



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

July 27, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for worship

In 2009 I climbed the steps into the organ loft situated in the rear gallery of the Corinthian-columned Greek revival church of La Madeleine in Paris. I sat down at the console of what I still feel is the loudest organ I've ever heard. My teacher for the day was the famed organist Frédéric Blanc, and my piece was the *Menuet gothique*, which you will hear as today's prelude.

Through much of my lesson, Blanc talked about the Spanish influences that permeate the French organs in Paris. Not only that, but the organ's design in turn influenced the music that was written for these instruments — the flare of the trumpets and the sharp pickup rhythms followed by strong downbeats. It's almost enough to make one dance in the aisles! Blanc kept urging me to play with more fire and excitement as the lesson progressed. I loved every minute of it.

My experience with Blanc parallels many parts of our culture, history and life. We often learn something one way and think whatever it is, that's the only way, the right way. I had always learned to be careful with my playing, to be very measured and controlled, until my Parisian teacher urged me to play into the angst and energy that the instrument and the music were yearning to communicate. It was another way, and I had been missing out. Actually, I was

missing out on the truth and integrity for this particular piece of music.

In seminary I took the compulsory biblical hermeneutics class. I was a bit nervous as a musician, but our professor was a graduate teaching assistant who understood the true need of the scope and sequence of this general education requirement. He structured the class in such a way that we could teach this to our future congregations. That is to say, it was accessible. From the beginning, it was all about one word, context. Everything in our Bible can only be understood by understanding everything about the circumstances around who wrote it and where, when, and to whom it was written. It wasn't what I was expecting from a conservative seminary in Fort Worth. I often thought our prof should come to Wilshire.

Today, you will hear context. You will hear it in the hymns we sing, the notes that are played, the notes from your own voices, and the good word preached from our pulpit. May you hear and feel these moments in our worship today, may you feel closer to God in your new understandings and may you share this Good News.

Now, get ready, because today I'm gonna use those trumpets!

—Jeff Brummel



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Building a Community of Faith Shaped by the Spirit of Jesus Christ
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship | Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists

We acknowledge that this land where we gather once held the sacred voices of Indigenous peoples and bore the suffering of the enslaved.

On the cover: Psalm 138, Kreg Yingst, block print. kregyingst.com

July 27, 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

Georgia McKee

Prelude

Menuet gothique (from *Suite gothique*, Op. 25)

Léon Boëllmann

+Congregational Song

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

ST. DENIO

+Call to Worship

Sunny Carroum

One: God, we gather in the power of your presence.

All: Make us one.

One: We celebrate this sacred community.

All: Make us one.

One: We challenge those that would divide us.

All: Make us one.

One: We celebrate the entirety of your human creation.

All: Make us one.

One: We've come to learn a better way.

**All: As we learn better, help us to do better.
May our worship empower our doing. Amen.**

+Response in Song

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Stanza 4

ST. DENIO

**Thou reignest in glory, thou dwellest in light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

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

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
 before the gods I sing your praise;
 I bow down toward your holy temple
 and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
 for you have exalted your name and your word
 above everything.
 On the day I called, you answered me;
 you increased my strength of soul.
 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
 for they have heard the words of your mouth.
 They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
 for great is the glory of the LORD.
 For though the LORD is high, God regards the lowly,
 but the haughty God perceives from far away.
 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
 you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
 you stretch out your hand,
 and your right hand delivers me.
 God will fulfill God's purpose for me;
 your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
 Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Offertory

Prelude on "Old Hundredth"

arr. Jeffrey Brummel

Children's Moment

Maggie Morey

+Congregational Song

Loving Spirit

OMNI DEI



Choir 1. Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,
 All 2. Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
 All 3. Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
 All 4. Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
 All 5. Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
 hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground. He said, “Please, my lords, turn aside to your servant’s house and spend the night and wash your feet; then you can rise early and go on your way.” They said, “No; we will spend the night in the square.” But he urged them strongly, so they turned aside to him and entered his house, and he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house, and they called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, so that we may know them.” Lot went out of the door to the men, shut the door after him, and said, “I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. Look, I have two daughters who have not known a man; let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please; only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof.” But they replied, “Stand back!” And they said, “This fellow came here as an alien, and he would play the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them.” Then they pressed hard against the man Lot and came near the door to break it down. But the men inside reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door. And they struck with blindness the men who were at the door of the house, both small and great, so that they were unable to find the door.

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

“Myths Exploded”

Charlie Fuller

Anthem

Morning Trumpet

arr. J.H. Wood

Nova

Candy McComb, director

Bill Jernberg, accompanist

O when shall I see Jesus and reign with him above,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
And from the flowing fountain drink everlasting love,
And hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
O shout glory! I shall mount above the skies when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

But now I am a soldier, my captain’s gone before,
And I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
He’s given me my orders and he bids me ne’er give o’er,
Till I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

When shall I be delivered, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
And with my blessed Jesus, drink endless pleasures in,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

Prayer Through Music

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

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

The Love of Jesus Calls Us

AURELIA

1. The love of Je - sus calls us our joy - ous praise to sing;
2. The love of Je - sus calls us, that we may al - ways be
3. The love of Je - sus calls us to go where he would go,
4. The love of Je - sus calls us in swift - ly chang - ing days,
our deep - ly felt thanks - giv - ings we now to - geth - er bring,
com - pan - ions on a jour - ney, where all the world may see
to chal - lenge all that lim - its, to change, to learn, to grow,
to be God's co - cre - a - tors in new and won - drous ways;
for all God's man - y bless - ings, un - asked yet still re - ceived,
that serv - ing Christ is free - dom which time does not de - stroy;
to know that Christ has freed us, that pris - ons are no more;
that God with men and wom - en may so trans - form the earth,
and for the gen - er - a - tions who faith - ful - ly be - lieved.
where Christ's com - mand is du - ty, and ev - ery du - ty joy.
for those who seek his king - dom, Christ o - pens ev - ery door.
that love and peace and jus - tice may give God's king - dom birth.

Sharing of Decisions

Charlie Fuller

Benediction

Charlie Fuller

Postlude

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

Meet today's worship leaders

Sunny Carroum, a Wilshire member since 2017, attends Journey Class, volunteers for Cooking Camp and has participated in mission trips to Tanzania and Mississippi. She is a teacher at Lake Highlands High School. Sunny's two daughters, Grace and Evelyn, attend the University of Arkansas.

Kristi Walters came to Wilshire in 2001 and is the mother of three boys: Ethan, who attends the University of Texas at Dallas, Chris, a student at Texas A&M University, and Sam, who attends Texas Tech University. Kristi is a fitness trainer and writes a blog for Wilshire's Facebook page.

Jason Woodbury and his wife, Paula, joined Wilshire in 1998 and attend Seekers Class. Jason is a deacon, teaches youth Sunday School and recently chaired the Risk Management Committee. He and Paula are the parents of Garrett, who attends Baylor University, and Kathryn, a rising junior at Lake Highlands High School, and guardians to Sher Moo Ku, a student at Austin College.



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

- Shaffon Alexander, 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)



Land acknowledgment adopted

WILSHIRE'S IN DEED AND TRUTH TEAM has created a land acknowledgment for the church. This formal statement, which recognizes the traditional stewards of the land, is a gesture of respect and reflection that provides opportunity to actively engage in the process of reconciliation.

By speaking these truths, we begin to address the legacy of colonialism and endeavor to foster a sense of collective responsibility and awareness. Acknowledgments, when done thoughtfully, are not merely symbolic; they remind us of our history and encourage our work toward justice, equity and healing.

While land acknowledgments are important, they must be accompanied by concrete actions. Words alone, however well intended, cannot address centuries of injustice or repair the harm caused by colonization. Individuals and institutions are called to learn about the specific histories and cultures of the peoples whose lands they occupy, to support initiatives, and to advocate for policies that uphold others' rights.

Wilshire's land acknowledgment, shown at right, has been published on our website at wilshirebc.org/about. As a reminder, a condensed statement will appear weekly in the worship folder on page 2.

■ *In Deed and Truth is a project of the St. Charles Center for Faith + Action and E Pluribus Unum that works with predominantly white congregations in the work of racial reconciliation. Our team includes Abbey Adcox, Juliana Moore, Louis Moore, Shelby Patterson and Margaret Rice.*

Wilshire Baptist Church acknowledges that we sit on territory originally occupied by multiple Indigenous people groups, most notably the Jumano, Wichita, Kickapoo and Tawakoni peoples. We recognize these tribes as the original stewards of this land.

We acknowledge this land also bears the blood, sweat and tears of enslaved people.

We acknowledge that the peoples of Latin and Hispanic descent who have lived and worked here before and still with us now are the descendants of the Aztecs and Toltecs and other Indigenous peoples.

This land has held many sacred voices prior to the presence of Wilshire Baptist Church. While we worship, pray and serve, may this acknowledgment be but a small gesture of our church's larger commitment to showing respect to all people through awareness and action.



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.

Fire drill set for Aug. 10

WILSHIRE WILL HOLD A FIRE DRILL on Sunday, Aug. 10, at about 10:30 a.m. Sunday School will start at 9:45 as usual, and the drill should be done before worship starts at 11.

Risk Management Committee chair Phil McNicholas says the committee's intent is to have regular fire drills to ensure preparedness in case of a fire. "The main responsibility of the Risk Management Committee," Phil said, "is to help mitigate our church's risks, and one important risk mitigation practice is having regular fire drills."

Each Sunday School room should have a sign on the wall indicating the nearest exit. When the drill starts, look for the nearest exit sign and leave the building using the stairwells. Elevators will not be used. Each Sunday School class should designate a drill leader to advise the class on its identified evacuation route, and staff and volunteers will be located around the building

to help guide you toward the proper assembly areas outside. Those with mobility issues are not required to participate.

Preschoolers and children will be supervised by their Sunday School teachers and will return to their classes once the drill is over for usual Sunday School pickup. The drill should take about 15 minutes. In case of rain, the drill will be postponed.

Also Aug. 10: Bluegrass worship

You won't want to miss 11 a.m. worship on Sunday, Aug. 10. The music in the service will be bluegrass themed, with a band, a song from Micheal Sheaffer and Elle Sheaffer, favorite hymns and more. It will also be a "drop-in choir" Sunday, one of a few in August. More details are coming soon.

Congratulations to

Jack and Bailey O'Neal on the birth of their daughter, Mara Whit, July 20. Big sister is Maeve.

Adventurers Trivia Night: Aug. 4

Join Wilshire Adventurers for Trivia Night on Monday, Aug. 4, at 6:30 p.m. in Community Hall. Cobbler and ice cream will be provided, and trivia expert Sam Tinsley will serve as emcee. There will be prizes! The event costs \$5 per person; no registration required. Adventurers is a fellowship group for anyone 60 and up.

Wilshire Welcome on Aug. 17

Wilshire Welcome, a one-hour session to help guests and new members learn about the church, will be offered Sunday, Aug. 17, at 9:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room near McIver Chapel. No RSVP necessary. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

Save the date for 75th anniversary



Wilshire will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2026, culminating with special events on Saturday, June 13, and Sunday, June 14.

Planning is underway, and more information is coming soon about how you can get involved. For now, mark your calendars for next June 13 and 14, and plan your summer vacation so you don't miss the festivities.

Back to School Drive

ITEMS DUE AUG. 3



Scan code for list of needed items and Amazon wishlist

Wilshire is conducting a Back to School Supply Drive for RISD's Northwood Hills Elementary, where Wilshire member Paige Pendery is the counselor. Scan the QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/events/bts-drive to find a list of needed items and a link to an Amazon wishlist. Please bring items to Wilshire by Sunday, Aug. 3. Items can be dropped off outside the main office weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or Sunday morning. Online purchases may be shipped to Abbey Adcox's attention at the church.



Preschool Playdate

Come experience Godly Play with Miss Kelly. Open to all preschoolers and their parents.

Friday, Aug. 1

9:30–11 a.m. | Room 1316

Aug. 9 Texas Impact panel on recent Legislative session

What decisions were made in the 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 for a day of learning, reflection and connection. Texas Impact's Bee Moorhead will moderate a talk with Texas Rep. John Bryant and Almas Muscatwalla of the Dallas Housing Authority. Arapaho United Methodist Church will host the event Saturday, Aug. 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A \$15 per person cost includes lunch. Please register by visiting arapahoumc.org/texas or scanning the QR code.



Save these dates for fall starts

Sunday, Aug. 17

- New Sunday School year begins
- Blessing of the Backpacks in worship
- Lunch after worship

Wednesday, Aug. 20

- Wednesday Night Live resumes

Sunday, Aug. 24

- Children's Choir begins
- Youth Choir begins

Wednesday, Sept. 3

- Lunch & Learn resumes

Serve at Vickery Meadow Mobile Food Pantry

Help is needed on Friday, Aug. 22, to serve with Wilshire at the Vickery Meadow Youth Development Foundation's Mobile Food Pantry. Wilshire serves the fourth Friday each month from 8:30 a.m. to noon. If you can help on Aug. 22, contact Charlie Estee at cesteedallas@gmail.com by Tuesday, Aug. 19.

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** | Sept. 9 (no August meeting) | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club will skip August and hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 16, to discuss *The Swerve* by Stephen Greenblatt. The group will meet in the Parlor at 7 p.m. Contact Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net).

This Week

Sunday, July 27

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

Wednesday, July 30

- WSM Study-n-Snow Cones, North Parking Lot, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 31

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

Friday, Aug. 1

- Preschool Playdate, 1316, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 2

- WSM Day at Six Flags, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Aug. 3

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Pathways to Ministry Lay Support Team Orientation, 2312, noon
- WSM End of Year Slide Show, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.

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