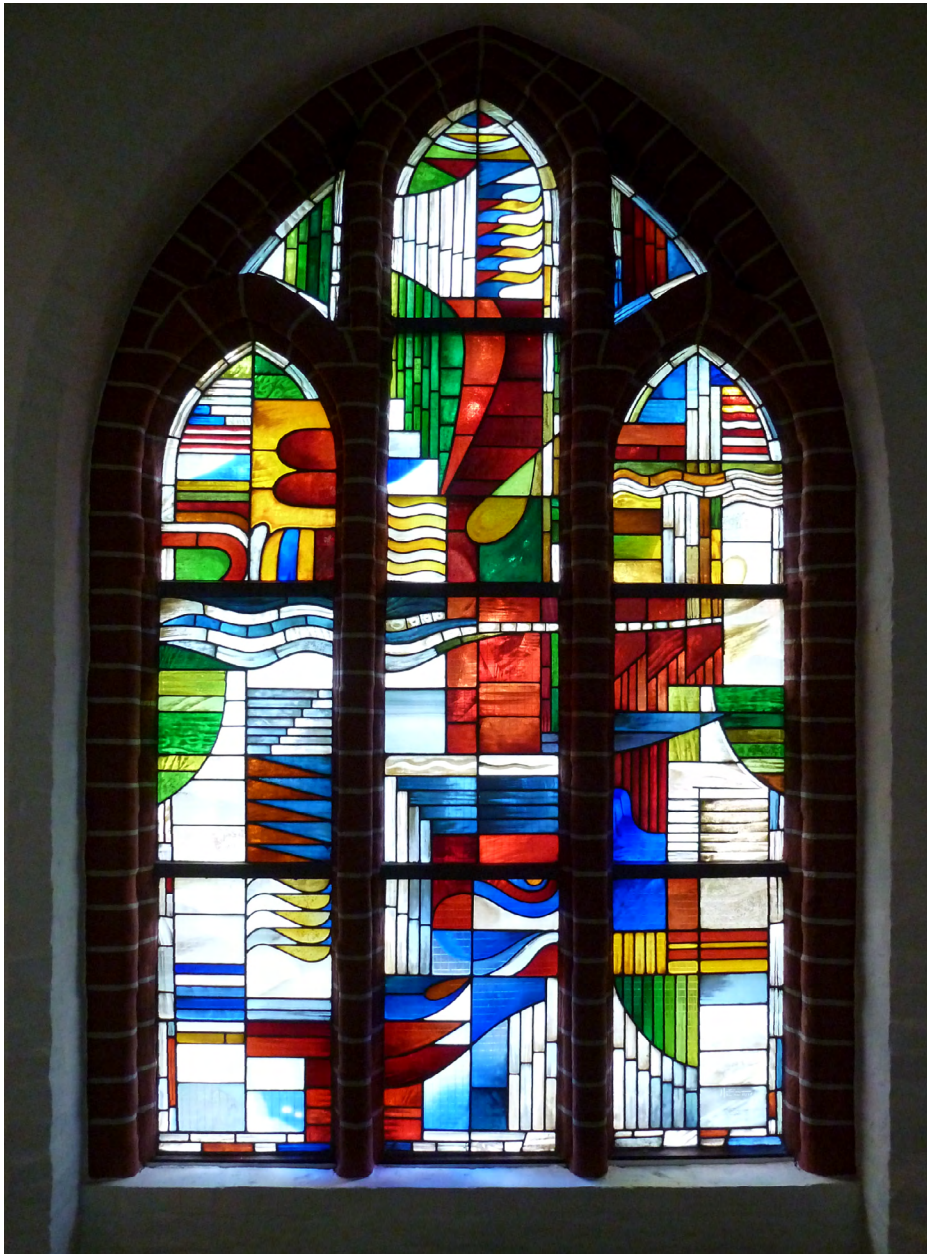




Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

November 9, 2025

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for worship

Today begins the first of three Sundays where we will speak on stewardship and generosity. “The Stewardship of Believing,” to be exact. What can we believe together that God can do in our midst? Before you run out to your car to leave or commit to not coming the next couple of weeks, hear me out.

Christian generosity is more than the act of giving; it is the reflection of God’s own generous nature at work within us. From the very beginning, God has been the first and greatest giver, creating the world out of love. Everything we have — our time, our abilities, our resources, even the breath in our lungs — comes as a gift from God. When we truly grasp that truth, generosity becomes our natural response. It flows not from obligation or guilt, but from gratitude and love.

To be generous is to live with open hands and open hearts, willing to share what God has entrusted to us. It’s not limited to financial giving; it includes the giving of our time, our compassion, our forgiveness and our presence. Every act of kindness and every moment spent serving others is an expression of Christian generosity. At its heart, it is love in action, a way of participating in God’s ongoing work of

restoration in the world. Every time we give, whether it’s a dollar in the offering plate, a meal shared with a neighbor or an hour spent serving someone in need, we are imitating the heart of God. Because at the center of our faith is a generous God: a God who gives freely, abundantly and without hesitation. Generosity is not measured by the size of the gift, but by the love that inspires it. The smallest offering given with a joyful heart can do great things in God’s hands.

Generosity becomes an act of worship — a visible sign that we believe God’s abundance is greater than our scarcity. Through generosity, we not only meet the needs of others, but we also grow in joy, gratitude and closeness to God. In short, generosity is the joyful, faithful sharing of all that God has given us — rooted in love, guided by gratitude and sustained by trust in God’s endless provision.

Let our giving, then, be an act of love. Love for God, love for one another and love for the ministry we share. For when love leads our giving, we find that generosity is not a burden but a calling, not an obligation but a privilege.

—*Timothy Peoples*



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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: Stained-glass window depicting Psalm 145, St. John’s Church, Lüneburg, Lower Saxony, Gerhard Hausmann.

November 9, 2025
11:00 a.m.
Twenty-Second 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

Maggie Morey

Prelude

Fortress Variations
Wilshire Winds; Shana Gaines, director

Tim Waters

+Congregational Song

Now Thank We All Our God
No. 371

NUN DANKET

+Call to Worship

Randy Patterson

One: Now we thank you, O God —
For life, for breath, for the gifts of this day.

**All: For hearts and hands and voices —
For the wonder of your goodness.**

One: You from our mothers' arms have blessed us on our way;
You have given countless gifts of love.

**All: Give us grace to trust your mercy still —
Through all this pilgrim journey.**

One: Through joys we have cherished
And through trials we have endured —
Your presence has been our shelter.

**All: Your steadfast love has held fast —
And your peace has guarded our hearts.**

One: All praise and thanks to God —
Our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

**All: The one eternal God —
Who reigns in heaven and on earth.
For you alone are worthy of blessing and honor and glory —
Now and forever.
Amen.**

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

+Response in Song*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

HALLE, HALLE

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

- le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Psalm Reading — Psalm 145:1–5, 17–21

Noel Rivenes

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
God's greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall extol your works to
another and shall declare your mighty acts.
They will recount the glorious splendor of
your majesty, and on your wondrous works
I will meditate.

...

The LORD is just in all ways
and kind in all the LORD's doings.
The LORD is near to all who call on the LORD,
to all who call on the LORD in truth.
God fulfills the desire of all who fear God
and also hears their cry and saves them.
The LORD watches over all who love the LORD,
but all the wicked God will destroy.
My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and all flesh will bless God's holy name
forever and ever.

Offertory*Beautiful Savior*
Wilshire Winds

arr. James Swearingen

+Gospel Reading — Mark 2:1–12

Malcolm Foley

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier: to say to

the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and take your mat and walk’? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”— he said to the paralytic — “I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home.” And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

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

Sometimes a Light Surprises

SALLEY GARDENS

Stanza 1: choir

Stanza 2-4: all

Choir 1. Some - times a light sur - pris - es the child of God who sings;
All 2. In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue
All 3. It can bring with it noth - ing but he will bear us through;
All 4. Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their longed - for fruit should bear,
it is the Lord who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings;
the theme of God's sal - va - tion and find it ev - er new;
who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe his peo - ple, too;
though all the fields should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there,
when com - forts are de - clin - ing, he grants the soul a - gain
set free from pres - ent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,
be - neath the spread - ing heav - ens no crea - ture but is fed;
yet God the same a - bid - ing, his praise shall tune my voice;
a sea - son of clear shin - ing to cheer it af - ter rain.
"Let the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it may."
and he who feeds the ra - vens will give his chil - dren bread.
for while in him con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice.

Message

"The Stewardship of Believing"

Timothy Peoples

Anthem*Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Nova

Mike Capps, director

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!
The heav'ns are not too high, his praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!
The church with psalms must shout; no door can keep them out;
But, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

Prayers of the People

Georgia McKee

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*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

No. 566

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

Postlude

Improvisation on Themes of the Day

Jeff Brummel

Meet today's worship leaders

Malcolm Foley is a pastor, author and special adviser to the president of Baylor University for equity and campus engagement. Malcolm holds a Ph.D. in religion from Baylor and an M.Div. from Yale Divinity School. In addition to his role at Baylor, he is co-pastor of Mosaic Waco, an intentionally multicultural, nondenominational church. His book, *The Anti-Greed Gospel: Why the Love of Money is the Root of Racism and How the Church Can Create a New Way Forward*, was published by Brazos Press in February. All are invited to hear more from Malcolm over lunch today. See page 9 for details.

Randy Patterson joined Wilshire in 1999. He currently serves on the History Committee and attends Foundations of Faith Class. Randy has worked over 20 years for PlainsCapital Bank, where he is the commercial real estate closing team manager. His adult daughter, Shelby, works for Wilshire mission partner White Rock Center of Hope.

Noel Rivenes joined Wilshire in 2002 and is serving this year as chair-elect of the Finance Committee. A Certified Public Accountant, she is retired from a career in finance. Noel and her husband, Jim, are parents to two adult children, Tucker and Sloan.



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.

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

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

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- Abbey Adcox, Missions and Advocacy Coordinator (3127)
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- Georgia McKee, Pastoral Resident (3152)
- Jordann McMahan, Pastoral Resident (3155)
- Maggie Morey, Pastoral Resident (3153)

Senior Pastor

- Chelsea Hopkins, Executive Assistant (3132)
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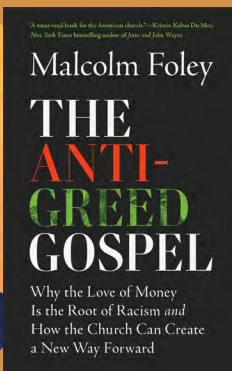
Tapestry



News & Announcements
November 9, 2025

Malcolm Foley

**AUTHOR, PASTOR AND SPECIAL
ADVISER TO THE PRESIDENT
OF BAYLOR UNIVERSITY**



Lunch talk after worship today

Malcolm Foley, a pastor, author and special adviser to the president of Baylor University, will be our special guest at Wilshire for a conversation over lunch today, Nov. 9, in James Gallery.

He will discuss his 2025 book, *The Anti-Greed Gospel: Why the Love of Money is the Root of Racism and How the Church Can Create a New Way Forward*, which *Publishers Weekly* called “a forceful call to recognize the roots of American inequality and a solid starting point for Christians who want to help fix them.” The book is available in the Wilshire Library.

Foley holds a Ph.D. in religion from Baylor and an M.Div. from Yale Divinity School.

In addition to his role at Baylor, he is co-pastor of Mosaic Waco, an intentionally multicultural, non-denominational church.

■ Lunch today is free while supplies last; priority will be given to those who registered in advance.



Sundays: Chapel Worship, 9 a.m. Sanctuary Worship, 11 a.m. Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m. Our 11 a.m. service livestreams at youtube.com/wilshirebaptist. Keep up with Wilshire by subscribing to our YouTube channel and following us on Facebook and Instagram.

Georgia McKee called to Chicago- area church

PASTORAL RESIDENT
GEORGIA MCKEE
has accepted a call to
become associate pas-
tor at Glencoe Union
Church near Chicago.
Her last day at Wilshire
will be Jan. 25.

Georgia will lead
Glencoe's youth and
mission ministries
while participating in
worship leadership and
preaching. Located in the village of Glencoe,
just north of Chicago on the shore of Lake
Michigan, Glencoe Union is a interdenomina-
tional church in the Protestant tradition.

"This announcement is bittersweet in all
of the best ways," Georgia said. "Sophia and
I are thrilled for the new adventure, and we
will always carry deep gratitude for Wilshire's
incredible kindness and love throughout my
residency. This community has filled me with
rich experiences and wisdom to guide me in
this next phase of my ministry. GUC feels like
a cousin to Wilshire — it's a vibrant interde-
nominational church that welcomes people
across Christian traditions and backgrounds.
It's a unique space where my Baptist-ness and
theological nerdiness will get to flourish!"

Georgia, who began her Wilshire residency in
August 2024, is a graduate of Wake Forest Uni-
versity School of Divinity and Belmont Univer-
sity. She previously worked in communications
for the Baptist Joint Committee.

■ All are invited to an **ordination service**
for Georgia here at Wilshire on Sunday, Nov.
30, at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



Fireside Chats

Sunday, Nov. 16

5–6:30 p.m. or

6:30–8 p.m.

Wilshire will host Fireside Chats at mem-
bers' homes on Sunday evening, Nov. 16.
This social event with fellowship and light
refreshments will deepen connections and
provide an intimate setting for us to express
our collective gratitude. Sign up to attend at
any of the host homes throughout the area.
Some sites will start at 5 and end at 6:30,
while others will run from 6:30 to 8.



To sign up, visit
[wilshirebc.org/events/
fireside-chats](https://wilshirebc.org/events/fireside-chats)
or scan the QR code.

Condolences to

■ **Denise Casale and Jim Tapley** on the death of Denise's mother, Joan Quinn, Nov. 2.
■ **Abbey and Chris Adcox** on the death of Chris's father, Allen Adcox, Nov. 6. Grandchildren are **Carter, Camryn and Collin Adcox**.

Save the date for January 11 author event



Mark your calendars for Jan. 11, when Wilshire will host author, speaker and pastor Meredith Miller. Miller is the author of *Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From*, and she has over 20 years of experience in children's ministry and curriculum. On Jan. 11,

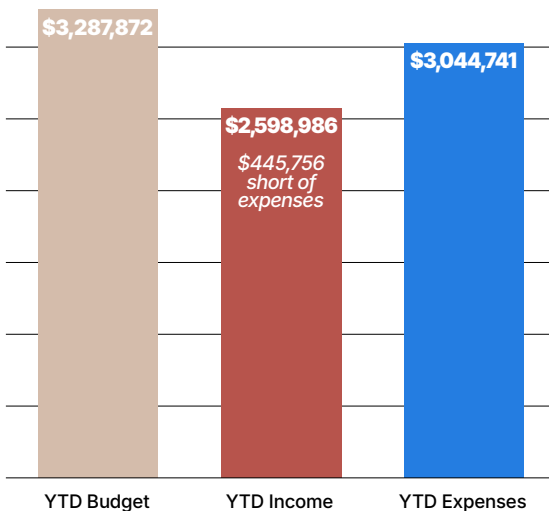
Miller will lead a Sunday School session geared toward parents and participate in 11 a.m. worship. After worship all are welcome to hear more from Meredith, including a time of Q&A, over a free lunch in Community Hall. Registration for lunch and childcare is coming soon.



Children's Dance Party is Nov. 14

Friday, Nov. 14, is the new date for the Children's Ministry Light-Up Dance Party, originally scheduled for Oct. 24. Kids in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to enjoy glow-in-the-dark fun with friends from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Community Hall. There will be snacks, but eat dinner before you come. Please register by Nov. 12 at wilshirebc.org/events/dance-party. Friends are welcome but will need to register.

Unified Budget Update



Pathways Endowment YTD gifts..... \$20,292
Pathways Endowment Oct. balance..... \$10,935,275

Gift card drive showed generosity

At press time, Wilshire had collected 133 grocery gift cards for SNAP recipients whose benefits were disrupted by the government shutdown. The cards were distributed to families who also received funds through our Rental and Utility Assistance Program. Thank you for your generosity.

Elevator project to start soon

Work to replace the north elevator will begin Nov. 17, earlier than expected. The project should take 6 to 8 weeks. The work should not impede access to the Preschool Hall, Youth Center or any entrance on the north end of the building. Workers will place a storage box outside for parts and tools needed for the project. Thank you for your patience. We are grateful this project will be done sooner than anticipated.



MARRIAGE Connections

Register by today for Nov. 14 Marriage Connections

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.

Time with Tim next Sunday

Time with Tim, an informal chance for guests and new members to connect with Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples, will meet on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 9:45 a.m. in Timothy's office. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

Next Lunch & Learn: Nov. 19

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 Maggie Morey will teach Nov. 19. No RSVP needed; pay at the door.

Sign up for Nov. 19 Blood Drive



Carter BloodCare will hold a blood drive at Wilshire from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 19. There is a critical need for several blood types, including A+, A-, O+, O- and B-.

Visit wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive to make an appointment or scan the QR code.

Preschool Playdate on Nov. 24

Preschoolers and their families are invited to a Preschool Playdate with Ms. Kelly on Monday, Nov. 24, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

Free exercise classes continue

TWU physical therapy students are leading a series of free classes geared toward fall prevention at Wilshire. Classes will be held Mondays through Nov. 24 from 10 a.m. to noon. Contact: Parish Nurse Linda Garner (lgarner@wilshirebc.org)

Let's Organize! meets Nov. 19



Are you interested in working with others to create positive change in our community? Join Abbey Adcox and Georgia McKee on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m. in the Parlor for the final

fall meeting of Let's Organize! Participants have identified four areas of emphasis — gun violence, human rights, immigration and public education — and are finalizing action plans.

Active shooter training offered

All staff, deacons, fellowship of the ordained and volunteers in our preschool, children's and youth ministries have received an invitation to participate in a self-paced course called "Active Shooter Situations in Church Settings" through Congregation U, an online platform. This course is intended to help reinforce knowledge that could lead to quick and smart action when faced with this type of situation. While we pray this never happens, the Risk Management Committee feels it is important to equip as many as possible. If you did not receive an invitation to the course and would like to take it, please email Associate Pastor Heather Mustain (hmustain@wilshirebc.org).

Thanksgiving **FOOD DRIVES**

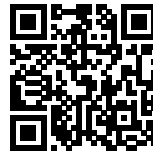
The Wilkinson Center



Wilshire has committed to provide 100 boxes for families in our community through the Wilkinson Center. A box costs \$50 to \$75 to assemble and is a great

service opportunity for Sunday School classes, other groups or individuals. Scan the above QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives to sign up and see full instructions. Boxes should be brought to Wilshire's South Lobby on Sunday, Nov. 16, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or to the South Parking Lot on Monday, Nov. 17, between 8 and 9 a.m.

White Rock Center of Hope



Wilshire continues a long tradition of providing canned goods for families served by White Rock Center of Hope. Pick up the designated brown paper

bags and shopping list, then fill the bags and return them. Bags brought before Sunday, Nov. 16, can be placed on a table outside the church office. Bags brought on Nov. 16 should be taken to the Sanctuary chancel steps. You can also shop an Amazon wishlist and have items sent directly to WRCOH; scan QR code or find the link at wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives.

Bags needed. We welcome your donations of handled brown paper grocery bags like those used at Central Market and Whole Foods.

Contact: Abbey Adcox (aadcox@wilshirebc.org)



Register for 2026 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.

Women of Wilshire book clubs

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Dec. 4 | Noon | 1205-L | *The Turtle House* by Amanda Churchill. 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)

Columbarium prices to rise Jan. 1

Since being dedicated in 2010, Wilshire's Columbarium has become the resting place for many Wilshire members and their loved ones. We are proud to house this space as a place to memorialize and remember those who have left us. Over the years, we have kept prices steady, but with rising maintenance costs and the necessity to hire a new engraver, we are going to raise the price of single and double niches as well as the price of remembrance markers. Prices will change as follows: a single niche, now \$1,500, will cost \$1,750; a double niche, now \$3,000, will cost \$3,500; a remembrance marker, now \$500, will cost \$750. New prices will take effect in January. Act soon to purchase a niche or marker at the current price. Contact: Chelsea Hopkins (chopkins@wilshirebc.org)

Men's Book Club

Nov. 18 | 7 p.m. | Parlor | *Book and Dagger* by Elyse Graham. Contact: Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net)

Stephen Minister training begins in January



Stephen Ministry is a Christian caregiving ministry in which trained lay people provide confidential, one-on-one support to those facing challenges such as grief, illness, divorce, job loss or

family stress. Stephen Ministers are trained in listening, prayer and compassionate care and typically meet weekly with one care receiver at a time. The ministry expands our church's ability to offer support beyond what our ministerial staff can provide.

■ To inquire about receiving care, email stephenministry@wilshirebc.org or call our dedicated phone number, 214-452-3176.

■ A new Stephen Minister training class begins in January. To learn more or apply, contact Linda Garner at 214-452-3151 or visit wilshirebc.org/stephen-ministry.

Monthly service opportunities

■ A Wilshire group will serve Nov. 21 and Dec. 19 at the **Vickery Meadow Youth Development Foundation Mobile Food Pantry**. Contact: Charlie Estee (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.

■ Wilshire volunteers serve lunch at the **Stewpot** the second Thursday every month. Contact David Cossum at dc@cossum.com.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE NOVEMBER 12

Koinonia Café

5 p.m. | Community Hall | Buffet dinner with kid-friendly options. Cash/check/credit. Prices at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl. **Nov. 12:** Lemon chicken, wild rice, roasted butternut squash, cream of mushroom soup, rolls, apple crumble, peanut butter cookies, jello.

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

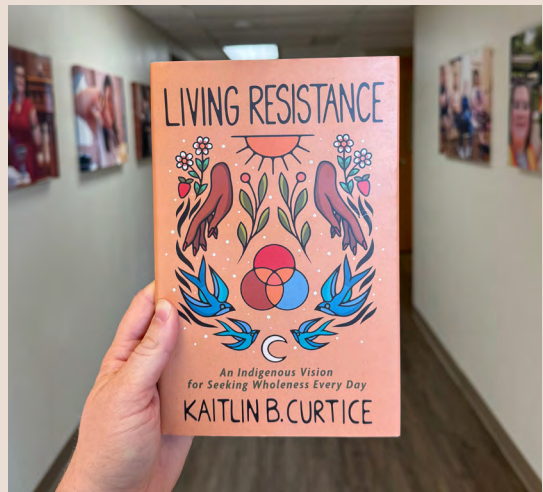
6 p.m. | K–Grade 5 | A rotation of activities to help kids learn how to love God and others, plus Kindergarten choir.

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.



Book study: Living Resistance

6 p.m. | Community Hall | On Nov. 5, 12 and 19 we will study Kaitlin Curtice's *Living Resistance: An Indigenous Vision for Seeking Wholeness Every Day*. In the book, Curtice reclaims resistance as a basic human calling for every human who longs to see their neighbors' holistic flourishing.

■ **Nov. 26:** No Wednesday night activities.

■ **Dec. 3:** Resident-led Vespers.

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



Poinsettia sales are underway

Help decorate the Sanctuary for Advent by ordering a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. Dedications will be listed in the Dec. 7 worship folder. Each plant costs \$14, and donors may take them home after Christmas Eve services. Order forms are available in the office, or you can order and pay at wilshirebc.org/poinsettias. Deadline to order: Nov. 30.

Sign up children to build Nativity scene

Elementary school kids are invited to help build the Sanctuary Nativity scene by carrying elements to the chancel at the start of worship. We'll begin Nov. 30 and build the scene week by week until it is complete at the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Sign up at wilshirebc.org/nativity.

Advent Sunday School series

Darren DeMent and Katie Murray will lead a Sunday School series for adults on the four Sundays of Advent at 9:45 a.m. in McIver Chapel. In the class, the Advent virtues of hope, peace, joy and love will be explored using the poetry of Wendell Berry, whose "Sabbath Poem: 1986, I" inspired our Advent theme. Starts Nov. 30.

WHEN ADVENT BEGINS ON NOV. 30, Wilshire will enter into a liturgical season of expectant waiting where we will look to the themes of light and dark to guide us. In a time that feels so dark in our world, we will look to the Scriptures to inform how we, as people of faith, can reframe both light and dark in tandem. What does it mean to await the coming of the Light of the World? What do light and dark have to say about hope, joy, peace and love? Join us as we hold a candle for one another and discover together.

Adventurers Grapevine outing

Tuesday, Dec. 2 | 3 p.m. | Join the Wilshire Adventurers for a bus outing to Grapevine, the Christmas Capitol of Texas on Dec. 2. The group will enjoy the sights and sounds of the season as they wander Main Street for shopping, dining and fun. Cost: \$25 each. The bus will depart Wilshire at 3 p.m. and return at 9 p.m. Register at wilshirebc.org/events/grapevine. Adventurers is a fellowship group for anyone 60 and up.

Dec. 3 Vespers: Moravian love feast

Wednesday, Dec. 3 | 6 p.m.
| **McIver Chapel** | Join our pastoral residents for a Moravian love feast-themed Vespers. Moravian love feasts, first held in Germany in 1727, are based on the agape meals of the early church and are often held at Christmas or other special occasions. The service will include music, Scripture and poetry; in keeping with love feast tradition, coffee, tea and sweets will be served in the Parlor afterward.

Celebration of the Green

Sunday, Dec. 7 | 6:30 p.m. | **Sanctuary** | Wilshire's choral and instrumental groups will perform in the beauty of the decorated Sanctuary in this annual favorite event. A reception with cookies and cocoa will follow in Community Hall.

Children's Christmas pageant

Wednesday, Dec. 10 | 6 p.m.
| **Sanctuary** | Kindergarten, Pre-K and 3-Year-Old choirs will be in costume as they sing and act out the Nativity.

Songwriter Vespers: Holiday Edition

Sunday, Dec. 14. | 4:30 p.m. | **Choral Hall** | Darren DeMent and company will explore the full range of holiday emotions through songs by Joni Mitchell, Tom Waits, Lyle Lovett and others. Part worship service and part coffeehouse concert, this won't be your typical church Christmas program.

One Starry Night

Friday, Dec. 19 | 6:30 p.m. | Bring the whole family and invite friends and neighbors to One Starry Night, our free interactive Bethlehem Experience, on Friday, Dec. 19, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Community Hall will be transformed into the village of Bethlehem, with shops, tradespeople, food and storytelling about the whispered birth of a special baby. This event is especially suited for families with children, but will be fun for all ages.

■ Volunteers are needed.

Learn more at wilshirebc.org/osn-volunteer or contact LeAnn Hampton at kitel@tx.rr.com.

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, Dec. 24 | 4 and 11 p.m. | **Sanctuary**

Giving Tree

Starting Nov. 23, select a tag from the Giving Tree in James Gallery and fulfill a Christmas wish for a child or adult served by our Rental and Utility Assistance Program or a local mission partner. Scan your tag's QR code and we'll send you a due-date reminder. Our Virtual Giving Tree is also coming soon.

Tree of Hope and Remembrance

Help decorate Wilshire's Tree of Hope and Remembrance in the South Lobby by writing the name of a loved one as a memorial or your name as a survivor of cancer or another disease. Blank ornaments and markers are provided at the tree, which is decorated with bracelets representing different forms of cancer. Hang your ornament on the tree anytime and feel free to take it home close to Christmas for your own tree.

Library Nativity sets

Stop by the Library during the Holiday season to enjoy a display of Nativity sets from around the world. Most are from the collection of Wilshire member Linda Garner.



Save the dates

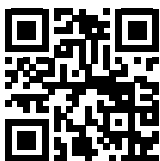
Saturday, June 13, 2026

4:45–7:30 p.m. | The church will be open for you to come, see and gather.

6 p.m. | Reflections and remembrances in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, June 14, 2026

11 a.m. | 75-Minute Worship Celebration.



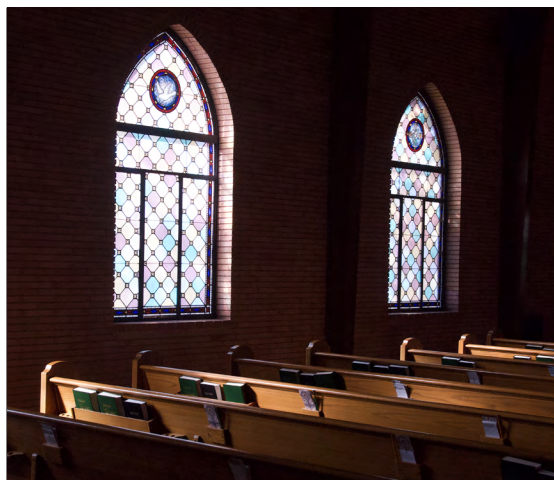
To get involved: Scan code
or visit wilshirebc.org/75.

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 \$125 fee covers transportation, lodging, meals and a T-shirt. Register at wilshirebc.org/events/fall-retreat.

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, contact Linda at lgarner@wilshirebc.org.



9 a.m. Worship McIver Chapel

WEEKLY STARTING NOV. 9



Childcare available for preschoolers

Jeff Hampton

Name: Jeff Hampton

Hometown: Richardson

Present City: Garland

Education: B.A., Journalism, Baylor University

Profession: Journalism, communications, writing

Tell us about your family.

My wife, LeAnn, and I have been married 14 years. We met at Wilshire, primarily through Wilshire Winds but also some committee work. We don't have children but enjoy spending time with our extended families, which includes our mothers and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

How about your work or volunteer life?

I started out as a newspaper reporter and have worked in magazines, corporate and institutional communications, much of that in the commercial development and construction industry. My last full-time job was at DART (Dallas Area Rapid Transit). I left that in 2010 to pursue freelance and personal writing interests, which has included work for Baylor, construction and design publications, national construction industry associations and Baptist News Global. Over the past dozen years, I've written and published seven books including novels, short stories and essays.

Any favorite hobbies?

Gardening, hiking, jigsaw puzzles.

What are your favorite places to travel?

Any place LeAnn is going! We like traveling where there is scenery, history and opportunities to get in a good hike.



What brought you to Wilshire and when?

I joined in 1990 when I moved closer to the church and when my Sunday school class at another church disbanded as people moved away.

Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

Wilshire Winds, deacons, ushering, Epiphany Class, committees including Library, blood drives and a weekly Facebook blog.

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

I believe the writing I do has transitioned from job to ministry. I enjoy exploring God's presence in ordinary people, places and situations, and telling stories about community and faith.

Tell us about your faith journey.

I was raised in the church, so my faith journey has mostly been about making sure I'm always learning and growing and not just being "Christian by habit."

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

I'm the only member of my family over many generations who is not a native Texan. I was born in Great Falls, Montana, when my father was in the Air Force, and somehow that knowledge has always had me looking toward the West rather than the East.

What adjectives best describe you?

Observant, persistent, loyal, durable, resilient.

This Week

Sunday, Nov. 9

- Worship, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Second Grade Sunday School Open House, 2224, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Lunch Talk with Malcolm Foley, James Gallery, noon
- Deacon Nominating Committee, 1205-G, 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.

Monday, Nov. 10

- Exercise Classes, 3103, 10 a.m.
- Wilshire Winds, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

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

Wednesday, Nov. 12

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- History Committee, History Room, 5:30 p.m.
- Book Study, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Preschool Music & Missions, 6 p.m.
- Committee on Committees, 1205-G, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 13

- Stewpot Meal Service, 11:15 a.m.
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 14

- Friday Friends, 3103, 10 a.m.
- Marriage Connections, James Gallery, 6:30 p.m.
- Children's Light-up Dance Party, Community Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 15

- Kathy Hatcher Memorial Service, McIver Chapel, 10 a.m.

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/realms.

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.

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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.