



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**February 15, 2026**  
*Transfiguration Sunday*

# Preparing for worship

In my college days, I would periodically make the three-and-a-half-hour drive between Starkville, Mississippi, and Huntsville, Alabama. The most efficient route connecting these two places put me on a lot of backcountry roads running through a few small towns that were most definitely speed traps.

Over four years, the more often I would drive this route, the more familiar I became with the scenery — the twisting roads, the farmlands, the tall trees, the water tower that signaled me to make a turn onto a different two-lane road, and, of course, where the police would station themselves with radar guns. And while these things gradually became recognizable, an element that always made me marvel was when the sun would peek out between the clouds.

You know what I'm talking about. It's those picturesque moments on a road trip where it looks like heaven is peeking out from above the clouds to shine on something off in the distance. I like to imagine God cracking open a window in a house to catch a glimpse of what's going on here on earth. And likewise, I get to see just a small glimpse of what God might be revealing to me. In the seasons when my life felt like it was on autopilot, those road trips functioned

as invitations to pause and marvel. To lean into the wonder that exists around me. And to still be surprised at what the God of the universe continues to reveal.

God's revelation can be found throughout the Bible. This morning, we recognize Transfiguration Sunday, which marks the final day in the season of Epiphany in the church calendar. Epiphany began with Christ's baptism affirming his divinity and start of his earthly ministry. And Transfiguration Sunday again reveals Christ's divinity and serves as a bridge leading us into the Lenten season. The paraments in the worship space have been changed to white, and in our Scripture today, we will hear an echo of the words spoken at Jesus's baptism — "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased."

As you prepare yourself for worship, may you rest in the affirmation that you, too, are God's Beloved. God is pleased with you and takes delight in you. May the words, music, prayers, Scripture and message be reminders that Christ is here, and there is wonder waiting to be discovered.

—Amanda Hines



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Building a Community of Faith Shaped by the Spirit of Jesus Christ  
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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.*

**On the cover:** *Transfiguration*, Cara B. Hochhalter, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville.

February 15, 2026  
11:00 a.m.  
Transfiguration 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**

Sue McElveen

**Prelude**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
Carillon Ringers  
Ralph Manuel, director

arr. Lloyd Larson

**+Call to Worship**

Alden Henry, Kay Henry

One: Across generations, God has called God's people together —  
young and old,  
those full of certainty and those full of questions.

**All: We gather, trusting that God is our refuge,  
that Christ meets us here  
and that the Spirit is already at work among us.**

One: So come with your fears and your faith.  
Come, ready to listen and be changed.  
Come, trusting the Word of the Lord  
and resting in the presence of the One who is here.

**All: Let us worship God together.**

**+Congregational Song**

*O Worship the King*  
No. 52

LYONS

**Choral Introit**

*You Are There*  
Children's Choir  
Candy McComb, director  
Bill Jernberg, piano; Shana Gaines, flute

Joanne and Milton LeDoux

When I am alone, when I am afraid.  
Even if I walk in the shadows, God can hear my prayer.  
Everywhere I go, everywhere I stay.  
Even when it seems God is silent without hope anywhere,  
You, O God, are my refuge. You are there.  
I will trust Your Word, O God, and do the things you say,  
For you are like a rock and shield protecting me each day.

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

**Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures** — Exodus 24:12–18

Andrew Burton

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

**Offertory**

*Be Still, My Soul*  
Carillon Ringers

arr. Line/McChesney

**+Gospel Reading** — Matthew 17:1–9

Melinda Orr

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
No. 71

SLANE

**Message**

“Overcome by Fear”

Timothy Peoples

## Anthem

*I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord*  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. David Rasbach

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing!  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.  
With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

## Prayers of the People

Maggie Morey

### 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

*I Stand Amazed in the Presence*  
No. 576

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

## Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

## Benediction

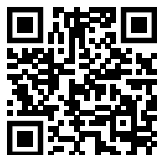
Timothy Peoples

## Postlude

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Deanna Bunch  
by Chuck Swift and Jeff, David and Brian Bunch.



**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

**Andrew Burton** joined Wilshire in 1998 at age 9 with his parents, Debby and David Burton, and brother, Josh. Andrew was active in Wilshire's youth group growing up and now volunteers as a youth Sunday School teacher and sponsor for Youth Camp and Youth Choir Tour. He is also a deacon and has traveled with Wilshire groups to Ghana and Puerto Rico. Andrew works in the accounting department at Trek Resources.

**Alden Henry** began attending Wilshire in 2023 with his parents, Sean and Melissa, and his sister, Ananda. An 8th grader at Robert T. Hill Middle School, Alden plays clarinet in band, plays baseball and participates in Scouts. He is active in Wilshire Student Ministry and sings in Youth Choir. Alden's great uncle and aunt are Wilshire members Vic Henry and Candy McComb. His paternal grandparents, Scott and Kay Henry, also attend Wilshire.

**Kay Henry** and her husband, Scott, have been coming to Wilshire since 2023 and attend Cord of Three Class. Kay and Scott are the parents of Sean Henry, parents-in-law of Melissa Henry and grandparents to Ananda and Alden Henry. Kay and Scott have two other adult sons and three other grandchildren, all of whom live in Austin. Kay's sister-in-law and brother-in-law are Candy McComb and Vic Henry.

**Sue McElveen** and her husband, Jerry, joined Wilshire in 2018. Sue is a deacon, a greeter, a co-director of Compass Class and a member of the Belong Team and the Adventurers Committee. She is retired but remains active in various community organizations.

**Melinda Orr** grew up at Wilshire and now attends with her husband, Grayson. The couple married last summer. Melinda's parents are Hank and Shellie Thompson, and her sister is Megan Willson. Melinda is co-director of the Intersection Class, volunteers with Wilshire Student Ministry and served on the search committee that brought Minister of Music Ariel Merivil to Wilshire. She works in nonprofit marketing.

# Staff contacts

**Phone numbers:** 214-452- followed by extension shown below. **Email addresses:** first letter of first name and full last name followed by @wilshirebc.org (example: tpeoples@wilshirebc.org). Staff members with phone extensions have Wilshire email addresses.

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- 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)

# Tapestry



Wilshire  
BAPTIST CHURCH

News & Announcements  
Feb. 15, 2026

## Emergency alert system adopted

FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS, the Risk Management Committee has been working to implement a comprehensive unified emergency mass notification system.



Called **Alert Aware**, the system is designed to quickly communicate critical information during emergencies in or near our building. Features include both a 911 function that will allow key staff to quickly alert first responders to active threats as well as the ability to send direct messages to all users about active security incidents and other important updates (weather closures, building maintenance issues, etc.). Messages will be specific to the location of the threat and offer key instructions to users.

This is an opt-in service. You can become a user by scanning the QR code below. After submitting an online form, you will receive an email with further instructions. You will need to download the app and create an account with the same credentials you used on the form. Once your account is active, nothing else is required; you will receive all alerts and messages sent from Wilshire's account.



If you have questions, please reach out to Associate Pastor Heather Mustain ([hmustain@wilshirebc.org](mailto:hmustain@wilshirebc.org)).



Miles Moyes

## Two Ash Wednesday services on Feb. 18

Noon | McIver Chapel  
6 p.m. | Sanctuary

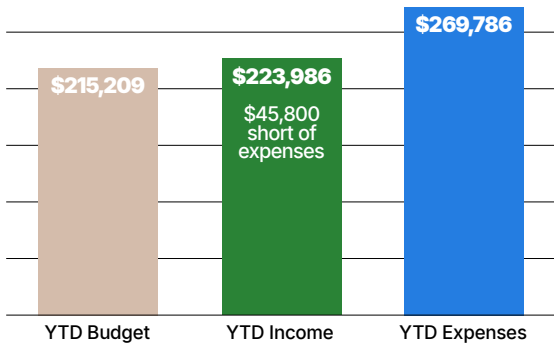
Wilshire will offer Ash Wednesday services at noon and 6 p.m. on Feb. 18. Both will include the imposition of ashes. The 6 p.m. service will be held in lieu of regular faith formation offerings; children and youth are encouraged to attend the service. Childcare will be available for preschoolers. Koinonia Café will be offered at 5 p.m. as usual.



**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.



## Unified Budget Update



Pathways Endowment YTD gifts..... \$995  
Pathways Endowment Jan. balance .....\$11,330,258

### New members

Nancy and Jim Barber

### Condolences to

**Kristi and Ben Reavis** on the death of Ben's mother, Sarah Campbell, Feb. 11. Grandchildren are **Emily Reavis** and **Owen Reavis**.

### 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.

### Lunch & Learn is Feb. 18

Everyone is invited to Community Hall the first and third Wednesdays every month at 11:30 a.m. for lunch (\$10) and Bible study. On Feb. 18, we'll serve lunch a few minutes early and attend the noon Ash Wednesday service together.



### Auction items needed by today for March 1 event

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. 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 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). Items can be delivered to a bin outside Abbey Adcox's office.

# ROOTED

## Remembering Who and Whose You Are

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**T**HESE 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.

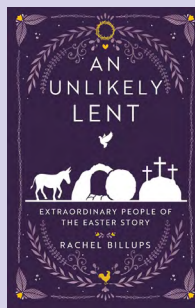
### Key dates

■ **Ash Wednesday | Feb. 18** | Two services: Noon in McIver Chapel and 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. See page 8.

■ **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.

### 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 is coming soon to the digital music service Spotify. We'll share the link at [wilshirebc.org/lent](http://wilshirebc.org/lent) and on our social media platforms.

### 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.

# Barbara Peterson bookmarks 10th anniversary as Wilshire librarian

**B**ARBARA PETERSON recently celebrated her 10th anniversary as Wilshire's librarian, bringing a wealth of experience and passion to this vital ministry.

"I love books, but I also love working with people, both children and adults, and helping them find what they like to read," she said. "To me, it's another ministry to our church members and even the neighborhood."

Barbara oversees a library with almost 18,000 books in every genre imaginable, from children's books and young adult fiction to adult fiction and nonfiction including Bible commentaries and study aids. She keeps the collection up to date, maintains the database, coordinates volunteers and leads story times for children.

"This church has so many really educated people, and it shows because they read and they teach each other," she said. "Our pastoral residents use the commentaries for their sermons, and Sunday School teachers are in here looking for material for lessons. They use the library to learn, and I love that."

Barbara joined Wilshire in 2013 with her husband, Arnold, a former pastor and missionary to South Korea. With a master's degree in library science and computers, she was director of public libraries in Centralia, Illinois, and Council Bluffs, Iowa, before coming to Dallas. Combining her library skills with an undergraduate degree in church music, she established and ran the music library at Korea Baptist Theological Seminary in Daejeon, South Korea.

At Wilshire, Barbara works with the Library Committee to plan events that benefit the collection and promote literacy, including Adopt-a-Book, book fairs and author fairs. She draws people into the library with ever-changing window displays and Linda Garner's Nativity collection during Advent.

One of Barbara's largest projects has been



renovation of the library in 2024, including the installation of new shelves acquired from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas.

"This whole project was done by church volunteers. It was great to see people wanting to help. We

have a great congregation," she said.

Barbara's role in the spiritual growth of the Wilshire community "cannot be overstated," said Darren DeMent, associate pastor, who coordinates spiritual formation and educational programming.

"Everyone involved in preschool ministry all the way through senior adult ministry has been impacted by Barbara," he said. "Story time with the kids, providing commentaries and resources for teachers, and offering a warm, inviting physical space for our congregation and the community are just a few of the many ways Barbara's ministry has been felt over the past 10 years."

Kelly Akins, minister to preschoolers, said Barbara's ministry is especially valuable to children and their parents through her readings and book acquisitions.

"She's always willing to get or use books that are appropriate for the occasion, whether it's Bible School, Sunday School or whatever," Kelly said.

At a time when many churches have closed their libraries, Barbara said Wilshire's library is "big and vibrant" thanks to the vision and dedication of those who preceded her.

"This library is 72 years old this year. The church is 75. This church has had a library almost from the beginning," she said.

## FaithWorks conference discount

FaithWorks will hold its Compassion and Justice Conference on Feb. 20 and 21 in Austin. Wilshire members can save 40% on registration with the code “FWChurch.” Learn more and register at [faithworks.com](http://faithworks.com).

## Change to Library hours

The Library will have reduced hours for several weeks while Librarian Barbara Peterson recovers from back surgery. The Library will be open Sundays, 9:30–10:45 a.m., Wednesdays, 6–7:15 p.m., and will be closed other days.

## Preschool Playdate on Feb. 28

Preschoolers and their families are invited to a Preschool Playdate on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the home of Jessica and Andy Brookshire. Contact: Minister to Preschoolers Kelly Akins ([kakins@wilshirebc.org](mailto:kakins@wilshirebc.org))

## 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))

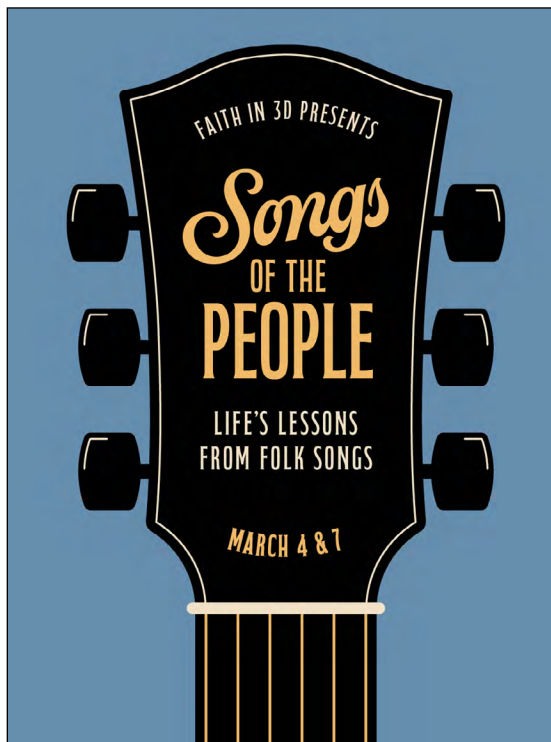
## Women of Wilshire book clubs

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | March 10 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *The Thursday Murder Book Club* by Richard Osman. Contact: Debby Burton ([debbyb0929@gmail.com](mailto:debbyb0929@gmail.com))

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Thursday, March 5 | Noon | 1205-L | *The Fifth Avenue Story Society* by Rachel Hauck. Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org))

## Hospitality Team seeks new faces

It takes 20 people each Sunday to staff our Hospitality Ministry Team, and we're looking for additional greeters and ushers to join the team. Serve on your own schedule — often when you'd already be at church. Contact: Barbara Clayton ([bclayton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:bclayton@wilshirebc.org))



## 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.

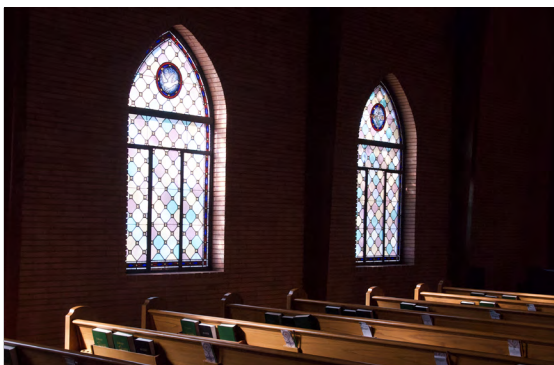
## See current service opportunities



To see ways you can serve alongside other Wilshire members with one of our mission or advocacy partners, scan the QR code or visit [wilshirebc.org/serve](http://wilshirebc.org/serve).

## Baptism Team seeks larger pool of volunteers

Looking for an easy way to serve? The Baptism Ministry Team is seeking volunteers. Team members are contacted as baptisms are scheduled and may serve as a baptism host — meeting with the individual being baptized, showing them to the baptistry and lighting the candle — or by helping with robe and towel laundry afterward. These roles require minimal time but offer meaningful support to those being baptized. For more information or to sign up, contact Chelsea Hopkins at [chopkins@wilshirebc.org](mailto:chopkins@wilshirebc.org).



## Contemplative Worship

9 a.m. Weekly | McIver Chapel



Childcare available for preschoolers



## 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.**

**18:** Taco salad bar, ground beef, black beans, cilantro lime rice, chips and salsa, tortilla soup, choco flan, cookies, jello. **Kids:** Cheese quesadillas, black beans.

## Ash Wednesday Service

**6 p.m. | Sanctuary** | Head to the Sanctuary after dinner for our 6 p.m. Ash Wednesday service, which will be held in lieu of regular faith formation offerings. Children and youth are encouraged to attend the service. Childcare will be available for preschoolers.

## Sanctuary Choir

**7 p.m. | Choral Hall** | Wilshire's main adult choir rehearses weekly. New singers are always welcome, and there's no audition.

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



# Christina Evans

**Hometown:** Garland

**Present City:** Murphy

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in early childhood and elementary education with a minor in special education

**Profession:** Full-time parent

## **Tell us about your family.**

My husband, Mark, and I have been married 13 years. We met in middle school and started dating our junior year of high school. We have four children, two here with us and two in Heaven. Our son, Liam, is 7, and our daughter, Eliana, is 4. We lost our middle sons, Emery and Jesse, on Jan. 10, 2020.

## **How about your work or volunteer life?**

For about five years, I've had the opportunity to volunteer with an organization for mothers of pregnancy and infant loss, Gathering Hope, in their yearly loss mom conference. It is an organization near to my heart for the support I received after the loss of our twins.

## **Any favorite hobbies?**

I am an avid reader and also enjoy baking bread, a post-pandemic hobby I picked up. I love to travel and am always looking forward to another trip and planning all the places I want our children to visit.

## **What are your favorite places to travel?**

We were lucky to live in Germany for a time while my husband was in the Air Force. Some of my favorite places we traveled were Cres, Croa-



tia, the Dingle Peninsula in Ireland, and Cinque Terre, Italy. We had the opportunity a couple of years ago for our 10-year anniversary to camp and hike around New Zealand. It is such a beautiful country; from glaciers to the jungle, there is so much to see and experience.

## **What brought you to Wilshire and when?**

We moved back to Texas in 2023 and started visiting Wilshire in June. We found Wilshire through CBF's church directory and a family recommendation. We were looking for a church that welcomed and loved everyone. We immediately knew Wilshire was where we needed to be.

## **Where are you engaged at Wilshire?**

I am co-director of Labyrinth Class and serve on the Preschool Committee. This year I became a deacon.

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

I believe God is shifting my perspective and stirring a deep heart for justice within me. I feel sensitized to the needs of the marginalized and the broken places in our world. I'm currently in a season of listening and learning, asking God to show me how I can move from just feeling compassion to taking meaningful action.

# 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.*

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**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](http://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/realml](http://wilshirebc.org/realml).

**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.



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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. 15**

- Worship, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Fifth Grade Worship Service, McIver Chapel, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, 2223, noon
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Adventurers Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Children's Education Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Finance Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Personnel Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Preschool Ed. Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Risk Management Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Children's Choir, 12:30 p.m.
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Strategic Planning, 2202, 5 p.m.

## **Monday, Feb. 16**

- Deacons Meeting, Community Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## **Tuesday, Feb. 17**

- Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom, 6 p.m.
- Men's Book Club, Parlor, 7 p.m.

## **Wednesday, Feb. 18**

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Lunch & Learn, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Ash Wednesday Service, McIver Chapel, noon
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary, 6 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

## **Thursday, Feb. 19**

- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

## **Friday, Feb. 20**

- MomCo, James Gallery, 9 a.m.
- WOW Retreat, Prothro Center, 4 p.m.

## **Saturday, Feb. 21**

- WOW Retreat, Prothro Center

# 2026 Summer

## CHILDREN & PRESCHOOL

Registration is open for Wilshire families as of today, Feb. 15. See the latest Parent Connection email for registration links and grab your spots before public registration starts Feb. 23.

### VBS: #KIDSCONNECT

**Mon.-Thu., June 15-18, 9 a.m.-noon.**

Older preschool through completed grade 5. Free.

### KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL CAMP

**Mon.-Fri., July 6-10, 9 a.m.-noon**

Older preschool through completed Kindergarten. \$50.

### COOKING CAMP

**Mon.-Fri., July 6-10, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Completed grades 1 through 5. \$125.

### LISTEN TO YOUR ART!

**Mon.-Fri., July 6-10, 12:30-5 p.m.**

Completed grades 1 through 5. \$125.

### FULL-DAY COOKING & ART

**Mon.-Fri., July 6-10, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Full-day for grades 2 through 5. \$225.

### PASSPORT KIDS! PRETEEN CAMP

**Sun.-Wed., July 19-22.**

Overnight camp for completed grades 3 through 5. \$450.

**WILSHIREBC.ORG/SUMMER-CAMPS**



## 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)**