



### Preparing for worship

The Swedish theologian Krister Stendahl suggests that we should leave room in our religious understanding for "Holy Envy" in how we understand and engage with religious traditions different from our own. By this he means that it is proper to feel a sense of admiration when we recognize attractive characteristics in other traditions that emphasize a certain practice or theological meaning, or that they may do so with a distinctive beauty or sacramental depth that may not be a feature of our own tradition.

One of the aspects of Orthodox Christian worship I have always found moving is their belief that as we begin our communal worship, we are joining in with unending heavenly worship. For the Orthodox, worship is therefore a "Divine Liturgy" that mystically unites us in praise with the angels and saints before the throne of God. As the great saint of the Eastern church St. John Chrysostom declared, "Now the powers of heaven do serve invisibly with us."

Because of this understanding of worship as both communal and cosmic, the start of an Orthodox service offers a sense of a mystical parting of the veil that divides heaven and earth, as the eternal and the here-and-now are mysteriously joined together in worship.

Today is Trinity Sunday, and in the spirit of Stendahl's Holy Envy, we will start our worship with the ringing of bells and a cantor exclaiming "Glory to Thee, O Holy Trinity," one of the acclamations used to initiate the Divine Liturgy. Nova will answer with an "Amen" and then follow with the response, "O Come Let Us Worship."

As worship begins, may you get a sense that we too are entering into the great cosmic drama of worship. May this remind us that worship is the work of the whole Church, including those who are beyond our apprehension, who are celebrating with us on behalf of all and for all.

-Mike Capps



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On the cover: Triune Dance, Mike Moyers, oil on canvas.

### June 15, 2025 11:00 a.m. Trinity 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

Georgia McKee

**Choral Voluntary** 

Acclamation: Glory to Thee Traditional/arr. Capps
Ralph Manuel, cantor
Shana Gaines, Juliana Moore and Monica Mullins, handbells

Glory to thee, O God Glory to thee, O holy trinity

Glory to thee, now and forever and unto ages!

Priidite, poklonimsia (Come, Let Us Worship)

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Priidite, poklonimsia (Come, Let Us Worshi Nova Mike Capps, director

Priidite, poklonimsia Tsarevi nashemu Bogu Come, let us worship God, our King

Priidite, poklonimsia i pripadem Come, lets us worship and fall down

*Hristu Tsarevi nashemu Bogu* Before Christ, our king and our God

*Priidite, poklonimsia i pripadem*Come, let us worship and fall down

Samomu Hristu Tsarevi i Bogu nashemu. Before the very Christ, our king and our God

Priidite, poklonimsia i pripadem Yemu Come, let us worship and fall down before him

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

+Congregational Song

## God Our Father, We Adore Thee No. 12 Stanzas 1–3

BEECHER

+Call to Worship Pam Haley

One: Let us worship the Triune God.

All: Let us worship the One who spoke in the beginning and created something out of nothing.

One: Let us worship the Triune God.

All: Let us worship the One who took on the clothing of humanity to set those who were oppressed free.

One: Let us worship the Triune God.

All: Let us worship the One whose Spirit rests continually upon us, calling us from sorrow-filled endings to bright new beginnings.

+Response in Song

God Our Father, We Adore Thee Stanza 4

BEECHER

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Three in One! we give Thee praise!
For the riches we inherit, heart and voice to Thee we raise!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee! Thee we bless through endless days!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee! Thee we bless through endless days!

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures — Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Chelsea Hopkins

Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live.

. . .

"The LORD created me at the beginning of the LORD's work, the first of LORD's acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, when God had not yet made earth and fields or the world's first bits of soil. When God established the heavens, I was there; when God drew a circle on the face of the deep, when God made firm the skies above, when God established the fountains of the deep, when God assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress God's command, when God marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside God, like a master worker, and I was daily God's delight, playing before God always, playing in God's inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

Offertory

Improvisations on "Come, Thou Almighty King" Amy Pottkotter, piano

arr. Amy Pottkotter

### +Gospel Reading — John 16:12–15

Christopher Granberry

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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 "Imagine God" Timothy Peoples

Musical Meditation Meditation on "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" arr. Jeffrey Brummel

### Prayers of the People

Heather Mustain

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 Wherever He Leads I'll Go FALLS CREEK
No. 491

Sharing of Decisions Timothy Peoples

Benediction Timothy Peoples

Postlude Postlude on "Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. James Pethel

Candy McComb, guest music director Bill Jernberg, guest organist Amy Pottkotter, guest pianist



**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

Christopher Granberry grew up at Wilshire. His mother is Kirsten Robertson, and his sisters are Hannah and Clara Granberry. Christopher just completed a Bachelor of Arts at the Paris Institute of Political Studies in Reims, France, where he majored in political humanities. He will return to France this fall to begin a master's program in political theory at the the Institute's Paris campus.

**Pam Haley** joined Wilshire in 1991 and raised two kids here. Her son, Michael, lives in Mineola with his wife and three kids. Pam's daughter, Spencer Long, is married to Dwayne and attends Wilshire with their son, Cooper. Pam is a member of Cord of Three Class.

**Chelsea Hopkins** joined Wilshire in 2022. She is a member of Ithaka Class, plays French horn in Wilshire Winds and sings in Sanctuary Choir and Nova. Chelsea works on Wilshire's staff as executive assistant to Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples and as the church clerk.

Bill Jernberg joined Wilshire in 1972 and met his wife, Janice, here. Their daughter, Anne Jernberg Scalfaro, and son, Brad Jernberg, are both alumni of Wilshire's residency program. Bill and Janice teach First Grade Sunday School, and Bill is a deacon, serves on the Building, Interior and Grounds Committee, sings in Sanctuary Choir and serves as accompanist for Nova and Young Musicians. He has also served Wilshire for many years as a substitute organist. Bill is retired from a 44-year career as an emergency physician.

Amy Pottkotter joined Wilshire in 2019 along with her husband, Kurt, and their three kids: Joshua, Audrey and Katherine. Amy is a professional vocal coach, soloist and accompanist. At Wilshire she has served as pianist for Youth Choir and Shekinah and has participated in multiple Faith in 3D productions.

### **Staff contacts**

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# **Tapestry**

News & Announcements June 15, 2025



### **Youth Choir on tour**

Wilshire's Youth Choir left yesterday for Chicago, where it will spend the week singing, serving and sightseeing. Keep the group of 47 singers, leaders and chaperones in your prayers.

The choir will sing for worship today at La Salle Street Church. Other sites for singing or serving include Roseland Christian Ministries, Chicago Eco House and an assisted living center. The Wilshire group will take in a Cubs game at Wrigley Field, enjoy pizza at Gino's East and visit the Field Museum, the Art Institute of Chicago, the John Hancock Center observation deck, Millennium Park, Grant Park and other attractions.

Instead of presenting an evening "home concert" upon their return, the choir will sing several selections in Wilshire's morning worship service on Sunday, June 22.

### **Congratulations to**

Michael and Molly Shepard on the birth of Caitlin June, June 10. Big sister is Olivia, grandparents are **Ed and Linda Francis** and aunt is **Julie Francis**.

### PEP drive needs shoes, belts

Wilshire is conducting a Men's Clothing Drive for mission partner Prison Entrepreneurship Program. Gently



worn professional or business apparel is welcome — especially shoes and belts. Bring items to the collection tables in James Gallery and the South Atrium through Sunday, June 22. PEP (pep.org) seeks to reduce recidivism and increase economic opportunity for incarcerated individuals through entrepreneurship training and re-entry services.

### For guests and new members

- Wilshire Welcome, a one-hour session to help guests and new members learn about the church, will be offered Sunday, June 15, at 9:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room near McIver Chapel.
- Time with Tim, an informal chance to connect with Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples, will meet on Sunday, July 6, at 9:45 a.m. in Timothy's office. 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 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.









Jeff Lee **CBF Field Personnel** 

### Mission partners here June 29

Two of Wilshire's global missions partners will share about their ministries at a special luncheon in Community Hall on Sunday, June 29. Join us after worship to hear from Jeff Lee, CBF field personnel serving in Macedonia, and Yusuph Emmanuel, founder and CEO of Twelve21 Global, a nonprofit focused on Tanzania. Lunch



will be provided at no cost. RSVP is requested but not required; scan QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/events/ world-impact-luncheon.

### **Drop-In Choir on June 29**

Curious about singing in choir but not able to make a weekly commitment? Join the Summer Drop-In Choir on Sunday, June 29. We'll meet in Choral Hall at 9 a.m. for a quick rehearsal, then go to Sunday School before singing in worship. No dress code, choir robes or prior rehearsal needed. Invite your friends, neighbors or favorite youth to join you. Contact Minister of Music Ariel Merivil at amerivil@wilshirebc. org with any questions.

### Wilshire seeking finance director

Wilshire is now accepting applications for the role of director of finance. This full-time role will be responsible for overseeing and optimizing the day-to-day operations of the finance area, including strategic planning, budgeting, financial reporting and ensuring compliance with industry standards and regulations. See the job description and application instructions at wilshirebc.org/employment.

### **Transportation help needed**

What would you do if you could no longer drive and missed going to church on Sunday morning? A few of our senior adults are now in that situation. At least one lives west of Central Expressway, while others live in Garland and Lake Highlands. We need volunteers who would be willing to provide transportation to Wilshire one Sunday a month, if not more often. We also need volunteers who can be available during the week to provide transportation to medical visits for those who cannot drive themselves. If you are interested in being of service to your fellow church members, please contact Parish Nurse Linda Garner at lgarner@wilshirebc.org or 214-452-3151.



### **Happy campers**

Children and preschoolers learned about trusting God at Wilshire's Vacation Bible School, Camp Firelight, this week. Mornings included worship in McIver Chapel plus rotations through music, missions, art, Bible story and recreation. The fifth grade class visited and served at the Wilkinson Center, Gateway of Grace, HHM Health, White Rock Center of Hope and Austin Street Center.











### Women of Wilshire book clubs

- Brown Bag Book Club | July 3 | Noon | 1205-L | *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)
- Tuesday Evening Book Club | July 8 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | Earthly Joys by Philippa Gregory. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

### Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club will discuss Timothy Egan's A Fever in the Heartland on Tuesday, June 17, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. The group meets the third Tuesday every month. 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>).

### Bus tour shines light on sex trafficking in Dallas

The Men's Advocacy Group of nonprofit agency New Friends New Life offers a guided bus tour to raise awareness of the reality of sex trafficking in Dallas. The two-hour tour on Wednesday, July 9, at 11 a.m. is free, but donations are encouraged. Register at <a href="mailto:newfriendsnewlife.org/bustour">newfriendsnewlife.org/bustour</a>. New Friends New Life restores and empowers trafficked and sexually exploited teen girls, women and their children and drives awareness of the issue and its prevalence.

### **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.





## Deacon retreat was day for dreaming

N SATURDAY, MAY 17, Wilshire's active deacons held their annual retreat in Community Hall, where they were led by Pathways to Ministry alum Chris Aho.

A writer, preacher, independent consultant and coach based in Durham, North Carolina, Chris works with individuals, congregations and organizations to navigate faithful change through intentional design and spiritual imagination. He previously served as director of the Thriving Congregations Initiative of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

At the retreat, Chris led the deacons through an exercise called the Creative Hustle. In several small groups we identified challenges or areas of growth for Wilshire. We then identified the ripple effects of those challenges and explored possible next steps, improvements and unanticipated ripple effects of those steps.

It was a wonderful day of brainstorming, exploration, thinking, discussion and dreaming. We are grateful to Chris for leading us and were moved by everyone's ideas and their passion for those ideas and for Wilshire.

## Someone to talk with.

If you're facing a life challenge and would like a friend to walk alongside you for a season of healing, perhaps you would benefit from a Stephen Minister. This ministry pairs trained lay people with those in need of confidential companionship during times of crisis. To reach out, email <a href="mailto:stephenministry@wilshirebc.org">stephenministry@wilshirebc.org</a> or call 214-452-3176.

stephen



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**REALM CONNECT APP.** Easily make gifts and see past giving on your mobile device. Available at your device's app store. Find download links at wilshirebc.org/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, June 15

- Youth Choir Tour, Chicago
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Wilshire Welcome, Prayer Room, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.

### Monday, June 16

■ Youth Choir Tour, Chicago

### Tuesday, June 17

- Youth Choir Tour, Chicago
- Wilkinson Center Pantry Assistants, noon
- Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- Men's Book Club, Parlor, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, June 18

■ Youth Choir Tour, Chicago

### Thursday, June 19

- Youth Choir Tour, Chicago
- Church closed for Juneteenth Holiday

### Friday, June 20

■ Youth Choir Tour, Chicago

### Saturday, June 21

■ Youth Choir arrives home

### Sunday, June 22

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Belong Team, 1205-L, noon
- Adventurers Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Compass Class Curriculum Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Finance Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Missions & Advocacy Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Youth Choir Tour Slideshow, James Gallery, noon

### Wednesday, June 25

- History Committee, History Room, 5:30 p.m.
- WSM: Study-n-Swim, Sheaffer home, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

## **Debby Burton**

Name: Debby Burton

**Hometown:** My dad was in the service, and we moved around until he retired. We settled in Arlington, where I graduated high school.

**Present City:** Plano

**Profession:** Administrative assistant

### Tell us about your family.

I met David Burton at my home church in Arlington in 1981. We married and moved to Garland in 1982. Our two adult sons, Andrew (Doo) and Josh, grew up at Wilshire.

### How about your work or volunteer life?

I began working at First Baptist Church in Garland in 1982. In 1997 I came to Wilshire as education and missions assistant. I became George Mason's assistant in 1999 (don't ya know). In 2024 I went part-time and became the administrative assistant for Pathways to Ministry.

### Any favorite hobbies?

Reading, baseball, jigsaw puzzles and games. Last year David and I moved to a 55+ community, and we're both active there, playing pickleball and participating in social and exercise activities. I am the game coordinator for the Friday and Sunday afternoon game times.

### What are your favorite places to travel?

My favorite trip so far is an Alaskan cruise. God knew what he was up to when he made Alaska! On my bucket list were to travel by train and to visit the Grand Canyon. We checked both of those off in 2023. Now, how do I get to Hawaii?

### Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

I attend Foundations of Faith Class and lead the WOW Tuesday Evening Book Club.



### | What has surprised | you most about | Wilshire?

I had an amazing mentor at First Baptist Garland who taught me about church work. I brought those skills to Wilshire. Evidently my skills and love for the work has served me well. Wilshire has kept me on staff for 28 years!

### Tell us about your faith journey.

I was baptized by Daniel Vestal at age 12 and was active in church from then on. I grew up Southern Baptist, married a Southern Baptist preacher's kid and work in a Baptist church. All I know is church. Along the way I found my spiritual gift: prayer. I love praying for people, and at the same time my own faith is strengthened. Call on me if you need a prayer warrior.

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

My dad was a security guard at Rangers Stadium in the '70s. I would go with him to watch batting practice and stay late to wave goodbye to the players. I still have a special place in my heart for baseball and the Rangers.

### What adjectives best describe you?

Dedicated and caring. As an Enneagram 2, I love everyone else but myself. Ironically, my star word this year is "self-love." Right now, I love myself enough to share this bio!

## 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.