



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

November 23, 2025
Christ the King Sunday

Preparing for worship

One of the great mystics, Howard Thurman, once wrote, “How moving is the sheer wonder of being necessary to the life of another! The giving of a gentle word when you did not know that such a word was desperately needed; the sharing of so little at the crucial point of acute urgency.”

His words are a reminder that the heart of the spiritual life is not in grand gestures, but in small, grace-laden exchanges that hold one another together. And on Christ the King Sunday — a day when the Church proclaims that Christ reigns over all creation — Thurman’s insight invites us to reconsider what kingship truly means.

For much of history, kings have been imagined as distant figures elevated above ordinary life, set apart by power and spectacle. Yet the kingship of Christ is of an entirely different order. His authority is not the authority of coercion or display, but the authority of one who kneels, heals, listens and loves. His reign is measured not in dominance but in mercy; not in how many obey him but in how deeply he makes himself necessary to the life of the world.

Thurman’s words sharpen this truth. What does it mean for Christ to be King? It means that the One who holds all things together does so not by force but by tenderness. It means his sovereignty is expressed in the “gentle word” we give without knowing how desperately someone

needs it. It means his kingdom appears in the “sharing of so little” at precisely the moment someone’s life begins to unravel. In other words, Christ’s reign is made visible whenever love becomes embodied in small, ordinary, often unnoticed acts.

Christ the King Sunday is the culmination of the liturgical year, a kind of final chord that gathers up all the themes we have walked through — from incarnation to resurrection, from wilderness wandering to Pentecost fire. But this feast day also asks us a question: If this is the King we follow, what does loyalty to him look like? Thurman gives us a clue. To recognize Christ as King is to become participants in his way of ruling. It is to allow ourselves to be necessary to one another’s lives, to speak the gentle word, to share the little we have when the moment is urgent and the need is real.

This is the paradox of Christ’s kingdom: it is cosmic in scope yet revealed in the smallest gestures. It has no borders, no armies, no thrones — only a King who reigns through compassion and invites us to do the same.

During this season of gratitude and giving, may we all find the wonder of sharing our lives with the world.

—Heather Mustain



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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: *Corn Shocks and Sky*, Doris Ulmann, ca. 1925, platinum print. Smithsonian American Art Museum.

November 23, 2025
11:00 a.m.
Christ the King Sunday

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

Abbey Adcox

Prelude

Laudation
Carillon Ringers
Ralph Manuel, director

Arnold Sherman

+Congregational Song

Crown Him with Many Crowns
No. 223
Stanzas 1-3

DIADEMATA

+Call to Worship

Betty Sue Bunch

One: Blessed be the Lord God who looks with kindness on us.

All: We are the inheritors of the promises made long ago to our ancestors.

One: Blessed be the Lord God who gathers us here in this place.

All: From across the street, from halfway around the world, God brings us home to the heart of grace.

One: Blessed be the Lord God who has remembered us.

All: Scoffers and singers, watchers and wigglers, we are those redeemed by God.

+Response in Song

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

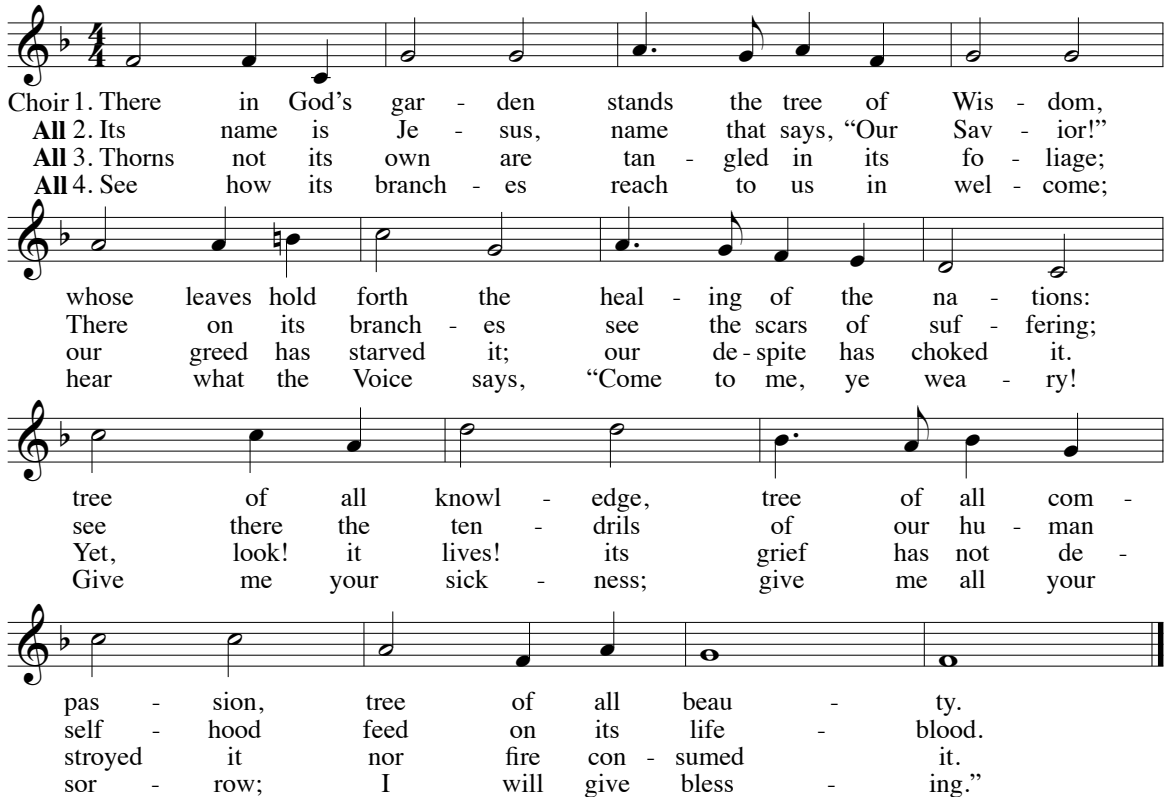
**Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me!
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

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

+Congregational Song

There In God's Garden

SHADES MOUNTAIN



Choir 1. There in God's gar - den stands the tree of Wis - dom,
 All 2. Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 All 3. Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 All 4. See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;
 whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - fering;
 our greed has starved it; our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!
 tree of all knowl - edge, tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness; give me all your
 pas - sion, tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row; I will give bless - ing."

Epistle Reading — 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Alison Wingfield

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "God scatters abroad; God gives to the poor; God's righteousness endures forever." The God who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of

the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that has been given to you. Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!

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!

Offertory *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* arr. Beth Elston
Carillon Ringers

Message "I Wonder, Do You Believe?" Timothy Peoples

Anthem *Be Still and Know* Steven Curtis Chapman
Sanctuary Choir arr. Tom Fettke

Be still and know our living God.
Be still and know that God is holy.
Be still O restless soul of mine
Bow before the Prince of Peace,
Let the noise and clamor cease.

Be still and know our living God.
Be still and know that God is faithful.
Consider all that God has done,
Stand in awe and be amazed
And know our God will never change.
Be still.

Be still and know our living God.
Be still, be speechless.

Be still and know our living God.
Be still and know the source of love.
Come, rest your head upon God's breast,
Listen to the rhythm of God's
unfailing heart of love;
Beating for the little ones,
Calling each of us to come.
Be still, be still, be still.

Prayers of the People Katie Murray

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

To God Be the Glory
No. 349

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

Postlude

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

Meet today's worship leaders

Abbey Adcox and her husband, Chris, joined Wilshire in 1999 and are parents to three young adults, Carter, Camryn and Collin. Abbey attends Seekers Class, serves as a deacon and is co-coordinator of Women of Wilshire. She serves on Wilshire's staff as missions and advocacy coordinator and is serving an internship here as part of her studies at SMU's Perkins School of Theology, where she is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree.

Betty Sue Bunch is a fifth grader at William B. Travis Academy. She plays volleyball, basketball and soccer and is active in Girl Scouts. Her parents are David and Dana Bunch, and she has two younger brothers, Bobby and Charlie.

Alison Wingfield and her husband, Mark, joined Wilshire in 1999. They are parents to twin adult sons, Luke and Garrett. Alison is a member of Epiphany Class and often teaches other adult classes. She is a deacon, directs Pre-K Choir, serves on the Preschool Education Committee, sings in Sanctuary Choir and Nova and participates in Faith in 3D. Alison works as a freelance editor.



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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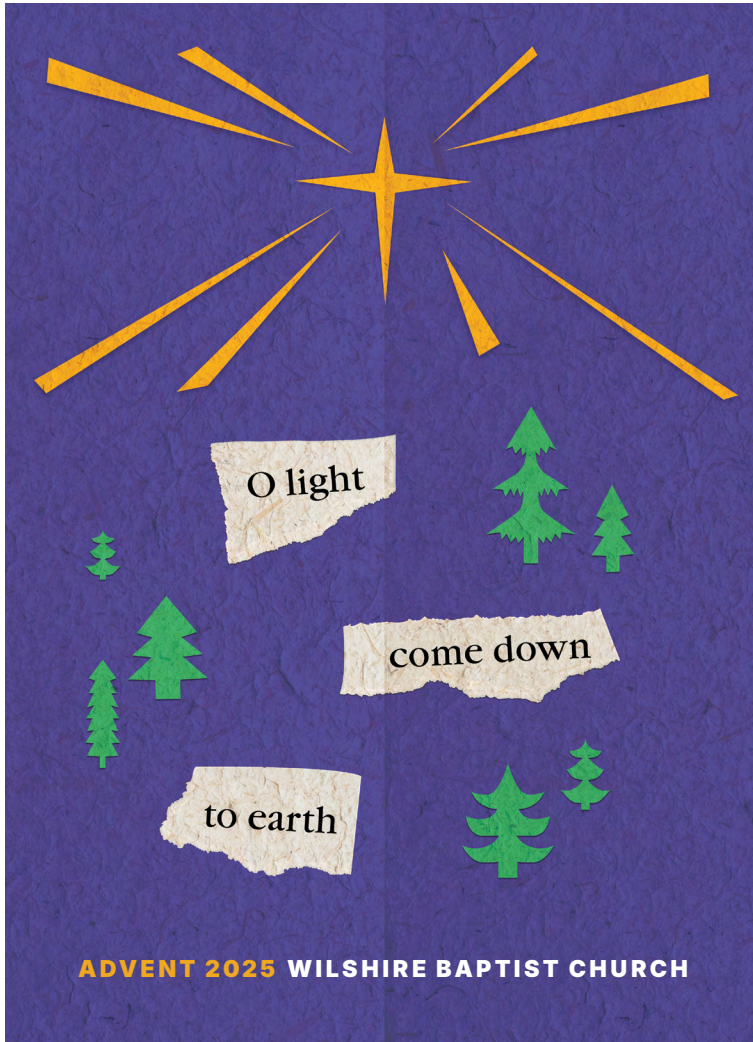
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News & Announcements
November 23, 2025

Advent begins next Sunday

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.

wilshirebc.org/advent



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.



Celebration of the Green

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

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 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 kittel@tx.rr.com.



Christmas Eve

Wednesday, Dec. 24

■ **4 p.m.** | Our family service is suitable for all ages.

■ **11 p.m.** | Our liturgical service includes celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, Dec. 28: No Sunday School. Worship at 11 a.m. only.



Giving Tree is up

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.

■ We also have a **Virtual Giving Tree**. Find the link at wilshirebc.org/giving-tree.



Advent art show

Light is the common theme of 16 mixed media works by artist Sandra Bowden that will be on display from Nov. 23 through Jan. 4 in the South Lobby. Each piece in *Illuminations* is embellished with gold leafing, an element of adornment which characterized many medieval texts. The exhibit will be accessible whenever the building is open.

■ See next page for more Advent opportunities.

Advent Action Items

"Tis not quite the season, but there are some boxes you can check now.

Order a poinsettia

Help decorate the Sanctuary by ordering a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. Dedications will be listed on Dec. 7. 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 kids for Nativity duty

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.

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ADVENTURERS

Register for Adventurers outing

Tuesday, Dec. 2 | 3 p.m. | Join the Adventurers for an outing to Grapevine, the Christmas Capitol of Texas. The group will enjoy the sights and sounds of the season as they wander Main Street for shopping, dining and fun. Cost: \$25 each for transportation by bus. We'll 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.

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.

Online Book Fair to benefit Library begins Dec. 1

Get some Christmas shopping done and help the Wilshire Library at the same time by shopping the Library's online book fair from Dec. 1 to 16. The Library will receive 25% of all sales. Watch for instructions on accessing the book fair as Dec. 1 gets closer.

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.



Tree of Hope and Remembrance

Help decorate our 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

No Wednesday
activities on Nov. 26

WNL resumes Dec. 3 with Koinonia Café and our full lineup of faith formation activities. Here's a look at what's coming up on the final two Wednesday evenings before a holiday break.

Vespers: Moravian love feast

Wednesday, Dec. 3 | 6 p.m. | McIver Chapel | Join our pastoral residents for a Moravian love feast-themed Vespers. First held in Germany in 1727, love feasts evoke 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.

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.

New members

Paige and Rusty Walker

Preschool Playdate tomorrow

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.

McKee ordination next Sunday



All are invited to an ordination service for Pastoral Resident Georgia McKee on Sunday, Nov. 30, at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Georgia, a second-year resident, recently accepted the call to become associate pastor 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 an interdenominational church in the Protestant tradition.

Next Lunch & Learn: Dec. 3



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 Heather Mustain will teach Dec. 3. No

RSVP needed; pay at the door.

Subscribe to sermon podcast

Sermons from Timothy Peoples and other Wilshire preachers are available as a weekly audio podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and other podcast platforms. Search for "Wilshire Baptist Church" on your platform of choice.

Thanksgiving Generosity

Thanks to your faithful participation in our 2025 Thanksgiving Food Drives, Wilshire was able to donate 112 Thanksgiving meal boxes to the Wilkinson Center and 1,847 lbs. of food to White Rock Center of Hope.



Top: Compass Class gathered in James Gallery on Nov. 13 to assemble 60 Thanksgiving boxes for the Wilkinson Center. **Bottom:** Friday Friends used funds from a recent grant to give back to the community in the spirit of Thanksgiving. They purchased supplies and created 100 blessing bags for the benefit of After8ToEducate, a Fair Park-area nonprofit working with homeless teenagers. The teens will receive new socks, a beanie hat, warm gloves, toothbrush and toothpaste, hand sanitizer, tissues, lip balm and more.



Women of Wilshire

■ **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** | Dec. 9 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | The Dec. 9 meeting will include a cookie exchange and a special guest reviewing favorite Christmas books. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

■ **Women of Wilshire's 2026 retreat** will be held Feb. 20–22, at the Prothro Retreat Center at Lake Texoma. Get away and find community, encouragement and time with God through worship, art, learning and fun. Register at wilshirebc.org/events/wow-retreat-2026.

Men's Book Club

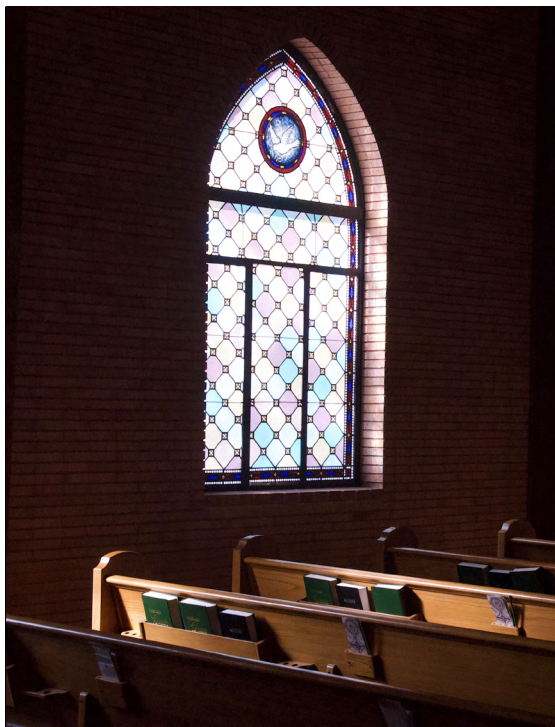
Dec. 16 | 7 p.m. | Parlor | *Chronicle of a Death Foretold* by Gabriel García Márquez. Contact: Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net)

Monthly service opportunities

■ A Wilshire group will serve 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.



9 a.m. Worship

Weekly | Mclver Chapel

“This new service 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.”

—Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples



Childcare available for preschoolers

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.

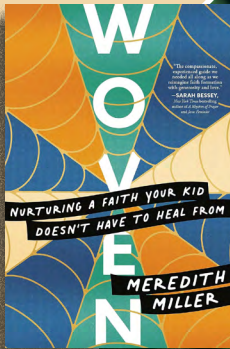
■ A new Stephen Minister training class begins in January. To learn more or apply, contact Linda Garner at 214-452-3151 or visit wilshirebc.org/stephen-ministry.

Columbarium prices to rise Jan. 1

Since its 2010 dedication, Wilshire's Columbarium has become the resting place for many Wilshire members and their loved ones. Over the years, we have kept prices steady, but with rising maintenance costs and the need to hire a new engraver, we are raising the price of niches and 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 Jan. 1. Act soon to purchase a niche or marker at the current price. Contact: Chelsea Hopkins (chopkins@wilshirebc.org)

Meredith Miller

Author, speaker, expert on faith formation in children



Meredith Miller

is a pastor and parent who helps grownups, and the kids they love, engage with faith in ways that are life-giving, fun and a fit for their real lives.

Sunday, Jan. 11

9:45 a.m.: Adult Sunday School, McIver Chapel

Noon: Lunch Talk with Q&A, Community Hall

REGISTER
FOR LUNCH



Kelly Akins

Hometown: Fort Worth

Present City: Dallas

Education: BA, Oklahoma Baptist University;
Master of Education, University of North Texas

Profession: Minister to Preschoolers

Tell us about your family.

My husband, Allan, is a photographer. Brian, 27, works at a bike shop and is an avid rock climber and chess teacher; Emily, 25, is a nanny. Both of our kids live at home.

How about your work life?

I get to hold babies, welcome children, read stories and play. What more could you want?!

Any favorite hobbies?

Sewing, quilting, smocking.

What are your favorite places to travel?

London, Chicago, Santa Fe.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

I came in 1990 as a single adult, got married in 1997 and brought Allan here from Broadway Baptist in Fort Worth. We raised our children at Wilshire. When I retired in 2016 from teaching kindergarten in public schools, I taught pre-K at ECLC. Then Covid came, and we shut down. When we reopened, I became the assistant director. In 2024, I was asked to be Wilshire's minister to preschoolers.

Tell us about your faith journey.

I was raised in the church. Grandfather King was a Baptist preacher in Oklahoma. My Daddy, Joe King, was the minister of music at University



Baptist Church in Fort Worth for 16 years, so I grew up as a staff kid. When Daddy finished his doctorate, he started teaching conducting and church music at Southwestern Seminary. My mother, Sue King, taught voice at the seminary. I was always at church and very involved in

music. I came to faith early. UBC, OBU and my family nurtured that faith. Daddy was the interim minister of music at Wilshire twice, between Bill James and Bob Brooks, and again between Bob and Doug Haney. Wilshire has helped nurture my faith and the faith of my children and husband, and for that I am forever grateful.

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

I feel like all my experience and education has brought me to this perfect job. I love interacting with the preschoolers and their families and introducing them to their own faith journey through Godly Play.

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

I work at the Rocking Bobbin Quilt Shop in Garland two days a week teaching classes and selling fabric and sewing machines.

What adjectives best describe you?

Creative, a builder of connections and community, always learning something new.

This Week

Sunday, Nov. 23

- Art Exhibit: *Illuminations*, South Lobby
- WSM Fall Retreat, Camp Copass
- Worship, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 24

- Art Exhibit: *Illuminations*, South Lobby
- Preschool Playdate, 1350, 9:30 a.m.
- Exercise Classes, 3103, 10 a.m.
- Wilshire Winds, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 25

- Art Exhibit: *Illuminations*, South Lobby
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 26

- Art Exhibit: *Illuminations*, South Lobby
- Early building and office closure, 3 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 27

Friday, Nov. 28

- Church closed; staff holidays

Sunday, Nov. 30

- Art Exhibit: *Illuminations*, South Lobby
- Worship, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Special Advent Sunday School Series, McIver Chapel, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, 2223, noon
- Children's Choir, 12:30 p.m.
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 1 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Ordination Service for Georgia McKee, Sanctuary, 2 p.m. Reception follows.

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.

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.