



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**February 1, 2026**

*Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

# Preparing for worship

“Control what you can control, and let go of what you can’t.”

Before every competition, my head coach at Belmont University had us listen to a recording that repeated this phrase while guiding us through a breathing exercise. The goal was to steady our bodies and calm our minds before the game — to stop worrying about all the variables we couldn’t fix: injuries, weather, school. At the time, it felt like a silly pregame ritual. But last weekend, as I packed up to move across the country in the middle of a Texas winter storm, I found myself giving thanks for all that I cannot control.

Because truthfully, I haven’t been able to control what God has done in our midst. Every conversation, every meal, every sacred moment we’ve shared has been the Spirit’s work. God has moved among us in ways I could never have planned or predicted.

When I came to Wilshire in the summer of 2024, I knew I was called to ministry — and that I’d finally get to enjoy real Texas brisket again, not the pork North Carolinians call barbecue. But I had no idea how deeply this community would form me, or how my heart would be set ablaze for the gospel through a church so devoted

to living it out.

Sophia and I had just gotten married in Winston-Salem, and 48 hours later we pulled into Resident Row — hopeful, tired and overwhelmed. There was so much we couldn’t control. But Wilshire instantly met us with generous hands, prayerful hearts and gentle spirits. You have taught me that the gospel isn’t just proclaimed but embodied. Through your generous hospitality, your prophetic courage, and your relentless care for one another, you have shown me what the kingdom of God looks like in motion.

Our world needs more people who will link arms through doubt and uncertainty, staying committed to compassion and mercy. We need people who listen deeply, care for the vulnerable, light candles of memory and teach children how to walk in love. You, Wilshire, have done this faithfully. You have given me a living model of the gospel, and I will carry it with me into all that comes next.

Thank you — for your love, your grace and your friendship. This time together has blessed me in more ways than I could have ever imagined. I love you. And I promise, I will visit.

—Georgia McKee



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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.*

**February 1, 2026**  
11:00 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

**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**

Amanda Hines

**Prelude**

*Pie Jesu from Requiem in D Minor*

Gabriel Fauré/arr. Tucker

**Baptism** — Curtis Stewart

Timothy Peoples

**+Congregational Song**

*How Firm a Foundation*  
No. 425  
Stanzas 1–4

FOUNDATION

**+Call to Worship**

Bobby Jones

One: We gather this morning to meet a God who serves and calls us to do the same.

**All: We come ready to worship and ready to be changed.**

One: Jesus showed us that real strength is found in humility and real faith is lived out through serving others.

**All: Open our hearts, Lord, to serve with compassion and joy.**

One: As we sing, pray and listen, may our worship move us beyond these walls into lives of love, justice and service.

**All: We worship you, O God, and commit ourselves to serve in your name.**

**+Response in Song**

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

**The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!**

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

## Introduction of New Deacons

Timothy Peoples

Christina Evans, Mike Korson, Patty Latham, Spencer Long,  
Sue McElveen, Rachel Murphy, Megan Willson

### Litany of Commitment to Deacon Service

Laurie Diffie, Rob Roden, Rhonda Walton

Leader: Brothers and sisters, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood within the church. Do you believe that you are truly called by God and this church to the life and work of a deacon?

**Candidates: I believe I am so called.**

Leader: Do you now in the presence of God and the church commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

**Candidates: I do, with God's help.**

Leader: Will you be faithful in prayer, in the reading and study of the Scriptures, in stewardship of spiritual and material goods, in seeking the will of God for the church, and in promoting the unity of Christ's body?

**Candidates: I will.**

Leader: Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all people?

**Candidates: I will, with God's help.**

Leader: Will you in all things seek not your own glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

**Candidates: I will.**

Leader: May the Lord uphold you with divine grace in this service laid upon you.

**Candidates: Amen.**

## Introduction of Returning Deacons

Timothy Peoples

Andrew Burton, Diana Early, Mark Eggert, Larry Granberry,  
Gladys Kolenovsky, Mike McCullough, Debbie Meripolski, Monica Mullins,  
Dennis Smith, Hank Thompson, Trey Wilson

### The Laying on of Hands and Prayer

Katie Murray

### Congregational Song

*Will You Come and Follow Me*  
No. 473  
Stanzas 1, 2 and 5

KELVINGROVE

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?  
One thing I asked of the LORD;  
this I seek:  
to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD,  
and to inquire in the LORD's temple.  
For God will hide me in God's shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
God will conceal me under the cover of God's  
tent; the LORD will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in God's tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.  
Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!  
“Come,” my heart says, “seek the LORD's face!”  
Your face, LORD, do I seek.  
Do not hide your face from me.  
Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.  
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!

**Offertory**

*Fix Me, Jesus*

Spiritual/arr. Evelyn  
Simpson-Currentton

Oh, fix me; Oh, fix me;  
Oh, fix me. Fix me, Jesus, fix me.

Fix me for my long, white robe;  
Fix me, Jesus, fix me.  
Fix me for my starry crown;  
Fix me, Jesus, fix me.

Fix me for my journey home;  
Fix me, Jesus, fix me.  
Fix me for my dying bed;  
Fix me, Jesus, fix me.

**+Gospel Reading** — Matthew 4:12–23

Colman Vigil

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles — the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea — for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called

them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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** "Repent and Follow Me" Timothy Peoples

**Anthem** *Here I Am, Lord* arr. Ovid Young  
Sanctuary Choir  
Ralph Manuel, piano

For the text to this anthem, please see no. 482 in the hymnal.

**Prayers of the People** Jordann McMahan

**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** *Trust and Obey* TRUST AND OBEY  
No. 509

**Recognition of Georgia McKee** Timothy Peoples

**Litany of Blessing** Charlie Fuller

**One:** As a church, we gather today to give thanks to God for the journey with us of Georgia. We are grateful for the family, friends, teachers, churches and mentors who shaped her on her way to us.

**All:** **We give thanks for the seeds of faith planted by others.**

**One:** Through your time of ministry with us, we have sought together to follow Christ and to be Christ's church in this place. You have walked among us, rejoiced with us, wept with us and sought God's truth with us.

**All: We give thanks for the seeds of hope you have nurtured among us.**

One: Now we prepare to let go, to send forth Georgia with our blessing, praying that she may be salt of the earth and light for the world as she plants new seeds of God's care in other places.

**All: We give thanks for the seeds of joy to be sown in the years ahead.**

One: It was God who made the seed grow. The planter and the waterer are nothing compared with our God who gives life to the seed. For we are laborers together with God.

**All: The Lord bless you and keep you.**

One: The Lord make the divine face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

**All: The Lord lift up the divine countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.**

**Prayer of Blessing**

Maggie Morey

**Sending Forth and Presentation of Gifts**

Lay Support Team

**Sharing of Decisions**

Timothy Peoples

**Benediction**

Timothy Peoples

**Postlude**

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

### **Today's flower dedications**

In loving memory of Joseph Michael Furney by Nancy, William and Jonathan Furney.

Given by Pat and Fred Cullum in celebration of the January 27  
shared birthday of Maggie Morey, Pat Cullum and Pat's  
great-granddaughter, Martha Lamb, who turned one year old.

Given by Georgia McKee in gratitude for her lay support team  
and for Wilshire, whose love and faith have shaped her ministry and  
continue to nurture God's work in the world.



**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

**Laurie Diffie** grew up at Wilshire. She sings in Sanctuary Choir and Nova, plays in Carillon Ringers and is a Faith in 3D participant. Laurie also serves on the Adventurers Committee, volunteers in the church office on Sundays and will serve as vice chair of deacons this year. She works as an IT engineer at GuideStone.

**Judith Guthrie** is a junior at the School for the Talented and Gifted at Townview Center and is involved in ballet and Destination Imagination. She is the daughter of Emily Muscarella and sister to Joseph and Felix Guthrie. At Wilshire, Judith serves as vice president of the Youth Choir, sings in Shekinah and is a member of the Lay Support Team for Pastoral Resident Georgia McKee.

**Bobby Jones** joined Wilshire last year and attends Discovery Class. He and his wife, Mary, have two adult children, one of whom is deceased, four grandchildren and are great uncle and aunt to Pastoral Resident Georgia McKee. A Dallas native, Bobby enjoys fishing and reading.

**Rob Roden** has been a Wilshire member since 1998. He and his wife, Michelle, attend Journey Class and are parents to two adult children, Henry and Emma. Rob is the new chair-elect of deacons and serves on the Lord's Supper and Hospitality Ministry Teams. He works as an executive recruiter at PwC.

**Colman Vigil** grew up at Wilshire and is the son of Julian Vigil and brother of Trey Vigil. Colman is a deacon, sings in Sanctuary Choir and Nova, volunteers with KidConnect, directs Intersection Class and is involved with the Shiloh and Ithaca Classes. He serves on the New Member Ministry Team, the Belong Team and the Lay Support Team for Pastoral Resident Georgia McKee. Colman works as a client relations manager for an employment law firm.

**Rhonda Walton** and her husband, Jim, joined Wilshire in 2014 and attend Epiphany Class. They are the parents of four adult sons, including Steven Walton, who attends Wilshire with his wife, Ashley, and their two children, Kennedy, 8, and Carter, 5. A retired pediatrician, Rhonda is Wilshire's new chair of deacons. She is also a Stephen Minister and serves on the Lay Support Team for Pastoral Resident Maggie Morey.



# Staff contacts

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## Communications

- Mark McKenzie, Communications Director (3169)

## Congregational Care

- Barbara Clayton, Pastoral Care Assistant (3125)
- Linda Garner, Parish Nurse (3151)
- Carolyn Murray, Coordinator of Congregational Life (3170)
- Katie Murray, Minister of Pastoral Care and to Senior Adults (3129)

## Finance

- Shaffon Alexander, Director of Finance (3131)

## Food Services

- Haley Garcia, Food Service Director (3117)
- Luke Munion, Prep Cook
- Wilfredo Velasquez-Cruz, Steward

## Hospitality and Facilities

- 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

## Missions and Advocacy

- Abbey Adcox, Missions and Advocacy Coordinator (3127)
- Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor (3110)

## Music and Worship

- Jeff Brummel, Associate Minister of Music/ Organist (3122)
- Carol Cabaniss, Music and Worship Coordinator (3106)
- Shana Gaines, Wilshire Winds Director (3163)
- Ralph Manuel, Handbell Coordinator (3161)
- Candy McComb, Children's Choir Coordinator (3124)
- Ariel Merivil, Minister of Music (3135)

## Operations and Technology

- Rene Altamirano, Maintenance Technician
- Bryant Greer, Building Operations Manager (3146)
- Jim Tapley, Audio and Video Coordinator

## Pathways to Ministry

- Charlie Fuller, Pathways to Ministry Director and Coach in Residence (3123)
- Amanda Hines, Pastoral Resident (3154)
- George Mason, Senior Pastor Emeritus and Pathways to Ministry Alumni Director (3133)
- Jordann McMahan, Pastoral Resident (3155)
- Maggie Morey, Pastoral Resident (3153)

## Senior Pastor

- Chelsea Hopkins, Executive Assistant (3132)
- Timothy Peoples, Senior Pastor (3132)

## Spiritual Formation

- Kelly Akins, Minister to Preschoolers (3139)
- Darren DeMent, Associate Pastor (3102)
- Julie Girards, Minister to Children (3104)
- Carole McClung, Spiritual Formation Ministry Assistant (3130)
- Katie Murray, Minister of Pastoral Care and to Senior Adults (3129)
- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)



## Feb. 8 event will support immigration-focused partners

**T**HIS YEAR'S SOUPER BOWL OF CARING provides us the opportunity to practice care and solidarity with our neighbors by supporting grassroots partners involved in immigration court observation, as well as clergy support at the Dallas ICE field office. These ministries rely on shared generosity to provide office supplies, snacks, books and stickers for children and mutual aid for families whose loved ones have been detained.

Next Sunday, Feb. 8, we'll gather in Community Hall at noon for soup and all the fixings. As always, we invite you to donate

the amount you'd spend eating lunch out.

You can also use an Amazon wishlist to provide needed items for our grassroots partners. Monetary gifts will help buy more supplies and sustain the work.

During lunch we'll hear firsthand about how Wilshire is working alongside these partners in faithful presence.



To access the Amazon wishlist or to make an online contribution, scan the QR code or visit [wilshirebc.org/events/souper-bowl](https://wilshirebc.org/events/souper-bowl).



**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](https://youtube.com/wilshirebaptist). Keep up with Wilshire by subscribing to our YouTube channel and following us on Facebook and Instagram.

## Condolences to

Family and friends on the death of **Delores Knight**, Jan. 15.

## New member

**David Mann**

## Adventurers Boston trip has room

Sign-ups are underway for the Adventurers' Sept. 20–25 trip to Boston, and we still have room for a few more travelers. Visit [wilshirebc.org/events/boston-trip](http://wilshirebc.org/events/boston-trip) to learn more and email Barbara Clayton ([bclayton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:bclayton@wilshirebc.org)) to learn how to register through our travel partner, Road Scholar. Adventurers is a fellowship group for anyone 60 and above.

## Faithworks conference discount

Advocacy partner FaithWorks (formerly Fellowship Southwest) will hold its Compassion and Justice Conference on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20 and 21, in Austin. Racial justice will be the focus, and speakers will include Malcolm Foley, Agustín Quiles and Robert P. Jones. Wilshire members can use the code “FWChurch” to get 40% off the registration fee. Learn more and register at [faithworks.com](http://faithworks.com).



## Marriage Connections is Feb. 13

Marriage Connections will be held Friday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m. Free childcare (infant–grade 5) will be provided while parents enjoy a short program at the church and then have the rest of the night, until 9:30, to themselves. Registration is required for childcare by Feb. 8. Visit [wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections](http://wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections).

■ The same childcare is available to **single, adoptive and foster parents**. Register at [wilshirebc.org/events/pno](http://wilshirebc.org/events/pno) by Feb. 8.



## Youth Choir fundraiser is March 1; your auction items needed

The annual Youth Choir Spaghetti Lunch and Silent Auction will be held Sunday, March 1, in Community Hall after the 11 a.m. service. This event will help fund the group's summer mission tour to Kansas City to sing, serve and sightsee.

■ **Your donated items and services are needed for the silent auction.** Suggestions include restaurant gift cards, new household items, sporting equipment and event tickets. Professional services make great donation items, so if you're a musician, tutor, photographer, baker, designer, accountant or have a service to provide, consider donating a gift certificate of your time or service. Donations are kindly requested by Sunday, Feb. 15. Scan the QR code or visit [wilshirebc.org/events/slsa](http://wilshirebc.org/events/slsa) for donation information and contribution forms, or email [wyc auction@gmail.com](mailto:wyc auction@gmail.com).



## Lunch & Learn is Feb. 4

Everyone is invited to Community Hall the first and third Wednesdays every month at 11:30 a.m. for lunch (\$10) and Bible study.

## Women of Wilshire book clubs

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Thursday, Feb. 5 | Noon | 1205-L | *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood. Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org))

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Feb. 10 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. Contact: Debby Burton ([debbyb0929@gmail.com](mailto:debbyb0929@gmail.com))

## Men's Book Club

Tuesday, Feb. 17 | 7 p.m. | Parlor | *New Seeds of Contemplation* by Thomas Merton. Contact: Scott Spreier ([swspreier@gmail.com](mailto:swspreier@gmail.com)) or Mike Meripolski ([meripolski@att.net](mailto:meripolski@att.net))



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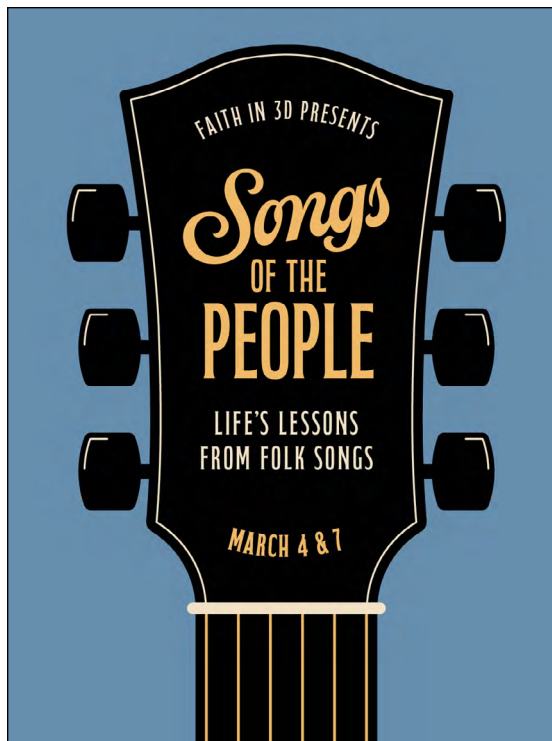
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### IMPORTANT 2026 DATES

**Monday, February 2:** Voter registration deadline  
**February 17-27:** Early voting days  
**Tuesday, March 3:** Primary election day  
**Tuesday, May 26:** Runoff election (if needed)

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## Faith in 3D is coming March 4 & 7

WILSHIRE'S FAITH IN 3D TEAM will present *Songs of the People: Life's Lessons from Folk Songs* on March 4 and 7. The show will include a wide array of songs, from the lighthearted to the intense, the obvious to the symbolic, the personal to the universal, and the secular to the sacred.

Nancy Poynter and Ralph Manuel return as director and musical director, respectively, with musical help from Jeff Brummel, Darren DeMent, Ariel Merivil and Amy Pottkotter.

*Songs of the People* will be presented Wednesday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, March 7, at 2:30 p.m. The three Ds in Faith in 3D stand for drama, dialogue and dessert.

# Carol Cabaniss marks 10 years on Wilshire staff

**M**USIC AND WORSHIP COORDINATOR Carol Cabaniss recently celebrated her 10-year anniversary as a member of the Wilshire staff. “I’ve always enjoyed the work and enjoyed the people,” Carol said. “Wilshire is a place I like coming to each day.”

One of Carol’s primary responsibilities is enlisting church members to lead in worship each week. As part of this process, she not only communicates logistics — where to be and when — but also gathers information used for the bios printed in the worship folder. “We often use newer members in worship,” Carol said, “and I love that my job helps me meet them and get to know them.”

Carol became a member of Wilshire in 1992. She and her husband, Kevin, are parents to three young adults, Peyton, Tanner and Trace.

Carol joined the Wilshire staff in 2015, serving first in administrative roles in education and spiritual formation. In 2023, she transitioned to the music office. “I enjoyed my years in education ministry,” she said, “but I was ready for something a little bit new, and I felt I had skills that would transfer well to supporting music ministry.”

She moved into her current role shortly before Ariel Merivil was called as minister of music. “I knew someone new was coming,” Carol said, “and I thought it would be exciting to be in on a new era from the beginning and help the new music minister as they got started.”

Ariel said, “Carol’s institutional experience is an asset to all we do in ministry together. Thanks to her forethought, efficiency, humility and care, music ministry and worship at Wilshire is a well-oiled part of our shared work. She is a tireless contributor to our team, and we are so grateful to work alongside such a kind and patient servant leader.”



In addition to enlisting worship leaders, Carol helps make sure all printed elements of the service are in place and correct — from Scripture readings to song lyrics to copyright information. Each Friday, she oversees the in-house printing of the main worship folder and

the order of worship for the 9 a.m. service.

She also facilitates flower dedications, including Advent poinsettias and Easter lilies; orders printed music; maintains the music library; supports all music groups, including Children’s Choir; works with facilities staff to make sure the Sanctuary is set up correctly and ready for worship; supports Faith in 3D; and coordinates Lord’s Supper volunteers.

In 2025, Carol took over as funeral and Columbarium coordinator, working with families and ministers to plan services and nail down logistics. “It is a privilege to support families during times of great loss,” Carol said. “I try to provide a steady hand and a compassionate presence.”

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— ARIEL MERIVIL

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# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE FEBRUARY 4

## Koinonia Café

**5 p.m. | Community Hall** | Buffet dinner with kid-friendly options. Cash/check/credit. Prices at [wilshirebc.org/events/wnl](http://wilshirebc.org/events/wnl). **Feb. 4:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, veggie soup, strawberry shortcake, 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

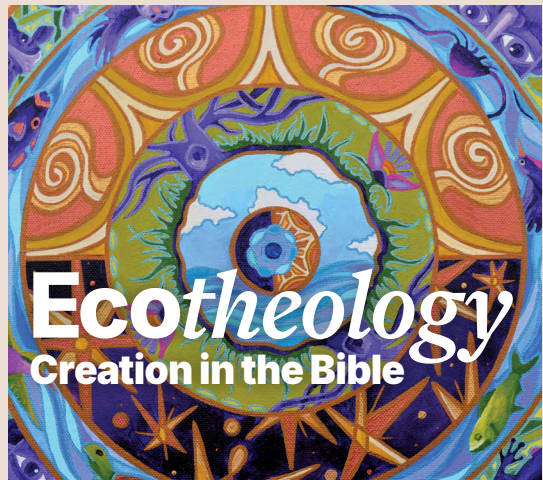
**6 p.m. | K–Grade 5** | A rotation of activities to help kids learn how to love God and others.

## 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 series continues

**6 p.m. | Community Hall** | Genesis 1 and 2 are the only accounts of creation in the Bible, right? Well, maybe not. Join Timothy and the residents for a study of creation accounts in Scripture from Genesis to John. This study, which ends Feb. 11, will look at Scripture through the lens of ecotheology and consider what creation has to say about the Creator. On Feb. 4, Jordann McMahan will lead a discussion on Psalm 104.

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





## FICTION

- *The King's Ransom*, Janet Evanovich
- *The Correspondent*, Virginia Evans
- *Theo of Golden*, Allen Levi
- *The Girl from Devil's Lake*, J.A. Jance
- *In the Time of Five Pumpkins*, Alexander McCall Smith
- *The Intruder*, Freida McFadden
- *Clive Cussler: Quantum Tempest*, Mike Maden
- *Return of the Spider*, James Patterson

## JUVENILE FICTION

- *The Bad Guys Series*, Aaron Blabey
  1. *The Bad Guys*
  2. *Mission Unpluckable*
  3. *The Furball Strikes Back*
  4. *Attack of the Zittens*
  5. *Intergalactic Gas*
- *Dog Man: Big Jim Believes*, Dav Pilkey
- *I Survived the Dust Bowl, 1935*, Lauren Tarshis
- *I Survived the California Wildfires, 2018*, Lauren Tarshis
- *I Survived the Eruption of Mount St. Helen's, 1980*, Lauren Tarshis
- *I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912*, Lauren Tarshis

## CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

- *You Can Read*, Helaine Becker
- *Bluey: More 5-Minute Stories*
- *I Love My Cat with The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, Eric Carle



## Get in on the 75th anniversary fun

Wilshire will mark its 75th anniversary this year, culminating in a festive June weekend, and we need your help! From planning to hosting, there are lots of ways you can be



involved in our milestone celebration. Scan the QR code or visit [wilshirebc.org/75](http://wilshirebc.org/75) to check out our SignUpGenius and see where you can plug in.

## Save these dates!

**Saturday, June 13 | 4:45-7:30 p.m.** | The church will be open for you to come, see and gather. At 6 we'll meet in the Sanctuary for reflections and remembrances.

**Sunday, June 14 | 11 a.m.** | 75-Minute Worship Celebration.

[wilshirebc.org/75](http://wilshirebc.org/75)

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**AUTOMATIC BANK PAY.** Visit your bank's website and set up Wilshire as a payee. The bank will send the church a check.

**MAIL.** Send to Finance Director Shaffon Alexander's attention at Wilshire.

**TEXT.** Text WILSHIRE and a dollar amount (ex: WILSHIRE 50) to 73256.

**DONATE STOCKS.** Contact Shaffon to learn how to donate appreciated stocks.

**FROM YOUR IRA.** For those over 70.5 years old, tax-free IRA gifts offer a financial benefit and may reduce future tax burdens.



**Scan code with your smartphone camera to make an electronic contribution.**

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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.

# *This Week*

## **Sunday, Feb. 1**

- Worship, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Belong Team, 1205-L, 11:45 a.m.
- Library Committee, 1205-G, noon
- Pathways to Ministry Committee, Parlor, noon
- Strategic Planning, 2202, 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, Feb. 2**

- Wilshire Winds, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

## **Tuesday, Feb. 3**

- Stephen Ministry CE and Supervision, 1205-G, 1205-L, 6 p.m.

## **Wednesday, Feb. 4**

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Lunch & Learn, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Bible Study, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- Preschool Music & Missions, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

## **Thursday, Feb. 5**

- WOW Brown Bag Book Club, 1205-L, noon
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.