

**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**August 24, 2025**

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

# Preparing for worship

As a five- or six-year-old in Boston, I grew up in a church with a vibrant and spirited hymn and choral singing tradition. We sang classic traditional anthems and gospel songs. Alongside hymns like *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*, and *Be Still My Soul*, we also sang *Blessed Assurance* and *Precious Lord*.

One hymn that still dances in my musical memory is *Walk in the Light*. As you scanned your worship order today, you may have noticed that piece listed as our choral anthem. Now you may be asking yourself, “Isn’t that a Christmas hymn? Why would we sing that in August?”

This particular hymn setting has an interesting history. First appearing around 1904, this hymn was arranged by George Elderkin in the Black gospel waltz style. George, though not African American himself, used a typical format of the day to weave together the well-known Charles Wesley text with another refrain attributed to Fanny Crosby to create this hymn. This tune, updated by the harmonies of the legendary musician Evelyn Simpson Currenton, is sung with vigor in African American worship traditions all year long.

Beyond its history, this text speaks to our everyday calling — not only during Christmas. It reminds us to walk in the light of the one who is the light of the world — the light of our world. In a world that so desperately needs light, we are called to “walk the talk.” We are ambassadors, the hands and feet, of the Jewish carpenter who lived a life healing the sick, standing with the disenfranchised and welcoming those least welcomed.

Our Luke 13 Scripture reading today recounts the story of Jesus healing a woman in the synagogue and setting her free from her illness, all while facing the backlash of the “religious leaders” challenging him on a technicality. In our worship today, we will do many of the same things that bind us together in community each week: sing, pray and hear the word. May our presence today not be one of simply habit, but may the songs, prayers and Scripture compel and propel us to be doers of our faith. Walk in the Light, friends.

—Ariel Merivil



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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.*

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**On the cover:** *Church of the Light*, Ibaraki, Japan, Tadao Ando, architect, 1989. From *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library.

**August 24, 2025**  
11:00 a.m.  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

**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** Darren DeMent

**Prelude** *Fanfare* Michael Helman

**+Congregational Song** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine* ASSURANCE  
No. 619

**+Call to Worship** Mark Evans

One: You are welcome here.

**All: We are welcomed here.**

One: Jesus calls us to come as we are.

**All: Jesus asks us to open our hearts and be ready to let him change us.**

One: Come to this time of worship not knowing how God will speak to you today.

**All: We come ready to hear God's word and to follow Jesus where he leads.**

**+Response in Song** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine* ASSURANCE

**This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

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

In you, O LORD, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.  
Be to me a rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.  
Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.  
For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.  
From my birth I have leaned upon you,  
my protector since my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of you.

**Offertory**

*Fantasy on When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

arr. Albert L. Travis

**+Gospel Reading** — Luke 13:10–17

Dietrich Knabe

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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**

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*  
No. 241

MANNA

**Message** "Readjusting the Gaze" Timothy Peoples

**Anthem** *Walk in the Light* arr. André Thomas  
Summer Drop-In Choir

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hark! the herald angels sing, (Jesus, the Light of the world.)  
"Glory to the newborn King." (Jesus, the Light of the world.)

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! (Jesus, the Light of the world.)  
Christ, the everlasting Lord! (Jesus, the Light of the world.)

Jesus, the Light of the world.

**Prayers of the People** Jordann McMahan

**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** *Guide My Feet* GUIDE MY FEET  
No. 637

**Sharing of Decisions** Timothy Peoples

**Recognition of Holly Irvin**

**Benediction** Timothy Peoples

**Postlude** Improvisation on themes of the day Jeff Brummel

Candy McComb, congregational song leader

# Meet today's worship leaders

**Charlotte Barker** is a sixth grader at Berry Middle School in Mesquite. She joined Wilshire in February with her parents, Chris and Rachel Barker. Charlotte has two sisters, Alison and Randi. She enjoys digital drawing, gaming and hanging out with Wilshire friends.

**Mark Evans** and his wife, Christina, joined Wilshire last year with their kids, Liam, age 6, and Ellie, who is 4. Mark and Christina are members of Labyrinth Class. Mark works as a pilot for Southwest Airlines and serves in the Air Force Reserve.

**Dietrich Knabe** and his wife, Sarah, have been attending Wilshire since 2021. They are members of Genesis Class and have two sons, Logan, a senior at Richardson High School, and Brennan, a sophomore at Lake Highlands High School. Dietrich is an assistant public defender for Dallas County.



**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

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- Katie Murray, Minister of Pastoral Care and to Senior Adults (3129)

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- 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)

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- Rene Altamirano, Maintenance Technician
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- Debby Burton, Pathways to Ministry Assistant (3158)
- Charlie Fuller, Pathways to Ministry Director and Coach in Residence (3123)
- Amanda Hines, Pastoral Resident (3154)
- George Mason, Senior Pastor Emeritus and Pathways to Ministry Alumni Director (3133)
- Georgia McKee, Pastoral Resident (3152)
- Jordann McMahan, Pastoral Resident (3155)
- Maggie Morey, Pastoral Resident (3153)

## Senior Pastor

- Chelsea Hopkins, Executive Assistant (3132)
- 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 of Pastoral Care and to Senior Adults (3129)
- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)

## Children's, Youth Choirs start today



### Children's Choirs

Children's Choirs (grades 1–5) will resume rehearsals today, Aug. 24, from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. after a quick lunch in Room 2223. Unlike last year, rehearsals will be held weekly unless otherwise noted.

■ Kindergarten, Pre-K and 3-year-old choirs meet Wednesdays at 6 p.m. during KidConnect and Preschool Music & Missions.

■ Contact: Children's Choir Coordinator  
Candy McComb ([cmccomb@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmccomb@wilshirebc.org))



### Youth Choir and Shekinah

Wilshire's Youth Choir for 2025–2026 launches today after worship and will meet weekly from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. after a quick lunch. All students in grades 6–12 are welcome, whether they are Wilshire members or not. Come experience the joy of singing together. Help us spread the word!

■ The auditioned high school choir Shekinah will also start rehearsals today, at 1:30 p.m.

■ Contact: Minister of Music Ariel Merivil  
([amerivil@wilshirebc.org](mailto:amerivil@wilshirebc.org))

■ NEW: Middle School Bells (grades 6–8) starts Sunday, Oct. 19, at 1:30 p.m.



**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.



# Holly Irvin to be honored today for 20th anniversary on Wilshire staff

**W**ILSHIRE STAFFER HOLLY IRVIN says her favorite pastime is organizing. “I get a lot of joy figuring out all the details and watching something come to fruition — in my personal life and at work.”

That attention to detail has served Holly and Wilshire well for 20 years. Holly’s milestone anniversary as a Wilshire staff member will be celebrated near the end of worship today.

As director of hospitality, Holly supervises Wilshire’s facilities, food service and maintenance areas. She manages the master church calendar and coordinates with staff to make sure events in the building come off without a hitch.

“A big part of my job,” Holly said, “is ensuring that each person is fulfilling their job responsibilities and working as a team — and making sure they have what they need to get their job done. Our kitchen, facilities and maintenance folks do a great job with being teammates and allowing each to use their own skills that they bring to their position.”

Holly also serves as Wilshire’s wedding administrator and is the main point of contact for outside groups who use the building.

Her tenure at Wilshire began in the copy and mail room. She then served as education ministry assistant for eight years before becoming hospitality manager and then director of hospitality.

“I’ve grown a lot as I’ve transitioned through the different roles, and I’m very proud of that,” Holly said. “I’m grateful for the opportunities Mark Wingfield, Doug Haney and others afforded me along the way, and the support and mentorship I received from Geri McKenzie has made a huge impact on me in the last five years.

“While it’s been challenging and difficult at times,” Holly said, “I still believe I’m right where I’m supposed to be.”



Geri, who recently left her role as executive director of administration, said, “It has been an honor to walk alongside Holly over the past 20 years and such a joy to witness her professional growth and confidence. She has such a willing spirit to learn and to help others.”

Holly lives in Duncanville and is married to Jonathan. The couple has two sons, Nathan and Jakobe, and two grandchildren, Parklynn and Miller. Along with organizing, Holly enjoys RV travel and camping with friends and family. “There’s something I love about being in the vehicle, stuck with the other person — the uncomfortable silences and also the conversations you never planned to have.”

Associate Pastor Heather Mustain said, “It has been remarkable to watch Holly grow into whatever new role is thrown at her. Her willingness to continually say yes shows that she has a servant’s heart and a growth mindset. So much of Holly’s time is spent making sure we can do what we do throughout the week and on Sundays. We are blessed beyond measure to have had her for two decades. Here’s to two more!”

## Condolences to

**Charlene James** on the death of her son, Kirk James, Aug. 17. Kirk's father was Bill James, longtime minister of music at Wilshire.

## Brummel sabbatical starts soon



Associate Minister of Music and Organist Jeff Brummel will be on sabbatical from Sept. 1 to Oct. 12. In addition to spending time with family in Oregon and California, Jeff is scheduled to visit Philadel-

phia for organ improvisation study with a Yale professor. He will also play organ, observe ministry and take in performances at Mount Angel Abbey in Oregon, Utah's Salt Lake Tabernacle and churches in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Oregon. Jeff said, "I would like to express my gratitude for the generosity of the church that makes sabbaticals possible as well as the musicians and church staff who will be taking on my responsibilities while I'm away to learn and rest."

■ While Jeff is out, Wilshire's organ bench will be occupied by Bill Jernberg, Cindy Fuller and Ariel Merivil. Helping out on piano will be Shana Gaines, Amy Pottkotter, JoBeth Quillian and Candy McComb.

## Sojourners editor here Sept. 7



Betsy Shirley, editor in chief of *Sojourners* magazine, will be our guest on Sunday, Sept. 7. She will be interviewed in worship on the topic "The Press and the Pulpit: We've Both Got Trust Issues,"

and all are invited to hear more from Betsy and engage in Q&A over lunch in Community Hall. A graduate of Yale Divinity School, Betsy has worked for *Sojourners* since 2015. Lunch is free; donations are welcome. Childcare is available for pre-K and younger. Please register for childcare and lunch at [wilshirebc.org/events/betsy-shirley](http://wilshirebc.org/events/betsy-shirley).



## Drop-In Choir today

Today is the last day to sing with the Summer Drop-In Choir, which is designed for anyone who enjoys singing but may not be able to commit weekly. We'll rehearse in Choral Hall at 9 a.m., then go to Sunday School before leading in worship. We won't wear robes, and no experience is needed.

## Drop-In Winds: Sept. 14



Anyone who plays (or used to play) a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument is invited to play an easy piece with Wilshire Winds during worship on Sunday, Sept. 14.

We'll offer an optional rehearsal at noon on Sunday, Sept. 7, and all are welcome Monday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. for our first regular rehearsal. Youth who play in band are welcome, and we're also looking for pianists to play melodic percussion. Don't have a horn? We may have one to lend you. Contact: Shana Gaines ([sgaines@wilshirebc.org](mailto:sgaines@wilshirebc.org))

## Drop-In Bells: Sept. 28

Try playing handbells with Carillon Ringers on Sunday, Sept. 28. Details coming soon.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

## Vespers on Aug. 27

### Koinonia Café

**5 p.m. | Community Hall** | Buffet dinner for the whole family with kid-friendly options. Cash/check/credit. Full meal, \$10; kids ages 4–9, \$5; kids 3 and under, free; household max, \$35; soup and salad meal, \$7. **Aug. 27:** Baked potato bar with pulled pork, cheese, sour cream, onions, butter, bacon bits, BBQ sauce, cheese sauce, broccoli; chili, apple crumble, caramel pecan cookies, jello. **Kids:** Baked potatoes, pulled pork, broccoli.

### Preschool Music & Missions

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

### 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. Kindergartners will have choir as part of KidConnect.

### Watershed

**6:30 p.m. | Grades 6–12** | Wilshire Student Ministry's weekly time of Bible study and music in the Youth Center.



### Resident-Led Vespers

**6 p.m. | McIver Chapel** | Join the pastoral residents for a time of worship in the intimacy of McIver Chapel. The vespers service will include prayer, music and a homily from Maggie Morey.

■ **Sept. 3:** Bible Study series begins

■ **Sept. 3:** Let's Organize! (see p. 13)

### Sanctuary Choir

**7 p.m. | Choral Hall** | Wilshire's main adult choir rehearses weekly. New singers are always welcome, and there's no audition.

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

## Elevator update

The replacement of the north elevator is now projected to take place in early 2026. Needed parts will not arrive until late this fall. Once the project begins, it should take four to five weeks to complete. Thanks for your continued patience as the elevator remains out of service.

## Lunch & Learn returns Sept. 3

Lunch & Learn, held the first and third Wednesdays every month, resumes Sept. 3. All are invited at 11:30 a.m. for a buffet lunch (\$10) followed by Bible study. Katie Murray will lead an introduction to Acts, and we'll meet Wilshire's new pastoral residents. No RSVP needed. Pay at the door.

## Firearm disposal event: Sept. 7



Wilshire is co-hosting a "Guns to Gardens" safe disposal event on Sunday, Sept. 7, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration (14115

Hillcrest). This is an opportunity for anyone with unwanted firearms to safely dispose of them. Each gun will be used to create garden tools that the participant will receive at a later date. Guns to Gardens is a national movement working to reduce gun violence, and Wilshire is among several churches forming a local chapter. Find details about the event at [wilshirebc.org/events/guns-to-gardens](http://wilshirebc.org/events/guns-to-gardens).

■ Volunteers are needed to help staff the event. Email [dallascountyguns2gardens@gmail.com](mailto:dallascountyguns2gardens@gmail.com) if you can help.

## New? Get some Time with Tim

Time with Tim, an informal chance for guests and new members to connect with Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples, will meet on Sunday, Sept. 14, at 9:45 a.m. in Timothy's office. Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org))

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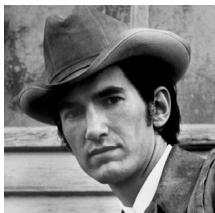


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adventurers-trip](http://wilshirebc.org/adventurers-trip)

## New this fall: Let's Organize!

Are you interested in working with others to create positive change in our community? Join Abbey Adcox and Georgia McKee for Let's Organize!, a new 6 p.m. option the first and third Wednesdays each month. Come strategize, connect with fellow members and take action together. All are welcome. Fall dates are Sept. 3 and 17; Oct. 1 and 15; and Nov. 5 and 19.

## Songwriter Vespers: Townes Van Zandt, Sept. 14



The music of Townes Van Zandt will be the focus of Wilshire's Songwriter Vespers on Sunday, Sept. 14, at 4:30 p.m. in Choral Hall. As with the John Prine Vespers in March, the event will

be a blend of a coffeehouse performance and a worship service, with readings and liturgical elements interspersed with Van Zandt songs played by Associate Pastor Darren DeMent and others. Coffee and light snacks will be served. Van Zandt (1944–1997) was a Texas-born “songwriter’s songwriter” known for his poetic lyrics and melancholic style.

## Wilshire Author Fair is Sept. 14

Come browse and buy books from a variety of church member authors at the Wilshire Author Fair on Sunday, Sept 14, from noon to 2 p.m. in Community Hall. Titles span a wide range of genres and topics: short fiction and novels; stories for children; and nonfiction including music, poetry, memoirs, culture, lifestyle, devotionals, photography, recipes, heritage, sermons, self-help and biblical commentary. Presented by the Wilshire Library. If you are an author and haven't been contacted about participating, email Jeff Hampton at [jefton@aol.com](mailto:jefton@aol.com).



**Wilshire**  
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*Celebrating 75 Years*

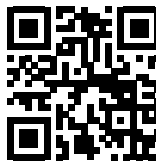
## Save the dates

Saturday, June 13, 2026

*Special Event*

Sunday, June 14, 2026

*Worship Celebration*



To get involved: Scan code  
or visit [wilshirebc.org/75](http://wilshirebc.org/75).



## Life Line Screenings here Sept. 4



Life Line Screenings will screen for stroke and cardiovascular disease risks at Wilshire on Thursday, Sept. 4. For \$129, Life Line will screen for carotid artery disease,

atrial fibrillation, peripheral artery disease and abdominal aortic aneurysm. To make an appointment, call 800-324-9458 and use code HABC001 or visit [lisa.social/habc](https://lisa.social/habc).

## Men's Book Club

Tuesday, Sept. 16 | 7 p.m. | Parlor | *The Swerve* by Stephen Greenblatt | Contact: Scott Spreier ([swspreier@gmail.com](mailto:swspreier@gmail.com)) or Mike Meripolski ([meripolski@att.net](mailto:meripolski@att.net)).

## Women of Wilshire book clubs

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Sept. 4 | Noon | 1205-L | *Great Big Beautiful Life* by Emily Henry. Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org))

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Sept. 9 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan. Contact: Debby Burton ([dburton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:dburton@wilshirebc.org))

## MomCo starts new year Sept. 5



Wilshire MomCo is registering for 2025-26 and will meet Friday, Sept. 5. MomCo, which offers encouragement, spiritual nourishment and fellowship to mothers of children of all

ages, meets at Wilshire during the school year on designated Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon. Childcare with a curriculum is available for ages 0-5. To register, visit [wilshirebc.org/connect/momco](https://wilshirebc.org/connect/momco).



## IDAT team seeks feedback

The racial justice timeline created by our In Deed and Truth team remains on display in James Gallery and the South Lobby. Our new land acknowledgment has been added, and you'll find space to add your own stories or reflections. You can also scan the QR code to



access the timeline and send thoughts via an online form. The display traces Wilshire's engagement with racial justice over the decades.



# Terry McCullough

**Full name:** Terry Lyn McCullough

**Hometown:** Austin

**Present city:** Dallas

**Education:** Baylor University and the University of Texas

**Profession:** Tennis professional for 32 years; retired in 2023

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

I moved to Dallas in 1993 after I fell in love with my husband, Michael, and we married in 1995. We have three children: Mac, who is 29 and married to Maura; Cyrus, 27; and Maggie, 24.

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

I taught tennis at Dallas Country Club for 30 years and retired in 2023. I especially loved teaching juniors and beginners! I spend a lot of time volunteering at The Men of Nehemiah as their garden coordinator. The organization helps men rebuild their lives and relationships after addiction and incarceration. The garden has nine raised beds, four in ground rows, a pollinator bed and a fruit orchard! They have a beautiful all-city worship every Tuesday night if anyone would like to join us and learn about the program. Everyone is welcome!

## **Any favorite hobbies?**

Fishing, gardening, reading and of course tennis and pickleball!

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

When I'm not in the garden or on the courts you'll find us in East Texas fishing or in the Hill Country looking at wildlife — or on special occasions in St. John watching sunsets!



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

Michael and I began visiting Wilshire several years ago, but just joined last November. I found myself with some deep church wounds six years ago, and I had lost interest in

being in an organized congregation until we tried Wilshire. The tears flowed and my heart softened. It was okay to be wounded, scared and often confused! I will be forever grateful for the warm welcome and acceptance from this dear community.

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

With our kids all in different cities, we are in a new phase of life and want to plug into the Wilshire activities. Michael loves teaching, and I hope to work with the kids so I can play games and be silly!

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

If I could have a fantasy job, I would want to conduct an orchestra. I love music very much. I'm obsessed with my cat, Sunshine Ginger Rogers McCullough.

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

My top spiritual gift is hospitality, so I look forward to entertaining all my new wonderful Wilshire friends!

# 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.*

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**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](http://wilshirebc.org/give).

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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 Shaffon Alexander's attention at Wilshire.

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

**DONATE STOCKS.** Contact Shaffon 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.

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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, Aug. 24**

- Drop-In Choir, Choral Hall, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Adventurers Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Compass Class Curriculum Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Missions & Advocacy Committee, Community Hall, noon
- One Starry Night Steering Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Pathways Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Personnel Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, 2223, noon
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Children's Choir, 12:30 p.m.
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

## **Wednesday, Aug. 27**

- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Preschool Music & Missions, 6 p.m.
- Vespers, McIver Chapel, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

## **Thursday, Aug. 28**

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

## **Sunday, Aug. 31**

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.

## **Monday, Sept. 1**

- Building closed; staff holiday

## **Tuesday, Sept. 2**

- Stephen Ministry CE/Supervision, 1205-G & 1205-L, 6:30 p.m.