



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

October 19, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for worship

In her book *The Art of Gathering*, Priya Parker observes, “There are so many good reasons for coming together that often we don’t know precisely why we are doing so.” So why are we gathered today?

Our weekly worship is a spiritual practice — a discipline where we set aside time to meet the divine presence of God. Many of us know the promise from Matthew 18: wherever two or three gather in God’s name, they will find God’s presence. This is our weekly call — we are gathered to experience God in new and transformative ways. Moments that will change us, encourage us, embolden and empower us for renewing work in our communities and the world.

Our worship is a time for rest and renewal where we receive “new mercies” for the uncertainties ahead. This week, our Scripture texts speak directly about encountering God. The psalmist declares, “I lift my eyes to the hills for help,” yet recognizes that true help comes from the Lord — the one who made those hills, the seas and all that surrounds them. In Genesis, we read of Jacob wrestling with a divine visitor, from whom he demands a blessing. God an-

swered and blessed him.

When you arrived at Wilshire this morning, what hopes or expectations did you carry? Have we become so attached to ritual and tradition that we no longer expect God to do a new work in our lives? Friends, we don’t have to look far to see how much around us is crumbling. And yet, God is still moving in and through you and this community of faith.

This week, we have a uniquely beautiful opportunity to worship alongside the Plymouth Choir from Plymouth Congregational Church in Lincoln, Nebraska — a community of faith much like ours, actively pursuing justice and a love-centered faith for all people. Like Wilshire, they believe God’s love extends to all, and that we are charged to proclaim and embody “Good News” that is truly good for everyone.

I hope that in our worship this morning, you will find strength in the God who binds us together in community. May that strength galvanize us to press through the difficult journey of life until we reach our “home” — a world that is more loving, more just, more mercy-filled for all.

—Ariel Merivil



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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: *Jacob Wrestling with the Angel*, Max Beckman, drypoint etching on tissue-thin Japan paper, 1920.

October 19, 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

Heather Mustain

Prelude

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

+Congregational Song

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above
No. 315
Stanzas 1-4

MIT FREUDEN ZART

+Call to Worship

Vanessa Vaughter

One: Come, all who are weary, all who are hopeful,
all who sing loud and all who can barely whisper.

All: We come to praise the God who meets us where we are.

One: From the songs of the sparrows to the roaring of the seas,
from the breath of the wind to the beating of our hearts —
creation resounds with the hymn of praise.

**All: Let all that has breath give glory to God!
Let every voice proclaim the goodness of the Lord!**

One: Let everything that breathes praise the Holy One —
the God who makes all things new, who delights in our joy
and who loves without condition or end.

**All: For the Creator rejoices in our joy,
Christ walks with us in compassion's way,
and the Spirit dances in every heartbeat of life.**

One: We lift our hearts to the Holy Mystery, ever ancient, ever new.

**All: Blessed be God —
Creator, Christ and Spirit —
whose name is Love,
whose song is Praise,
whose presence is among us now.
Amen.**

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

**Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;
Let all who know His power proclaim aloud the wondrous story.
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.**

Psalm Reading — Psalm 121

Jeremy Roberts

I lift up my eyes to the hills —
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
The LORD will not let your foot be moved;
the LORD who keeps you will not slumber.
The LORD who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day
nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all evil;
the LORD will keep your life.
The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

Offertory

My Help

Jacquelyn Gouché-Farris

Marques Garrett and Ariel Merivil, vocalists
Brandon Boyd, piano

I will lift up mine eyes to the hills from whence cometh my help,
My help cometh from the Lord, the Lord which made heaven and earth.

He said he would not suffer thy foot, thy foot to be moved;
The Lord which keepeth thee, he will not slumber nor sleep.

Oh the Lord is thy keeper, the Lord is thy shade
Upon thy right hand, upon thy right hand.

No, the sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night,
He shall preserve thy soul even forever more.

My help, my help, my help, all of my help cometh from the Lord.

+Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures — Genesis 32:22-31

David McCoy

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is

breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed.” Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.” The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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

Be Thou My Vision
No. 71

SLANE

Message

“Ready to Rumble”

Timothy Peoples

Anthem

Speak, Lord
Wilshire Sanctuary Choir and Plymouth Choir
Trey Meyer, solo

Tom Trenney

You are the way, the truth, and the life.
You are our hope, our victory over the strife.
You are our peace, our calm upon the sea.
Bringing good news to the oppressed, you call us to set the captive free!

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.
Speak, Lord, how we need to hear from you.
Give us courage to speak, Lord, till injustice is silent.
Speak your words of love in all we say and do.

You come to heal our broken heart, to comfort as we mourn, just mercy to impart.
You call us to preach the Gospel, dream the dream till justice rolls down like water;
Righteousness like a mighty stream.

Give us sight to see the world through the eyes of a stranger.
Help us hear the beauty of a language not our own.
Set our hearts to beat with compassion for our neighbor.
When we love each other, you are seen and known.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.
Give us courage to speak, Lord, till injustice is silent.
Be our strength to love in all we say and do.

Speak, O Lord, teach us to live and love like you.

Prayer through Music
O Christ Surround Me — GREEN TYLER

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

High 1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n to earth come down,
Low 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast!
Choir 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
All 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be;

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 Let us all in thee in - her - it; let us find the prom - ised rest.
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, 'til in heav'n we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 pray, and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 'til we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Closing Voluntary

Until I Reach My Home
Wilshire Sanctuary Choir and Plymouth Choir
Jayda Ennis and Sapphire Munford, soloists
Brandon Boyd, piano

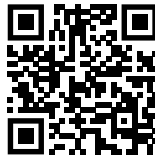
Brandon Boyd

Lord, until I reach my home, until I reach my home;
I never expect my journey over, 'til I reach my home.

I would not be a sinner. I'll tell you the reason why.
I'm afraid my Lord might call my name and I wouldn't be ready to die.

I went up on the mountain. I didn't go there to stay.
But then my soul got happy, then I stayed all day.

I got a crown up in a that kingdom ain-a that good news.
I got a crown up in a that kingdom ain-a that good news.
I'm gonna lay down this world gonna shoulder up a my cross,
Gonna take it home, gonna take it home, gonna take it home to my Jesus,
Ain-a that good news!



We're glad you're here. If you're a guest today and would like to let us know, please scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access our online response card. You can also scan the code to make a financial contribution or submit a prayer request. Response cards and offering envelopes are available in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering plate or offering boxes.

Meet today's worship leaders

Brandon A. Boyd is director of choral activities and associate professor of music at the University of Missouri. A composer, arranger and conductor, his music is sung by ensembles around the world. Brandon has served as chorus master and guest conductor with orchestras including the London Symphony, NDR Elbphilharmonie Orchestra, Nashville Symphony and St. Louis Symphony. His community-focused choral work includes organizing choirs for unhoused and incarcerated individuals.

Marques L.A. Garrett is associate professor of choral studies at the University of North Texas. An accomplished vocalist and composer, his works are performed by festival, honor, professional and university choirs. Marques is a frequent choral clinician and guest conductor, and he has presented at state, regional and national conferences on rehearsal techniques and the choral music of Black composers.

David McCoy joined Wilshire in 2018. He sings in Sanctuary Choir, attends Cord of Three Class, volunteers with Friday Friends and serves on the Funeral Ministry Team. David is retired from a career as a licensed funeral director.

Joining with our Sanctuary Choir today is **The Plymouth Choir** from First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. The choir's rich history has included more than a dozen recordings, six international tours and performances with legendary composers and conductors including Robert Shaw, Randall Thompson, Rene Clausen, Rosephanye Powell, Stacey Gibbs, David Willcocks, John Rutter, Alice Parker, Anton Armstrong, Jake Runestad and Aaron Copland. Recent performances have taken the choir

from McCook, Nebraska, to Vienna, Austria; and from Carnegie Hall to the Nebraska State Penitentiary. The Plymouth Choir has been heard more than 18 million times on YouTube.

Jeremy Roberts is associate minister of music at First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he leads the graded choir program for children and youth, directs the adult ensemble Te Deum and assists with The Plymouth Choir and worship services as organist. He previously served at First Presbyterian Church of Asheville and has been a presenter and clinician for the American Guild of Organists, Association of Lutheran Church Musicians and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.

Tom Trenney is minister of music at First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, and associate professor and director of choirs at Nebraska Wesleyan University. His choral works are published by leading music houses, and his choirs have sung at state, regional and national ACDA conventions. Tom has been a featured performer at venues including Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center and Philadelphia's Kimmel Center. Recent honors include the 2023 Raabe Prize for Choral Composition and the 2024 Nebraska Music Educator of the Year award.

Vanessa Vaughter and her husband, Woody Weilage, joined Wilshire in 2017 and are members of Epiphany Class. Vanessa sings in Sanctuary Choir and often teaches in various adult Sunday School classes. She works as a licensed clinical social worker and supervisor at The Center for Integrative Counseling and Psychology.

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Tapestry



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News & Announcements
October 19, 2025

Condolences to

■ **Pam Spell** on the death of her husband,
Jim Spell, Oct. 11.

■ **Carol Autry** on the death of her husband,
Don Autry, Oct. 15.

Middle School Bells starts today

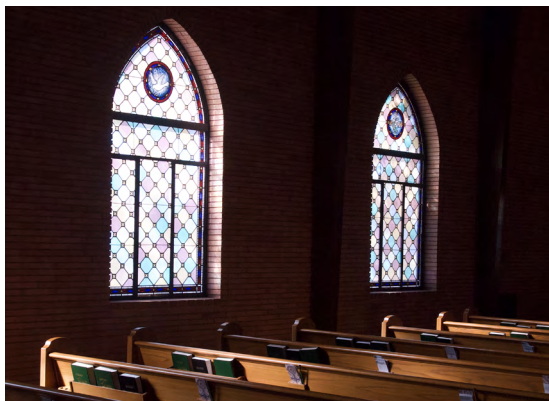
Middle School Bells is a new opportunity for students in grades 6–8 to learn more about reading music and developing musicianship in a low-pressure setting. Starting Oct. 19, the group will rehearse in the Handbell Room from 1:30 to 2 p.m. on Sundays. Jeff Brummel will direct. Contact Jeff at jbrummel@wilshirebc.org.

Gaston Center open house

Mission partner Gaston Christian Center will hold an open house today, Oct. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. All are invited to tour the facility, meet staff and board members and learn how GCC is a resource hub for the community. The center is located at 8515 Greenville Ave.

Register for WOW retreat

Registration is open for Women of Wilshire's 2026 retreat, set for Friday, Feb. 20, through Sunday, Feb. 22, at the Prothro Retreat Center at Lake Texoma. Get away and find community, encouragement and time with God through worship, art, learning and fun. Details and registration at wilshirebc.org/events/wow-retreat-2026.



Chapel worship starts Nov. 9

Starting Sunday, Nov. 9, Wilshire will offer a weekly 9 a.m. service in McIver Chapel focused on contemplative practices. The 30-to-45-minute service will include Scripture, music, a homily and prayer, with a different spiritual practice explored each month. "This new service," Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples said, "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." The chapel service will be completely different from Wilshire's 11 a.m. worship but will include Communion the first Sunday each month. Childcare for preschoolers will be offered.



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.

Can you host a fireside chat?



Hosts are needed for Wilshire's Fireside Chats on Sunday evening, Nov. 16, from 5 to 6:30 or 6:30 to 8. This annual churchwide social event aims to deepen

relationships while expressing our collective gratitude in an intimate setting. Hosts can determine the number of guests (20 max) at their home, and Wilshire will provide a gratitude liturgy, refreshments and logistical help. If you can host or have questions, contact Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org) by Nov. 1.

Exercise classes start tomorrow

TWU physical therapy students will lead a series of free classes geared toward fall prevention at Wilshire starting Monday, Oct. 20. Covering balance, cardio, strength training and more, the 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)

Baylor's Malcolm Foley here Nov. 9



Malcolm Foley, a pastor, author and special adviser to the president of Baylor University, will be at Wilshire for a talk over lunch on Sunday, Nov. 9. He will discuss his 2025 book, *The Anti-Greed Gospel: Why the Love of Money is the Root of Rac-*

ism and How the Church Can Create a New Way Forward. Foley holds a PhD in religion from Baylor and an MDiv from Yale Divinity School. In addition to his role at Baylor, he serves as co-pastor of Mosaic Waco, an intentionally multicultural, nondenominational church. Lunch is free; childcare is available for preschoolers. Register for lunch and childcare at wilshirebc.org/events/foley.

Wilshire Children's Ministry

LIGHT-UP Dance Party

Come enjoy some glow-in-the-dark fun with your friends! We'll have snacks, but eat dinner before you come.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025 

COMMUNITY HALL

6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM 

FREE! Register K-5th graders by Wednesday, October 22. Friends are welcome but need to register, too. 



WILSHIRE GAME NIGHT



James Gallery

Feel free to bring games and food. Wilshire will provide fresh popcorn. Parents, join us while your kids are at the Children's Light-Up Dance Party!

Texas constitutional amendments

On Nov. 4, Texans will vote on 17 amendments to the state constitution — the most at one time since 2003. The measures address issues like property taxes, education and workforce funding, public safety and judicial reform, parental and voting rules and health research. The constitution can only be changed again through another legislative supermajority and state-wide vote — making these decisions long-lasting. Learn about the proposals at texasimpact.org/2025-constitutional-amendments. Register, verify your registration and find polling locations at goelect.txelections.civixapps.com. Early voting begins Oct. 20.

Let's Organize! names focus areas



The Wednesday Let's Organize! group has identified four advocacy areas of emphasis: gun violence, human rights, immigration and public education. Over the past four sessions, partici-

pants have been “cutting the issue” — breaking these complex challenges into concrete, actionable goals. Together, they are co-creating a safe space to process our current political climate, cultivating hope and equipping one another to be agents of change. In November, the groups will move from discernment to action, finalizing concrete goals and next steps. You're invited to join the conversation for the final two sessions, Nov. 5 and 19 at 6 p.m. in the Parlor.

Next Lunch & Learn: Nov. 5

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. Pastoral Resident Amanda Hines will teach Nov. 5. No RSVP needed; pay at the door.

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. Powell will discuss the rich symbolism of flowers found in myths, legends, religion and literature. Adventurers is a fellowship group for anyone 60 and up.

WOW: Bubbles, Bites & BWNA

Join Women of Wilshire on Thursday, Oct. 30, for a casual evening with friends while learning about Baptist Women of North America and their efforts to provide period products in Africa. The come-and-go gathering will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the home of Carolyn Murray. RSVP at wilshirebc.org/events/bwna.

Marriage Connections is Nov. 14

Marriage Connections will be held Friday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m. Free childcare (infant–grade 5) is provided while parents enjoy a short program at the church and then have until 9:30 to themselves. Registration is required for childcare by Nov. 9. Visit wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections.

■ The same childcare is available to **single, adoptive and foster parents**. Register at wilshirebc.org/events/pno by Nov. 9.

Women of Wilshire book clubs

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Nov. 6 | Noon | 1205-L | *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margo* by Marianne Cronin. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Nov. 11 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

Men's Book Club

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE OCTOBER 22

Koinonia Café

5 p.m. | Community Hall | Buffet dinner with kid-friendly options. Cash/check/credit. Prices at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl. **Oct. 22:** Chicken teriyaki, steamed rice, stir-fry vegetables, egg rolls, egg drop soup, roll cake, sugar cookies, jello. **Kids:** Chicken, steamed rice, veggies.

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 | Pastoral Resident Jordann McMahan will cover Lydia and Phoebe in the final session of our September-October series highlighting the voices of various women in the Bible.

■ **Oct. 29:** Resident-led Vespers at 6 p.m. 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.



One Starry Night needs your help

IMAGINE THE VILLAGE OF BETHLEHEM the night Jesus was born — bustling with merchants and artists, musicians and storytellers, beggars and royalty. Now imagine you are a baker, potter, weaver, carpenter, scribe or palace guard, and you're welcoming guests who have come to shop in the colorful tents, register for the census and hear the news about the baby.

You can do that and more on Dec. 19, when One Starry Night fills Community Hall with the sights and sounds of a first-century village. It's an interactive outreach event for the community and an intergenerational experience for church members and their families.

It takes a village to pull off a village such as this, and there are many ways to be involved. Volunteers are needed for a variety of booths and activities: census, palace, scribe, stargazing, Bible storytelling, the manger, musicians, Bethlehem Inn, baker, carpenter, weaver, painter, potter, jeweler, herbs and spices. Help is also needed to set up before and clean up afterward.

Will you consider joining the effort and joining the fun? You can volunteer as an individual, a family, a group of friends or a Sunday School class. If you're ready to sign up, scan the QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/osn-volunteer.



If you've already volunteered, watch the *Tapestry* and your email for more details. To learn more, contact LeAnn Hampton at kitel@tx.rr.com or 214-693-7335.

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 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.

Sean Henry

Hometown: Richardson

Present City: Dallas

Education: Bachelor in film production,
University of Texas

Profession: Hospitality

Tell us about your family.

Melissa and I met and married in Austin. We'll celebrate 20 years on Jan. 1. Our daughter Ananda is sneaky funny and a hard worker. Our social son Alden is sneaky athletic. They are great people and students at Bryan Adams and Hill Middle, respectively. Ozzy (yorkie), Seamus (sheepadoodle) and Hero (gargoyle gecko) round out our household.

How about your work or volunteer life?

I am proud of our companies and the work we do — Houndstooth Coffee, Tweed Coffee Roasters, Plaid Hospitality Group and Jettison. We began Houndstooth 15 years ago as the "The Pattern of Coffee and People." We weave people together over space and time in a social fabric. Wendell Berry's emphasis on local community and agriculture shaped my desire to pursue café life. I enjoy providing valuable work for our employees, understanding how and where our coffees come from and hosting our guests as they enjoy all of it.

Favorite hobbies?

Film and quality TV, NBA, hi-fi, books, design, travel, outdoor life, food & beverage.

What are your favorite places to travel?

I'm more of a mountains guy but love exploring cities as well. We get to Colorado-New Mexico and NYC a couple times a year. Coffee origin trips are always a fresh experience in terrain, patience and culture.



What brought you to Wilshire and when?

My Aunt Candy and Uncle Vic have been here for several years, and a few years ago, my folks Scott and Kay started attending. We first came during Advent 2023 and joined Advent 2024. We enjoy the inclusive nature, music and the youth group.

Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

We enjoy Odyssey Class. But also: I love creating spaces for people and am still figuring out how that fits into the fabric of this community.

What's surprised you most about Wilshire?

Its authenticity and commitment to the bylaws.

Tell us about your faith journey.

I grew up attending a Baptist church in Richardson. I was heavily involved and enjoyed the youth group, but the church stopped informing my faith journey. College filled in some spiritual blanks, resulting in a reconnection with the "felt-board Jesus" of my childhood. Melissa and I were part of a hugely formative urban monastic community in Austin. Now, after not going to church for 15 years, we're at Wilshire as a family. And we like it.

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

I've officiated five weddings, including both of my brothers', and can hold my own on a dance floor.

What adjectives best describe you?

Contemplative, creative, always up for good conversation.



Save the dates

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Special Event, 4:45–7:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 14, 2026

Worship Celebration, 11 a.m.



To get involved: Scan code
or visit wilshirebc.org/75.

This Week

Sunday, Oct. 19

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Adventurers Committee, Comm. Hall, noon
- Building, Interior and Grounds Committee, Comm. Hall, noon
- Deacon Nominating Committee, Comm. Hall, noon
- Finance Committee, Comm. Hall, noon
- IDAT Cohort, Comm. Hall, noon
- Library Committee, Comm. Hall, noon
- Pathways Committee, Pathways Conference Rm., noon
- Personnel Committee, Comm. Hall, noon
- Preschool Ed. Committee, Comm. Hall, noon
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Middle School Bells, Handbell Rm., 1:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Rm., 2:15 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 20

- Exercise Classes, 3101, 3102, 3103, 10 a.m.
- Deacons Meeting, Comm. Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

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

Wednesday, Oct. 22

- Koinonia Café, Comm. Hall, 5 p.m.
- History Committee, History Rm., 5:30 p.m.
- Preschool Music & Missions, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Bible Study, Comm. Hall, 6 p.m.
- Committee on Committees, 1205-G, 6 p.m.
- Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 23

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

Friday, Oct. 24

- Game Night, James Gallery, 6:30 p.m.
- Children's Light-Up Dance Party, Comm. Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 25

- R.G. Huff Memorial Service, Sanctuary, 2 p.m.
- Nova, Choral Hall, 4:15 p.m.