



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**October 12, 2025**

*Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

# Preparing for worship

When you hear people talk about God's faithfulness, what comes to mind? Maybe you think of a particular story from the Bible, such as when God led the Israelites out of Egypt. Perhaps you think of the ways God continued to seek after people, even when they were not the most faithful to God.

Thinking about God's faithfulness could also point you to a time in your life when things worked together in a way that only God could make happen. When the diagnosis, the disaster or the despair were too much to hold, maybe you had an experience of God's presence that was especially meaningful.

I think about the ways the people in my life have displayed God's faithfulness. I think about the ways my mother has shown up for me. Even on my worst days, one of her gifts is meeting me where I am and reminding me of her love. I also am reminded of the friends and mentors who journeyed with me through seasons of change and great challenge. God has surprised me by putting people in my life at the exact moment I needed them.

During the service today, we will spend some time singing and reflecting on God's faithful-

ness. The writer of "I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness" derives the words of this short song from Lamentations 3:23. A central theme of the song is the idea that as we journey through life, God journeys with us.

Lamentations is not the first thing that came to my mind when considering God's faithfulness. However, God certainly displayed loyalty, steadfastness and trustworthiness in the ways God journeyed with people through that particularly devastating season.

The faithfulness of God displayed throughout the Bible and in our life experiences show us that, even when we are asking incredibly difficult questions, our questions are not too much for God to handle. Even when isolation consumes us, we are not alone. Even when hope feels silly or pointless, God is faithfully at work in us, around us and through us, bringing about goodness, mercy and love.

As we gather to worship today as a community of faith, take a moment to remember the journey you have been on with God. God is here with us. Life is so very hard many days, but God is faithful.

—Jordann McMahan



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*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:** *Look Up for Faith, Hope and Love*, Edie Mae Herrel, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville.

October 12, 2025  
11:00 a.m.  
Eighteenth 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**

Georgia McKee

**Prelude**

*Sanctus*  
Wilshire Winds  
Shana Gaines, director

Gary Gazlay

**Baptism — Robyn Huff**

Timothy Peoples

**+Congregational Song**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

1. I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
3. There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad, and built the loft-y skies.  
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them good.  
And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy throne,

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.  
Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.  
if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!  
and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

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

## +Call to Worship

Carolyn Murray

We gather our voices this morning to sing of the power, wisdom and goodness of God. As we proclaim the wonders of creation seen in mountains, seas and skies, may we remember that these majestic places do not hold an exclusive claim on God's presence. Wherever we are, in every place and moment, the loving presence of God is with us.

## +Response in Song

*Come Sing to God*

ELLACOMBE

**Come sing to God, O living saints; sing praises to God's name.  
The shadows are not permanent; God's love will never wane.  
Though tears may tarry for the night with sighs of deepest pain,  
yet joy comes with the morning sun, a peace that is not vain.**

## Children's Anthem

*How Can I Give You Thanks?*

Mark Patterson

Children's Choir  
Candy McComb, director  
Shana Gaines, piano

How can I give you thanks, oh Lord, when you made the stars that shine so bright?  
How can I give you thanks, oh Lord, when you gave the heavens light?  
Oh, Lord, your works are wonderful; their beauty I can see,  
and yet I stand here amazed oh, Lord, that you would give such gifts to me.

How can I give you thanks, oh Lord, when you came to earth from heaven above?  
How can I give you thanks, oh Lord, when you gave the world such love?  
If I learn to sing your praise and serve you all my days,  
I would just begin to thank you for your gift of grace.

How can I give you thanks, oh Lord, when you came to earth from heaven above?  
How can I give you thanks, oh Lord, when you gave the world such love?  
You gave the world such love.

## Epistle Reading — 2 Timothy 2:8–15

Janet Stegner

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David — that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
if we deny him, he will also deny us;  
if we are faithless, he remains faithful —  
he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

## Offertory

*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*  
Wilshire Winds

arr. Steve Rouse

## +Gospel Reading — Luke 17:11-19

Ben Gibson

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

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

*I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness*  
Choir sings alone first time.

TU FIDELIDAD

**All join in singing twice through.**

I de - pend up - on your faith - ful - ness.

I can jour - ney on, for you are al - ways there. None com - pares with

you, O bless-ed One; O how great your faith - ful - ness.

## Message

“Pass Me Not”

Timothy Peoples

**Anthem**

*My Help Comes From the Lord*  
Sanctuary Choir

Bill Wolaver

I lift my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip  
He who watches over you will not slumber.  
He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

I lift my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

**Prayers of the People**

Darren DeMent

**Silence**

We pause in silence to reflect and to be attentive to the Spirit of God.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins,  
As we forgive those who sin against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

**+Congregational Song**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
No. 48

FAITHFULNESS

**Family Dedication** — Robyn and Joshua Huff with Benjamin George

Timothy Peoples

We welcome into the life of the church Benjamin George Huff, son of Robyn and Joshua Huff.  
Present for today's dedication are Benjamin's big brother, William Huff, and grandparents  
Dave and Gillian Stemmett. Joining via livestream are grandparents David and Paulette Huff.

**Sharing of Decisions**

Timothy Peoples and Ariel Merivil

**Benediction**

Timothy Peoples

**Postlude**

*Postlude on "Ellacombe"*

arr. Albert L. Travis

Bill Jernberg, guest organist  
Cindy Fuller, guest pianist

The flowers today are given in praise to God for the life of Adam Townsend Malcik by  
his parents, Vy and Michael Malcik. Adam was a Wilshire member all his life, 1978-1987.

# Meet today's worship leaders

**Ben Gibson** began attending Wilshire in 2023 and joined in February 2024. He has attended various Sunday School Classes, including Ithaka and Shiloh, and has participated in Wilshire's missions and advocacy work. Ben is a video game developer for Gearbox Software and volunteers for Checkpoint Church, an online community serving "nerds, geeks and gamers."

**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 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 long taught in First Grade Sunday School and has served for many years as a substitute organist. Bill is retired from a 44-year career as an emergency physician.

**Carolyn Murray** grew up at Wilshire. Her parents are Bob and Charlene Law. Carolyn is mother to an adult son, Mason, who lives in Australia, and Lucy Kate, who attends Santa Clara University. As Wilshire's coordinator of congregational life, Carolyn works to welcome guests and engage members in the life of the church. She directs Journey Class and serves as staff liaison to MomCo and the Committee on Committees.

**Janet Stegner** and her husband, Phillip, joined Wilshire in 2018. The Stegners are members of Labyrinth Class, and Janet teaches kindergartners as part of KidConnect on Wednesday evenings. Janet and Phillip are parents to Phillip, 11, Margaret, 10, and Viola, 7.



**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.

## Communications

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

## Finance

- Shaffon Alexander, Director of Finance (3131)

## Food Services

- Haley Garcia, Food Service Director (3117)
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- Wilfredo Velasquez-Cruz, Steward

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

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- Rene Altamirano, Maintenance Technician
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- Jim Tapley, Audio and Video Coordinator

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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)



# Tapestry



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**News & Announcements**  
**October 12, 2025**

**The Plymouth Choir +  
Wilshire Sanctuary Choir**

## *Sing Glory to the Name of God*

**A FESTIVAL OF HYMNS**



### **Wilshire welcomes Plymouth Choir on Saturday, Oct. 18**

The Plymouth Choir from First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, will be joined by Wilshire's Sanctuary Choir to present a hymn festival here on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

In *Sing Glory to the Name of God*, the choirs will bring a message of hope in a program celebrating the many names we offer God. Attendees will be invited to sing beloved hymns, and

the choirs will sing spiritually powerful music by Margaret Bonds, André Thomas and Plymouth conductor Tom Trenney. The Plymouth Choir will also join Sanctuary Choir in leading worship on Sunday, Oct. 19.

Ariel Merivil served at First-Plymouth before joining Wilshire as minister of music last year. The hymn festival will be livestreamed on Wilshire's YouTube channel.



**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.

# New members

Robyn Huff, Gary Anderson

# Condolences to

■ **Chris and Al Stewart** on the death of Al's father, Curtis James Stewart, Sept. 30. Grandchildren are **Curtis Stewart, Grant Stewart, Isla Stewart and Emery Stewart.**

■ **Carlita Huff** on the death of her husband, **R.G. Huff**, Oct. 8.

# Wilshire Welcome today

Wilshire Welcome, a one-session class to help guests and new members learn about the church, will meet Sunday, Oct. 12, at 9:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room near McIver Chapel. No RSVP is needed; for more information, contact Carolyn Murray, coordinator of congregational life, at [cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org).

# Let's Organize! meets Oct. 15



Are you interested in working with others to create positive change in our community? Join Abbey Adcox and Georgia McKee on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 6 p.m. for the next meeting of Let's

Organize!, which is held in the Parlor the first and third Wednesdays each month.

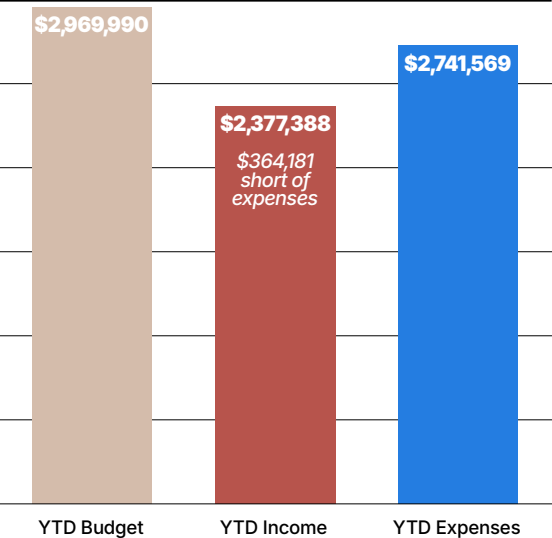
# Oct. 15 is next Lunch & Learn



All are invited to Community Hall at 11:30 a.m. the first and third Wednesdays every month for a buffet lunch (\$10) followed by Bible study. Associate Pastor Darren DeMent will teach on Oct.

15. No RSVP needed; pay at the door.

# Unified Budget Update



Pathways Endowment YTD gifts.....\$19,154  
Pathways Endowment Sept. balance.....\$10,837,508



Are you feeling uncertain about the upcoming Texas Constitutional Amendments and what they mean for our communities? How might our faith shape the way we think about these important decisions?

Join the conversation on Sunday, October 12, 2025, from 12:30–2:00 pm in Room 1 at Arapaho United Methodist Church for an informative session with Rebecca McIlwain from Texas Impact. Rebecca will provide an overview of the 17 constitutional amendments that will appear on the November ballot, helping us engage with clarity and intention.

A Texas Impact Event  
October 12, 2025 | 12:30 – 2:00 pm  
Hosted at Arapaho United Methodist Church  
Join in person or online  
Register at [www.arapahoumc.org/texas](http://www.arapahoumc.org/texas)

## Free exercise classes

Physical therapy students from Texas Women's University will lead a series of classes geared toward fall prevention at Wilshire starting Monday, Oct. 20. Covering balance, cardio, strength training and more, the free classes will be a great way to stay active and have fun in a supportive environment. Classes will be held Mondays through Nov. 24 from 10 a.m. to noon. Contact: Parish Nurse Linda Garner ([lgarner@wilshirebc.org](mailto:lgarner@wilshirebc.org))

## Judges needed for PEP business competition

Business owners, executives, directors and key business decision makers are needed to serve as judges for mission partner Prison Entrepreneurship Program's business plan competition. Judges will score team presentations based on specific criteria to decide which business stands out as most viable. The competition will culminate with an Oct. 17 graduation event where winners will be announced and participants will be celebrated for their hard work. To volunteer or learn more, contact Abbey Adcox ([aadcox@wilshirebc.org](mailto:aadcox@wilshirebc.org)), Judy Ward or Jimmy Ward. Register by Oct. 14 at [pep.org/events/estes-fall-2025-business-plan-competition-and-graduation](http://pep.org/events/estes-fall-2025-business-plan-competition-and-graduation).

## Puerto Rico trip planned for 2026

Wilshire is forming an intergenerational mission team to serve in San Juan, Puerto Rico, during Spring Break. Families with youth ages 13 and up are encouraged to serve together alongside others who have served in Puerto Rico in past years. Proposed trip dates are March 14–20, 2026. The trip will cost an estimated \$400 per person plus airfare. Scholarships are available. If you have questions or are interested, contact Abbey Adcox ([aadcox@wilshirebc.org](mailto:aadcox@wilshirebc.org)).

# Contemplative chapel worship debuts Nov. 9

STARTING SUNDAY, NOV. 9, Wilshire will offer a weekly 9 a.m. service in McIver Chapel focused on contemplative practices. The service will last 35 to 40 minutes and will include Scripture, music, a homily and prayer, with a different spiritual practice explored each month.

"This new service," Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples wrote in an email to congregants, "will provide a sacred space where we can step away from the busyness and noise of daily life to slow down, be still and cultivate a deeper connection with God. ... Participants will be invited to listen inwardly and engage with the Divine in a way that nourishes the soul and renews the spirit."

The chapel service will be completely different from Wilshire's 11 a.m. Sanctuary worship. The ministerial staff conceived the new service after receiving positive feedback from contemplative experiences offered at 9 a.m. in recent years during Advent and Lent.

Timothy and the pastoral residents will share homily duties for the 9 a.m. service, and spiritual practices to be explored include Visio Divina, Lectio Divina and the Examen.

One thing 9 a.m. worship will have in common with 11 a.m. worship: Communion will be offered the first Sunday each month.

Timothy said, "This is an invitation to explore a quieter, more reflective way of worship that meets us where we are and helps us grow in our faith journey. We look forward to seeing how this experiment unfolds and hope it will become a meaningful part of our spiritual life together."

Childcare for preschoolers will be offered each week during the 9 a.m. service.

## Middle School Bells starts Oct. 19

Middle School Bells is a new opportunity for students in grades 6–8 to learn more about reading music and developing musicianship in a low-pressure setting. Starting Oct. 19, the group will rehearse in the Handbell Room from 1:30 to 2 p.m. on Sundays. Jeff Brummel, who has years of college and private teaching experience, will direct. Contact Jeff with questions at [jbrummel@wilshirebc.org](mailto:jbrummel@wilshirebc.org).

## Heather on panel for SMU event

Associate Pastor Heather Mustain will be one of four panelists discussing the intersection of faith, housing and human dignity at SMU on Thursday, Oct. 23. The event will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Moody Hall on the SMU campus. Learn more about the event and register at [bit.ly/4nm7H1W](https://bit.ly/4nm7H1W).

## Youth Fall Retreat

Wilshire Student Ministry's Fall Retreat will be held Saturday, Nov. 22, to Sunday, Nov. 23 at Camp Copass in Denton. A cost of \$125 covers bus transportation, lodging, meals and a T-shirt. Register at [wilshirebc.org/events/fall-retreat](https://wilshirebc.org/events/fall-retreat).

## WILSHIRE ADVENTURERS

## Adventurers event on Oct. 29

Wilshire Adventurers will enjoy lunch (\$10 ea.) and a presentation from Texas Master Gardener Fran Powell at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 29. No reservation required. In "Language and Legends of Flowers," Powell will share about the rich symbolism of flowers as inspired by myths, legends, religion, world cultures and literature. Adventurers is a fellowship group for anyone 60 and up.

## Children's Light-Up Dance Party

Kids in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to a Light-Up Dance Party on Friday, Oct. 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 in Community Hall. Come enjoy glow-in-the-dark fun with friends. There will be snacks, but eat dinner before you come. Please register by Oct. 22 at [wilshirebc.org/events/dance-party](https://wilshirebc.org/events/dance-party). Friends are welcome but will need to register.

## Wilshire Game Night

All are invited to Wilshire Game Night on Friday, Oct. 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in James Gallery. This will be a perfect event for parents whose kids are attending the Light-Up Dance Party at the same time.



## WOW: Bubbles, Bites & BWNA

Join Women of Wilshire on Thursday, Oct. 30, for a casual evening with friends while learning about the work of Baptist Women of North America and their Education Equity Program, which provides period products in Africa. The come-and-go (or come-and-stay) gathering will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the home of Carolyn Murray (9930 Caribou Tr.). Please RSVP at [wilshirebc.org/events/bwna](https://wilshirebc.org/events/bwna).

## Women of Wilshire book clubs

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Nov. 5 | Noon | 1205-L | *The One Hundred Years of Lenmi and Margo* by Marianne Cronin. Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org))

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Oct. 14 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks. Contact: Debby Burton ([dburton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:dburton@wilshirebc.org))

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE OCTOBER 15

## Koinonia Café

**5 p.m. | Community Hall** | Buffet dinner with kid-friendly options. Cash/check/credit. Prices at [wilshirebc.org/events/wnl](http://wilshirebc.org/events/wnl). **Oct. 15:** Stuffed bell peppers, roasted potatoes, garlic bread, butternut squash soup, salad, cheesecake, chocolate chip cookies, jello. **Kids:** Stuffed bell peppers, roasted potatoes.

## 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, plus Kindergarten choir.

## Watershed

**6:30 p.m. | Grades 6–12** | Bible study and music in the Youth Center.

## Sanctuary Choir

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



## Bible Study

**6 p.m. | Community Hall** | This series during September and October will highlight the voices of various women in the Bible, using feminist insights to show the expansive ways these women's unique experiences reveal the work of God and witness to the gospel.

■ **Oct. 15:** Deborah and Jael

■ **Oct. 22:** Lydia and Phoebe

■ **Oct. 29:** Vespers in McIver Chapel

■ **November:** Next month we will study Kaitlin Curtice's *Living Resistance*. Consider deepening your experience by purchasing and reading the book in advance.

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



## Men's Book Club

Oct. 21 | 7 p.m. | Parlor | *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Contact: Scott Spreier ([swspreier@gmail.com](mailto:swspreier@gmail.com)) or Mike Meripolski ([meripolski@att.net](mailto:meripolski@att.net)).

## Monthly service opportunities

■ A Wilshire group serves the fourth Friday morning each month at the **Vickery Meadow Youth Development Foundation's Mobile Food Pantry**. If you can help, contact Charlie Estee at [cesteedallas@gmail.com](mailto:cesteedallas@gmail.com).

■ Cindy Estee coordinates volunteers to serve as food pantry assistants at the **Wilkinson Center** the third Tuesday afternoon each month. Contact Cindy at [cesteedallas@aol.com](mailto:cesteedallas@aol.com).

■ Wilshire volunteers serve lunch at the **Stewpot** the second Thursday every month. Contact David Cossum at [dc@cossum.com](mailto:dc@cossum.com).

## Medical personnel sought



Parish Nurse Linda Garner is compiling a list of Wilshire medical personnel to serve in case of an emergency or to simply be a resource. If you are a physician, registered nurse, nurse practitioner or any kind of healthcare professional, please contact Linda at [lgarner@wilshirebc.org](mailto:lgarner@wilshirebc.org).

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Did you know the Wilshire Library has more than 15,000 items, has weekday hours and is open to the public? You can search the collection from home and even reserve a book and pick it up at the church. Learn more and find the search link at [wilshirebc.org/resources/library](http://wilshirebc.org/resources/library).

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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.

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.

# LeAnn Hampton

**Hometown:** Garland

**Present City:** Garland

**Education:** B.S. in education and M.S. in speech-language pathology, Baylor University

**Profession:** Speech-language pathologist first and then administrator for preschool programs. After early retirement in 2014, my second career has been as a self-employed consultant and grant writer.

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

I met my husband, Jeff, at Wilshire, and we married in 2011. I'm an only child, and my mother, at 102, lives alone but nearby. Cousins and their families from Mom's side of the family have a monthly Zoom gathering. When I married Jeff, I gained a wonderful larger family of in-laws, nieces, nephews and their families.

## **Any favorite hobbies?**

Playing the flute; watching Baylor football (and sometimes saying "Well, maybe next year..."); baking — because Wilshire member Steve Conner built our house, we have a great kitchen!; gardening.

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

We enjoy hiking in national parks and state parks. We loved our trip to Canada with the Wilshire Adventurers a few years ago. In 2014, we went to Paris and Normandy with Jeff's parents, his brother, R.W., and R.W.'s wife, Lisa, as part of Jeff's father's 80th birthday celebration.

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

I came to Wilshire in November 1983 because



of the strong single adult ministry and our amazing worship services.


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

I'm a deacon, teach Pre-K Sunday School and choir, play in Wilshire Winds and help plan One Starry Night. I was in Sanctuary Choir for many years and

have served on a variety of search committees, most recently the Minister of Music Search Committee that brought Ariel Merivil to us. I also served on lay support teams for three pastoral residents.

## **What do you think God is up to in your life right now?**

God continually reminds me I have much to learn in my journey of faith. I'm currently helping with Wilshire's implementation of the Godly Play curriculum in the preschool area. Familiar Bible stories come alive for me as I'm memorizing the content, practicing with the teaching props and learning to tell these stories in new ways. At the end of each Godly Play lesson, our discussion with the children includes: "I wonder what part of the story you liked best. I wonder what part of the story was the most important. I wonder what part of the story is about you or is just for you." As I hear the children's responses, I'm inspired by their understanding, and that motivates me to keep learning and growing in my faith.



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# This Week

## Sunday, Oct. 12

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Wilshire Welcome, Prayer Room, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, 2223, noon
- Deacon Nominating Committee, 1205-G, 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.

## Monday, Oct. 13

- Wilshire Winds, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

## Tuesday, Oct. 14

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

## Wednesday, Oct. 15

- New Song Community Choir, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Lunch & Learn, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Committee on Committees, 1205-G, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Preschool Music & Missions, 6 p.m.
- Bible Study, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- Let's Organize!, Parlor, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

## Thursday, Oct. 16

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

## Friday, Oct. 17

- MomCo, James Gallery, 9 a.m.

## Saturday, Oct. 18

- Hymn Festival with Plymouth Choir, Sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.