

Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

July 6, 2025

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for worship

This week marked the halfway point in the calendar year. On Wednesday, we were 182 days removed from Jan. 1 and 182 days away from Dec. 31. And I have found myself asking, how is the year only and already halfway through? We began this year with Epiphany, moved through Lent, then Easter and Pentecost.

Here we are now, in the summer, deep in the ordinary time of the church. Perhaps not ordinary in the sense that we think of but rather ordinary in the sense of the “everyday.” This time in the life of the Church is to reflect on the life and teachings of Christ, to engage in the everydayness of our faith.

So often, we tend to think about what came before or what is coming next, rather than thinking about what is happening right now. We can fixate on the past, either romanticizing or challenging that time; or we can look too far into the future, worrying and planning for things that may not come to pass.

This first half of the year has flown by for some and dragged for others. But in either case, we are here — in this moment.

Whether you’re reading from a pew before worship or online from home, take a moment

and think about all the steps that got you to where you are this morning. Perhaps there was the mad dash to get families out the door on time. Maybe you had a slow cup of coffee as you got ready for the day. Perhaps your day began in reflection if today is the anniversary of something celebratory, or of some great grief.

Now move your mind to the noon hour — what do you have going on after worship? Do you have lunch plans, are you going to be setting up for Cooking Camp or Listen to Your Art? What does the rest of the day hold for you?

Once you are done with that, take a deep breath and remember that you are here in this space.

Each step of the morning brought you here to this moment when we are gathered together to worship with one another.

As we prepare for worship, breathe deep and know that whatever you bring to this space, you do not carry it alone. Let this time be a reminder of how the Spirit moves through the everydayness of our faith.

—Maggie Morey



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July 6, 2025
11:00 a.m.
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Chiming of the Hour

We gather in community this morning to worship God.
To help center our focus in worship, please silence all electronic devices.

Welcome to Worshipers

Maggie Morey

Prelude

Fanfare

Michael Helman

+Congregational Song

Holy God, We Praise Your Name
No. 9
Stanzas 1–3

GROSSER GOTT

+Call to Worship

Alice Boyd

One: When we are feeling low,

All: God raises us up.

One: When we are weak,

All: God makes us strong.

One: When we are sad and weeping,

All: God brings us joy.
As we gather in God's name, God is with us.

+Response in Song

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT

**Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you,
While in essence only one; undivided God we claim you,
And adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.**

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

One: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me
to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

**All: Sing praises to the LORD, O you God's faithful ones,
and give thanks to God's holy name.**

One: For God's anger is but for a moment;
God's favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."
By your favor, O LORD,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

**All: To you, O LORD, I cried,
and to the LORD I made supplication:**

One: "What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!"

**All: You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

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

Give Me Jesus

arr. Ralph Manuel

Jeff Brummel, organ; Ariel Merivil, piano

+Epistle Reading — Galatians 6:1-16

Katie Murray

My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised — only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule — peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

“Dum Spiro Spero”

Timothy Peoples

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Jared Jagers

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

More Precious Than Silver

arr. Mark Hayes

Passing of the Cup

The Lord's My Shepherd

arr. Searle Wright

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

+Congregational Song

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

No. 473

Stanzas 1, 2, 3 and 5

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

Postlude

Fugue on GROSSER GOTT

arr. Henry Kihlken

Meet today's worship leaders

Alice Boyd is a rising fourth grader and will attend William B. Travis TAG Academy this fall. Her parents are Kristin and Ryan Boyd, and her younger sister is Ana. Alice's grandparents Kaye and Kenneth Donn also attend Wilshire. Alice enjoys piano, volleyball and reading, and at Wilshire she is active in Sunday School and Children's Choir.

Jared Jagers has been associate minister at the American International Church in London since 2020, when he completed Wilshire's pastoral residency program. Before becoming a resident, he and his wife, Hannah, were members at Wilshire for four years. The couple welcomed daughter Sunny in 2023. Jared served as camp pastor for Youth Camp this week.



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

Phone numbers: 214-452- followed by extension shown below. **Email addresses:** first letter of first name and full last name followed by @wilshirebc.org (example: tpeoples@wilshirebc.org). Staff members with phone extensions have Wilshire email addresses.

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- Mark McKenzie, Communications Director (3169)

Congregational Care

- Barbara Clayton, Pastoral Care Assistant (3125)
- Linda Garner, Parish Nurse (3151)
- Carolyn Murray, Coordinator of Congregational Life (3170)
- Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor (3110)

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

Hospitality and Facilities

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

Missions and Advocacy

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

Music and Worship

- 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)

Operations and Technology

- Rene Altamirano, Maintenance Technician
- Bryant Greer, Building Operations Manager (3146)
- Jim Tapley, Audio and Video Coordinator

Pathways to Ministry

- 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)
- Carole McClung, Spiritual Formation Ministry Assistant (3130)
- Katie Murray, Minister to Senior Adults (3129)
- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)

Tapestry



News & Announcements
July 6, 2025



Listen to Your Art! musical Friday night

This week's sold out Listen to Your Art! children's camp will culminate Friday night, July 11, with the presentation of a musical, *Beauty and the Feast*, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This musical about the Bible character Esther has action, mystery, surprises and romance, and the kids will learn a lot from Esther, our "shero," who bravely answers the call to save her people. This presentation isn't just for parents; everyone is invited to come show their support.

■ **Cooking Camp** and **Kindergarten and Preschool Camp** will also be going on this week. Both of these camps are sold out.

Condolences to

Sophia Gottlick and Georgia McKee on the death of Sophia's grandmother, Sarah "Sally" Berthusen, June 27.

Passport Kids! still has room



It's not too late to sign up for Passport Kids!, our preteen camp for completed third through fifth graders. On Sunday, July 20, our group will travel by chartered bus to Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center in Glen Rose. Campers will experience high-energy worship, interactive Bible study, recreation, missions and more, led by camp staff with help from Wilshire chaperones. The group will return on Wednesday, July 23. To register, visit wilshirebc.org/events/preteen-camp.

Adventurers Tile Time on July 16



Wilshire Adventurers will meet for Tile Time — a social event dedicated to beloved tile games like Mahjong, dominoes and Scrabble — on Wednesday, July 16, from 10 a.m. to noon in James Gallery. Please register and indicate which games you want to play at wilshirebc.org/events/tile-time. Adventurers is a fellowship group for anyone 60 and up.



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.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE *Ball Game*

★ ★
SUNDAY
JULY
20
★ ★

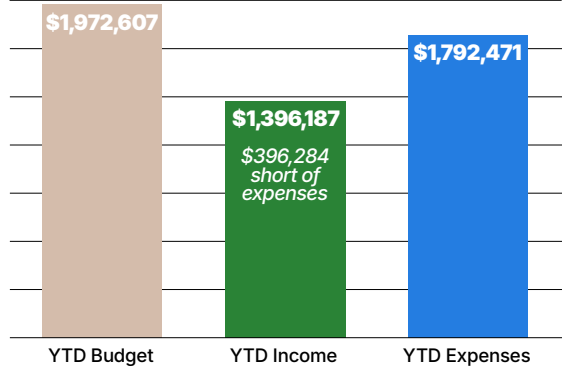


TEXAS RANGERS vs DETROIT TIGERS

Join Wilshire friends to see the Texas Rangers play the Detroit Tigers at Globe Life Field on Sunday, July 20, at 1:35 p.m. Our group tickets cost \$20 each. For an additional \$10, you can ride our chartered bus, which will leave Wilshire at 12:15 p.m. and bring you back after the game. Grab your ticket and a spot on the bus at wilshirebc.org/events/rangers or scan the QR code.



Unified Budget Update



Pathways Endowment YTD gifts.....\$13,157
Pathways Endowment June balance.....\$10,417,668

Sign up for July 16 Blood Drive



Carter BloodCare will hold a blood drive at Wilshire from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16. 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.

Women of Wilshire book clubs

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Aug. 7 | Noon | 1205-L | *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Aug. 12 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *Virgin Earth* by Philippa Gregory. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

Men's Book Club meets July 15

The Men's Book Club will discuss Percival Everett's novel *James* on Tuesday, July 15, 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).

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.

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, July 6

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Time with Tim, Pastor's Office, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Handbell Quintet Rehearsal, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

Monday, July 7

- Cooking Camp, Community Hall, 9 a.m.
- Kindergarten & Preschool Camp, 9 a.m.
- Listen to Your Art! Camp, 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 8

- Cooking Camp, Community Hall, 9 a.m.
- Kindergarten & Preschool Camp, 9 a.m.
- Listen to Your Art! Camp, 12:30 p.m.
- WOW Tuesday Evening Book Club, Parlor, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 9

- Cooking Camp, Community Hall, 9 a.m.
- Kindergarten & Preschool Camp, 9 a.m.
- Listen to Your Art! Camp, 12:30 p.m.
- WSM Study-n-Swim, Wilson home, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 10

- Cooking Camp, Community Hall, 9 a.m.
- Kindergarten & Preschool Camp, 9 a.m.
- Stewpot Meal Service, 11:15 a.m.
- Listen to Your Art! Camp, 12:30 p.m.
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, July 11

- Cooking Camp, Community Hall, 9 a.m.
- Kindergarten & Preschool Camp, Preschool Classrooms, 9 a.m.
- Listen to Your Art! Camp, 12:30 p.m.
- Listen to Your Art! Musical Performance, Sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 13

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Passport Kids Meeting, 2220, noon
- Handbell Quintet Rehearsal, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

John Coates

Hometown: Amarillo

Present City: Dallas

Education: Texas Tech University

Profession: Investigator and personnel management

Tell us about your family.

I am married to Miggy and have two daughters, Lisetta and Corinna. Lisetta lives very close to us and is preschool minister at Park Cities Baptist Church. She is also a licensed dyslexia therapist. Her two girls go to Oklahoma State University; Emma will be a senior and Madeleine will be a sophomore. Corinna lives in Austin and has three children. Her son Jack will be attending the University of Texas at Austin to study aerospace engineering. William and Maggie are in middle school. William plays baseball and football. Maggie is in dance.

How about your work or volunteer life?

I was in the Marine Corps for eight years. I later worked in the Office of Personnel Management in Dallas, then Houston, then New Orleans and then back to Dallas. At Wilshire I volunteer with Friday Friends and work with people with memory problems. I have worked with Friday Friends for eight years. For seven years, I worked preparing the elements for the Lord's Supper. Previously, I worked for 10 years with babies in Sunday School (some are deacons now). I sing bass in New Song Community Choir and played the "Little Old Lady from Pasadena" in our May 4 benefit concert.



Any favorite hobbies?

I enjoy walking. In our younger days we liked to camp in State Parks.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

My wife and I moved to Dallas in 1972 from New Orleans. We asked our previous pastor

about finding a church in Dallas. He recommended Wilshire.

Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

I was chair of the Wilshire Adventures for five years. I work with Friday Friends, and I am active in the Open Bible Class. I have been in New Song for 18 years and served as president for one year.

Tell us about your faith journey.

I have been a member of Baptist churches in Crockett, Plainview and Amarillo, Texas.

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

I observed voting rights in Southern states. I would go and observe local persons who managed the voting process. I observed them tallying votes and then reported my findings to a government attorney.

What Just Happened In The Texas Legislature?



**Come Listen & Learn with State
and Local Government Leaders**



Rep John Bryant
Texas Representative,
District 114



Almas Muscatwalla
Commissioner,
Dallas Housing Authority



Bee Moorhead
Executive Director,
Texas Impact

What decisions were made in the most recent Texas legislative session—and how do they impact people of faith committed to justice and public witness?

Join Texas Impact and fellow faith advocates from across the area for a powerful day of learning, reflection, and connection. Together, we'll unpack key legislation, explore its implications for our communities, and equip ourselves for faithful civic engagement moving forward.



A Texas Impact Event
Saturday, August 9 | 9:30 am – 2:00 pm
Hosted at Arapaho United Methodist Church
\$15 per person (includes lunch)

Register at www.arapahoumc.org/texas