



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**January 18, 2026**

*Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

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9:00 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

Ariel Merivil

## Centering Silence

Ariel Merivil

One: We breathe in the breath of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Call to Worship

Ariel Merivil

One: God of peace and love, bring to us a new awareness

**All: Of your kingdom at work in the world.**

One: Grant that we may see and understand

**All: The small and unassuming things,**

One: Which take patience and attention to notice:

**All: A seed,**

One: Yeast in bread,

**All: Treasure buried in a field,**

One: A net cast into water,

**All: A baby lying in a manger.**

One: We acknowledge that we mostly miss the signs when they are not flashy or earth-shaking,

**All: But that your kingdom is all around us.**

One: We acknowledge that Christ came to exhibit neither wealth nor political power,

**All: But self-sacrificing love, which the world had never seen and mostly overlooks.**

One: We acknowledge that the progress of the good work we do may be imperceptible to us,

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+All congregants are invited to stand in body or spirit.

**All: And that our success is in our obedience to you.**

One: We welcome your kingdom, in the world and in our hearts.

**All: We seek your kingdom, certain that we will find it.**

One: We anticipate your kingdom,

**All: Working toward peace,**

One: Providing for the poor,

**All: Healing the sick,**

One: Loving our enemies.

**All: We trust in your love to provide for us in our seeking.**

One: Whether your spirit comes to us as a wind or a whisper,

**All: May we know your presence and be useful to your kingdom work. Amen.**

**+Congregational Song**

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

KELVINGROVE

No. 473

Stanzas 1, 2, 4 and 5

**Scripture Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Georgia McKee

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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!**

**Message**

Georgia McKee

**Prayer Practice — Lectio Divina**

Jordann McMahan

**Music for Meditation**

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*  
Ralph Manuel

arr. Kurt Kaiser

One: God our maker,  
We honor the sacred multitude that resides in you.

**All: May the guardian in you protect us.  
May the child in you delight in us.**

One: May the friend in you challenge us.  
May your ashes resurrect us.

**All: May your sky shelter us.  
May the mystery of you liberate us.**

One: Provide abundance and healing in all forms to those who need it today.  
And deliver us from shame, hatred, and the chains that bind us.

**All: For you have made us, and we are still being made.  
Amen.**

**We're glad you're here.**

If you're a guest today and would like to let us know, 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 pews and can be given to any minister after the service.

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*We acknowledge that this land where we gather once held the sacred voices of Indigenous peoples and bore the suffering of the enslaved.*