



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

February 18, 2026
Ash Wednesday

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Noon

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Chiming of the Hour

We gather in community today to worship God.
To help center our focus in worship, please silence all electronic devices.

Welcome to Worshipers

Katie Murray

Prelude

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here
Amanda Hines, clarinet
Jeff Brummel, organ

Paul Manz/arr. Culli

+Congregational Song

More Love to Thee, O Christ
No. 365

MORE LOVE TO THEE

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures — Joel 2:1–2, 12–17

Maggie Morey

Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 sound the alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
 for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near —
a day of darkness and gloom,
 a day of clouds and thick darkness!
Like blackness spread upon the mountains,
 a great and powerful army comes;
their like has never been from of old,
 nor will be again after them
 in ages to come.

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Yet even now, says the LORD,
 return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
 rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the LORD your God,
 for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love,
 and relenting from punishment.
Who knows whether he will not turn and relent
 and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
 for the LORD your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion;
consecrate a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
gather the people.
Consecrate the congregation;
assemble the aged;
gather the children,
even infants at the breast.
Let the bridegroom leave his room
and the bride her canopy.
Between the vestibule and the altar,
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.
Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD,
and do not make your heritage a mockery,
a byword among the nations.
Why should it be said among the peoples,
'Where is their God?' "

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

The Old Rugged Cross
No. 185
Stanzas 1 and 4

OLD RUGGED CROSS

Homily

Timothy Peoples

Prayer of Confession

Heather Mustain

+Congregational Song

What Wondrous Love Is This
No. 171
Stanzas 1-3

WONDROUS LOVE

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

Imposition of Ashes

Those wishing to receive the imposition of ashes may
come forward and then exit using the outside aisles.

Please leave in silence.

ROOTED

Remembering Who and Whose You Are

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THese days, it's easy to feel unsure about things we once knew or felt confident about. Uncertainty seems to shape our days, leaving us to question our relationships, our faith, and even our sense of self. We may feel adrift, searching for steady ground.

In moments like these, it is good to become rooted again in truths that do not waver — to remember the steady presence that carries us when everything feels unsettled.

In that remembering, we find our footing and our rest. We are held, and we are not alone.

This season is not about having all the answers. It is about remembering who we are and whose we are and trusting the hope that holds us fast.

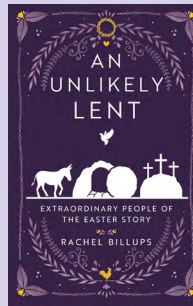
Key dates

■ **Good Friday | April 3** | Service at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

■ **Easter | April 5** | Services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 and 11 a.m. plus a Sunrise Service at White Rock Lake. The 9 a.m. Chapel service will not meet on Easter Sunday.

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Lenten book focus



All are invited to read along as we study *An Unlikely Lent: Extraordinary People of the Easter Story* by Rachel Billups. This new book invites us to consider the events of the Easter story through the “side characters” who witnessed them.

Many Sunday School classes will use the book, but it is also appropriate for individual study. The book is available at Amazon and other sellers.

Lenten playlist

Our eclectic Lenten playlist can be found on the digital music service Spotify. Search Spotify for “Rooted - Wilshire Lent 2026” or find the link at wilshirebc.org/lent.

Road to Resurrection

Palm Sunday, March 29 | Join us in traveling the path of Jesus during his last week on earth in this interactive Lenten event. Older preschoolers through 5th graders will attend during Sunday School; open to all from 9 to 9:30 a.m. More information to come.