advocacy Committee Chair Julie Bartkoski, Pastoral Resident Georgia McKee, Associate Pastor Heather Mustain and Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples.

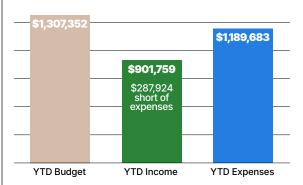
Lunch & Learn is May 21



The final Lunch & Learn before a summer break will be held Wednesday, May 21. All are invited to Community Hall at 11:30 a.m. for lunch (\$10 ea.) and Bible study led

by Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples.

Unified Budget Update



Sign up for May 14 Blood Drive

Carter BloodCare will hold a blood drive at Wilshire from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14. There is a critical need for several blood types, including A+, A-, O+, O- and B-. Visit wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive to make an appointment or scan the QR code on p. 13.

Wilshire Welcome next Sunday

Wilshire Welcome, a one-hour session to help guests and new members learn about the church, will be offered next Sunday, May 18, at 9:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room near McIver Chapel. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)







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



Don't miss our annual picnic with food, face painting and fun at Flag Pole Hill's inclusive playground. The pavilion and picnic tables are ours to use; bring your own lawn chairs or picnic blankets.

Wilshire will provide fried chicken, rolls and drinks. The rest of the meal is potluck with these assignments by last name:

- A-F, fruit
- G-Q, veggies or salad
- R-Z, dessert

Please use disposable containers and serving utensils and bring enough food to serve at least eight.

Volunteers are needed. Sign up at wilshirebc.org/events/wilshire-in-the-park.

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. Children and

youth are welcome to serve with their parents. To sign up, scan the QR code or visit bit. <u>ly/4ilg7n8</u> or contact Abbey Adcox (<u>aadcox@</u> 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.

Adventurers to Audubon Center

The Wilshire Adventurers will visit the Trinity River Audubon Center on Thursday, May 22. Wilshire's own Grady Hinton will serve as guide to the birds and wildflowers that can be seen from the center's walkable trails. The group will meet at Wilshire at 8:30 a.m. to carpool. The event is free, but registration is required. Visit wilshirebc.org/events/audubon.

■ You can also register for the Adventurers' June 25 trip to the Dallas Theater Center for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Visit wilshirebc.org/events/dreamcoat.

Women of Wilshire book clubs

- Brown Bag Book Club | June 5 | Noon | 1205-L | Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books by Kirsten Miller. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)
- **Tuesday Evening Book Club** will visit the Arboretum on Saturday, June 7, from 10 a.m. to noon. Their next regular meeting will be July 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor to discuss *Earthly* Joys by Philippa Gregory. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)



CHILDREN & PRESCHOOL

VBS: CAMP FIRELIGHT

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

KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL CAMP

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

COOKING CAMP

Mon.-Fri., July 7–11, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. *Sold out; waitlist available.*

LISTEN TO YOUR ART!

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

FULL-DAY COOKING & ART

Mon.-Fri., July 7–11, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. *Sold out; waitlist available.*

PASSPORT KIDS! PRETEEN CAMP

Sun.-Wed., July 20-23



REGISTER AT
WILSHIREBC.ORG/SUMMER-CAMPS

Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club will discuss Scott Spreier's novel *Resurrecting St. John the Rancher* on Tuesday, May 20, 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).

Lend your voice to hymn festival

On Sunday, May 25, Sanctuary Choir will share a special all-music hymn festival, *O God, Our Help!*, during morning worship. We're revisiting beloved anthems and preparing beautiful hymn arrangements to inspire our congregation. This will be perfect for those with choral experience to participate without a long-term commitment. There will be two rehearsals:

- **Sunday, May 18**, 9:15–9:45 a.m.
- Sunday, May 25, 9:15–9:45 a.m. (Final preparation before 11 a.m. worship.)
 There's no audition just bring your love of sacred music. Your voice matters, and this special Sunday won't be the same without you.
 Coffee and refreshments will be provided at rehearsals. Contact: Minister of Music Ariel Merivil (amerivil@wilshirebc.org)

Save the date for Winds concert

Wilshire Winds will present a concert of sacred and secular music on Sunday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Shana Gaines directs the volunteer group of brass, woodwind and percussion players.

North elevator update

The Building, Interior and Grounds Committee has selected a vendor to replace the aging north elevator. Work should begin soon and will take approximately six months. We apologize for the inconvenience. Thank you for your continued patience during this time.



Wednesday, May 14, 2025 10:00am - 2:00pm

> Wilshire Baptist Church 4316 Abrams Rd Carter BloodCare Bus

Schedule an appointment



Contact: Linda Garner, Nurse

lgarner@wilshirebc.org



CarterBloodCare.org 800-366-2834 | Text CBCDonate to 999-777

*While supplies last. Appreciation gifts may be substituted for a different gift.

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/realm.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

This Week

Sunday, May 11

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

Monday, May 12

■ Wilshire Winds, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13

■ WOW Tuesday Evening Book Club, Parlor, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Blood Drive, North Parking Lot, 10 a.m.
- Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 15

■ Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 17

- Deacon Retreat, Community Hall, 9 a.m.
- White Rock Center of Hope Food Distribution, 9 a.m.
- Yoga Class, Youth Center, 10 a.m.

Sunday, May 18

- WSM Graduate Breakfast, Palmer's Hot Chicken, 9 a.m.
- Hymn Festival Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 9:15 a.m.
- Wilshire Welcome, Prayer Room, 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Finance Committee, 1205-G, noon
- Pathways to Ministry Committee, 2312, noon
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.
- Wilshire at the Park, Flag Pole Hill, 5 p.m.

Lavonda Mann

Hometown: Pulaski, Tennessee **Present City:** Harlingen/Dallas

Education: A.S., Samford; B.A., UT-Brownsville; Clinical Pastoral Education Residency, Valley Baptist Health System; Master of Divinity,

Logsdon Seminary.

Profession: CEO of Human Development/ Spiritual Formation for the Mann Family and outreach; former chaplain in Clinical Pastoral Care at VBHS and Rio Grande Valley Hospices.

Tell us about your family.

David and I have been married over 41 years. Our stories mirrored, and our vocational callings to "foreign fields" were shared. We became engaged at Samford about four weeks after our first group date — to a Truth concert. My mission field quickly became our four children, born within five years in two states. As they grew, so did our areas of outreach. Our family now includes Carley (James), Evan (Kelly), Elliott (Elle) and Drew (Rhi). Our grandchildren — Ruby, Francis, Claire, Kirk, Evlan and Kai — range from 3 to 19 years old. David and I also share my elder parents and extended family with my younger brother Noel (Rene), along with our nephew Timmy and niece Abby. Family is a wide, blessed circle for us.

How about your faith journey?

I cannot ever remember not knowing God. I was the one who asked my mother to teach me to pray — though I had never heard her pray aloud. One of my earliest theological memories is watching men in Sunday suits on TV sing "Jesus Loves



Me." At 3 years old, I asked my mother why they sang like Jesus only loved them. She wisely told me, "We're all supposed to sing along." Later, in rural Tennessee, I caught the school bus at dawn and was discipled in Christ's ways by Lydia, the daughter of a Church of God minis-

ter. She taught me about Bible study, prayer and listening to the Holy Spirit. I began reading the Bible and praying nightly. Two gifts shaped me early on: *The Living New Testament for Children* and *The World Book Encyclopedia*. I professed my faith at 8, though my parents insisted I wait to be baptized until I was "of age." I was baptized at 15 in a Southern Baptist church and answered God's call to full-time ministry at 16. I expected to be a foreign missionary — probably to Africa. Learning firsthand from Scripture before formal church involvement gave me a priceless foundation, later built upon through theological education.

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

As an underclassman, I was once required to conduct a critical analysis of the entire curriculum published by the Baptist Sunday School Board. A daunting but eye-opening experience!

WSM YOUTH CAMP

June 30-July 5 | wilshirebc.org/events/youth-camp-2025



"Youth camp is the BEST week of the year where you have opportunities to grow relationships with Christ as well as friends." Parker Mosley, 12th grade



Tt's time to sign up for Wilshire ■ Student Ministry's best week of the year. The group will again travel to Ferncliff Camp near Little Rock, Arkansas, which provides great lodging, meeting space and recreation — hiking, nature trails, a swimming pool, lake activities, disc golf, sand volleyball and more. Mix in great adult leaders and good friends and you have everything you need for a fun, meaningful week. We're excited to welcome back Jared Jaggers as camp pastor. Jared is a former Wilshire pastoral resident and intern now serving on staff at the American International Church in London.

How much does it cost?

This year's cost of \$500 covers meals, lodging, activities, transportation and a fantastic T-shirt.

How does lodging work?

Youth will stay in cabins assigned by grade.

How are we getting there?

As usual, we'll travel by bus. The trip takes about 6.5 hours.

Are scholarships available?

Yes. We never want money concerns to keep any youth from attending youth camp. For more information, please contact Darren (ddement@wilshirebc.org).

Are guests welcome?

Absolutely! Camp is a great way to introduce someone to WSM.

How do I sign up?



Register and pay online. Get started by scanning the QR code or visiting wilshirebc.

org/events/youth-camp-2025.

Is there a deadline?

We'd love to have everyone signed up and paid in full by June 25. The earlier you sign up, the easier it is for us to plan an awesome week.