



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

March 1, 2026
Second Sunday in Lent

Preparing for worship

When I started high school, the dress code required uniforms: khakis and a polo every day but Friday. By my junior year, the rules relaxed, and students could wear whatever they wanted, within reason.

The first time my brother and I tried to leave the house in jeans, my dad stopped us on the stairs. A Haitian immigrant and men's tailor, he had never worn jeans casually; to him, they were work clothes, field clothes. He looked at us and said, "I don't care what anyone else is wearing. Whenever you leave this house, you represent the Merivil family name." It was the first time I understood that my identity wasn't just my own. I carried something with me.

Our Lenten theme this season is *Rooted: Remembering Who and Whose You Are*. The invitation is to spend these weeks reflecting on who God is, because when we know that, we know who we are.

We are people of love, first and foremost. People of hope and peace. Justice-seekers. People clothed in healing, who even in our doubt are living grace-filled lives committed to

restoring others to wholeness, because that is what Christ did for us.

In Wilshire youth ministry, we have a saying: You are uniquely created in the image of God and worthy of love. You are loved, you are loved, you are really, really, really loved.

All year long, in Watershed on Wednesday nights, in Youth Choir rehearsal, on tour and at camp, our work is to help young people carry that truth with them wherever they go.

Today, the Youth Choir will sing a text in Swahili that translates: "Build your faith, brethren, as our ancestors did; by diligently staying strong and praying, you will build your faith." After worship, please join us in Community Hall for the annual Spaghetti Lunch and Silent Auction, which funds over a third of the Youth Choir tour budget. Come hungry, come generous.

You represent something when you walk out of this place. May you leave today knowing exactly who and whose you are.

—Ariel Merivil



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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: *The Conversion of Saul*, attributed to Pieter de Grebber, 1610–1652.

March 1, 2026
11:00 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

Abbey Adcox

Prelude

Wondrous Love

arr. Dale Wood

+Congregational Song

Lift High the Cross
No. 415

CRUCIFER

+Call to Worship

Michael Shepard

One: Lord, we remember the depth of your love for us.

All: We have been called to carry a cross:

One: Forgive us for complaining when it has weighed heavily upon us;

All: Forgive us that, having received so much, we have sacrificed so little;

One: Forgive us for the limits we have set to Christian love;

All: Forgive us that we have settled for mediocrity, resisting the fire and passion of Christ's love upon the cross.

—from *Gather for Worship*

+Response in Song

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

Psalm Reading — Psalm 30

Price Tinsley

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

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

Sing praises to the LORD, O you God's faithful ones,
and give thanks to God's holy name.
For God's anger is but for a moment;
God's favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."
By your favor, O LORD,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.
To you, O LORD, I cried,
and to the LORD I made supplication:
"What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!
O LORD, be my helper!"
You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Prayers of the People

Heather Mustain

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.**

Offertory

Jenga Imani Yako
A song of faith from Tanzania
Youth Choir

Kagaruki/ed. Rogers

Jenga imani yako ndugu
Kama watu wa zamani
Kesha sana ukiom ba sana
Utajenga imani yako

Build your faith, brethren,
As our ancestors did,
By diligently staying strong and praying,
You will build your faith.

Kwa imani, Abeli aliitoa sadaka bora
Kwa imani, Ibrahim kasikia wito wa Mungu
Kwa imani, Isaka liwabariki watoto wake
Kwa imani, Ayubu hakumuasi Muumba wake

By faith, Abel offered better sacrifice.
By faith, Abraham responded to God's call.
By faith, Isaac blessed his children.
By faith, Job did not blaspheme his creator.

+Reading from Acts — Acts 9:1-20

Mary Lu Hare

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of 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!

Message

“Who Are You?”

Timothy Peoples

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Amanda Hines

All followers of Christ are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper, whether you are a Wilshire member or not. The bread used this morning is gluten free.

Passing of the Bread

Twisted Root
Darren DeMent

Ruston Kelly

Take me back to that moment
When the twisted root started growing
I wanna chop it down right there in the dirt
And erase the way I made myself and others hurt
But I can’t go back in time
No matter how bad I wanna make it right

So help these roots grow straight, no matter how they twisted
No matter how I hate, how long I was afflicted
When I was sick and full of poison, losing every battle
I could not reach the gate, I sunk back in the valley

From the twisted root, the curving spine
The wasted years, the rusted blade of time
The deepest cut of all, when I made my father cry
I wish it was enough then to change my life
Twisted root

How do I stand here in this moment?
Let the pain roll in and try to own it
'Cause all I’ve ever done is sink down in the dirt
Underneath the way I made myself and others hurt
'Cause I can’t go back in time
No matter how bad I want to make it right

So help me stand up straight and tilt the crooked picture
And not look at my face and only see what I disfigured
From the years I filled with poison in the shadow of the mountain
I could not find the gate, I sunk back in the valley

From the twisted root, the curving spine
The wasted years, the rusted blade of time
What I could not repair, what I could not unwind
Make it be enough now to change my life
Twisted root

Passing of the Cup

Deep River

arr. Gerald Near

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

+Congregational Song

Blessed Assurance
No. 619

ASSURANCE

Family Dedication — Bailey and Jack O'Neal with Mara Whit

Timothy Peoples

We welcome into the life of the church Mara Whit O'Neal, daughter of Bailey and Jack O'Neal. Present for today's dedication are big sister Maeve O'Neal and grandparents Tony and Jayne Starnes and Fred and Cathy O'Neal. Joining via livestream are aunts Ryann Starnes and Victoria O'Neal.

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 Sue Fissette
by her family: Robert, Sheri and Jennifer.



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

Abbey Adcox and her husband, Chris, joined Wilshire in 1999 and are parents to three young adults, Carter, Camryn and Collin. Abbey attends Journey 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.

Mary Lu Hare grew up at Wilshire and is married to Thomas. Her parents are Scott and Jeanne Spreier. Mary Lu is a deacon, serves on the Deacon Nominating Committee and is a member of Ithaka Class. She volunteers with Wilshire's youth ministry, teaching Sunday School and serving as a leader for Youth Choir tour and Youth Camp. Mary Lu works as an education manager for the American Heart Association.

Michael Shepard joined Wilshire in 2016 and is married to Molly. Their two daughters are Olivia, age 3, and Caitlin, who is 8 months old. Michael is a member of Ithaka Class and teaches 11th and 12th graders in Sunday School. He is a frequent student ministry volunteer and serves on the Risk Management Committee and on the Lay Support Team for Pastoral Resident Maggie Morey. Michael works as an electrical engineer for STMicroelectronics.

Price Tinsley grew up at Wilshire and rejoined with his wife, Sara, in 2010. Price and Sara are parents to Gillian, 20, and Anabelle, 16. Price is a deacon, attends Concordia Class, serves on the Committee on Committees, volunteers as a Youth Choir leader and participates in Faith in 3D. He also plays clarinet in Wilshire Winds and is a member of Sanctuary Choir and Carillon Ringers. Outside Wilshire, Price sings in the Turtle Creek Chorale and works for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

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)

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- 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

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- 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)

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- Rene Altamirano, Maintenance Technician
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- 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)

Wilshire names next resident class

JAMES DOLPH AND BRYCE SHELTON have been chosen as Wilshire's next class of pastoral residents and will begin their two-year terms in August.

James will receive a Master of Divinity degree from Wake Forest University School of Divinity this May. At Wake, James served on the divinity school's Student Leadership Council and as president of Kaleidoscope, an LGBTQ+ student organization. They also worked as a graduate assistant for the divinity school's admissions office and Art of Ministry program.

James is currently engaged in the ordination process at First Baptist Church of Greensboro, North Carolina, where they served as an intern in youth ministry and as acting youth minister.

James, who grew up in Wakefield, Nebraska, majored in philosophy and religion, with a minor in psychology, at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln.

Bryce comes to Wilshire from Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University, where he is set to complete a Master of Divinity degree this spring. He previously attended SMU's Perkins School of Theology.

While at Truett, Bryce worked as a research assistant for the Center for Church and Community Engagement at Baylor's Garland School of Social Work and as a graduate library assistant. He also served on the leadership team for



James Dolph



Bryce Shelton

Baylor's Open Table Chapel.

Bryce worked as a part-time facilities staffer and served a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship-funded internship at Waco's Seventh and James Baptist Church. Since 2025, he has served on the governing board for CBF Texas.

A native of Tulia, Texas, Bryce was licensed and ordained by Tulia's First Baptist Church, where he served as a pastoral intern. He also served as co-pastor of a Comanche, Texas, church and worked as a funeral home assistant.

Bryce earned a bachelor's degree in Christian studies and practical theology at Howard Payne University in Brownwood.



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.

YOUTH CHOIR *Spaghetti Lunch*

& SILENT AUCTION Today!



HEAD TO Community Hall after 11 a.m. worship today for a favorite annual event, the Youth Choir Spaghetti Lunch and Silent Auction. This event will help fund the group's summer trip to Kansas City to sing, serve and sightsee.

Why it's needed

The cost of choir tour is about \$1,800 per student. One-third of this amount is covered by choir parents. Today's event provides scholarships and helps offset the remainder of the cost to relieve pressure on the Unified Budget.

How it works

- Donate any amount for lunch and bid on auction items.
- You don't have to be present when the auction closes to win. Cash/check/credit accepted.
- The auction will open at 9:30 a.m. so you can stop by and bid before or after Sunday School.
- Can't make it to lunch? Scan the QR code to donate to Youth Choir tour.



Scan QR code or
visit wilshirebc.org/events/slsa

Auction highlights

- Dallas Symphony Orchestra and Dallas Mavericks tickets.
- "Stylin' with T" includes custom Converse sneakers and Warby Parker glasses from Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples.
- Babysitting, VBS transportation, swim lessons and more offered by youth.
- Monthly coffee subscription, portrait sessions, Sip & Sew embroidery class, Mahjong lessons, sign-and-go events; one-week Caribbean condo stay; limited-edition embroidered Wilshire 75th ornaments.

Visioning process to start soon

YOU MAY REMEMBER Vision 20/20, Wilshire's strategic planning initiative that started in 2013, or even our previous strategic plan that began in 2001. Many aspects of our present Wilshire experience came from Vision 20/20, with 94 initiatives carried out over six years, fostering different values and strategic elements throughout our congregation.

As I mentioned in our recent Annual Church Conference, Wilshire will be entering a season of visioning and strategic planning in the months ahead. I'd like to share a bit about what that means — and why it matters.

Visioning is not simply about creating a new document or setting organizational goals. At its heart, visioning is a spiritual practice. It is our shared commitment to pause, listen, pray and discern together where God is leading us next. Vision planning then becomes the faithful work of aligning our ministries, resources and energy with that discerned direction.

We recognize that every season brings new opportunities and new challenges. Who are we, today? Who is our neighbor? Where are the

needs around us? What gifts has God uniquely placed within this congregation for such a time as this? These are the kinds of questions we will be asking.

This visioning process will involve conversations, listening sessions and opportunities for your voice to be heard and your hands to shape. A healthy vision is not handed down; it is discovered together. Your experiences, hopes and prayers are an essential part of that discernment.

Our steering committee members for this visioning process come from all different walks of life and tenures at Wilshire: Mary Carver, David Colmenero, Christina Evans, Judith Guthrie, Mary Kay Jackman, Keri Mitchell, Sue McElveen, Rachel Murphy, Gina Ortegon, Paige Pendery, Max Post, Barry Preston, Emma Roden and Collin Yarbrough.

We ask for your prayers as, together, we discover new possibilities and identify our values for Wilshire Baptist Church. The future is not something we manufacture; it is something we walk into — trusting God, who has always been faithful to guide us. —*Timothy Peoples*

Indigenous scholar here March 8

DEREK ROSS, Indigenous Scholar in Residence at Baylor University, will be our guest at Wilshire next Sunday, March 8. He will be interviewed during 11 a.m. worship, and all are invited to a dialogue over lunch in Community Hall. Derek will also speak in Compass Class at 9:45.

An elder of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, Waco Tawakoni Keechi, Derek believes that spreading awareness about



Native Americans who were stewards of this earth long before Anglo inhabitants and helping raise the educational aspirations of Indigenous students are a major part of his Christian calling.

Derek grew up in Anadarko, Oklahoma, where the Wichita

were forcibly moved in 1859 from their ancestral lands near present-day Waco.

He and his wife, Amanda, served as Baptist missionaries in the Philippines for two decades.

■ Lunch is free; please register at wilshirebc.org/events/derek-ross. Childcare will be provided for the lunch; contact Minister to Preschoolers Kelly Akins (kakins@wilshirebc.org) to reserve a spot.

Two shows this week for Faith in 3D

**Wednesday,
March 4, 6:30 p.m.**

**Saturday,
March 7, 2:30 p.m.**

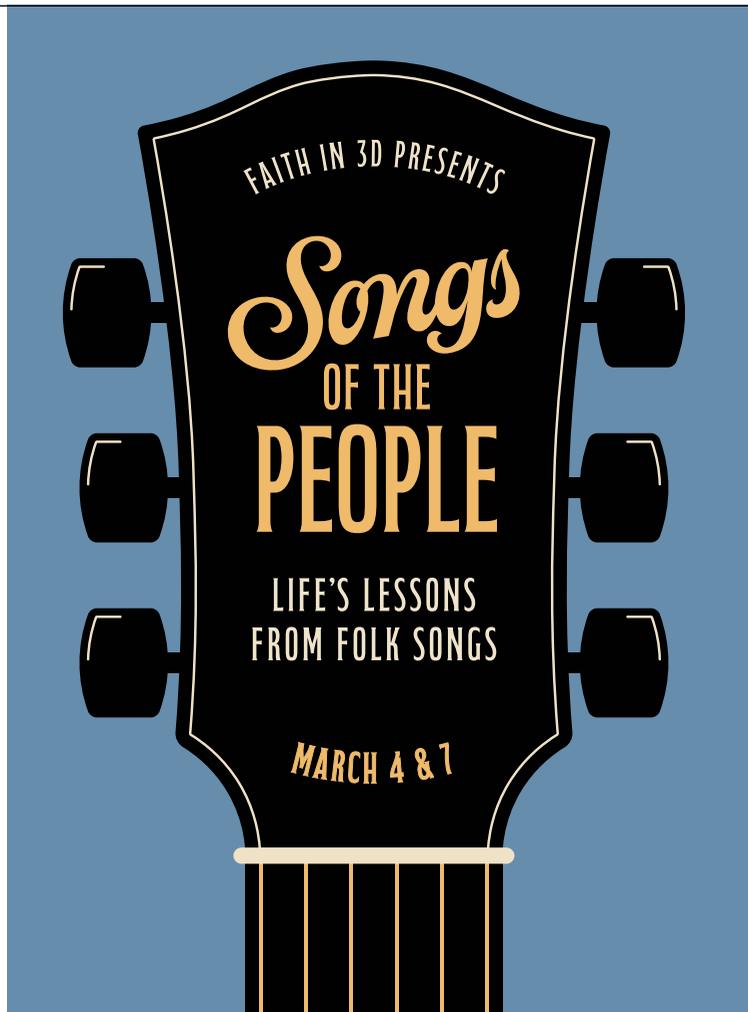
WILSHIRE'S FAITH IN 3D team will present *Songs of the People: Life's Lessons from Folk Songs* on March 4 and 7 in the Sanctuary.

The free show is an original creation using a wide array of existing songs — from the lighthearted to the intense, the obvious to the symbolic, the personal to the universal, and the secular to the sacred.

Some songs will be familiar (“Blowin’ in the Wind,” “Big Yellow Taxi,” “We Shall Overcome”), while others will be new to most ears.

The cast includes 36 Wilshire performers of all ages. Nancy Poynter and Ralph Manuel return for this year’s production as director and musical director, respectively, with musical help from Jeff Brummel, Darren DeMent, Ariel Merivil and Amy Pottkotter.

The 3D in Faith in 3D stands for drama, dialogue



and dessert. Katie Murray will lead this year’s post-show discussion, and dessert will be available.

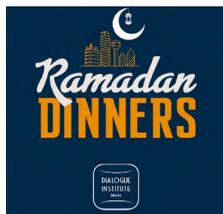
Songs of the People will be Wilshire’s twelfth annual Faith in 3D production.

■ On **Wednesday**, Faith in 3D will take the place of regular faith formation programming; youth and children

are encouraged to attend the show, and childcare will be offered for preschoolers. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. as usual.

■ The **Saturday** show will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel but will not be available to watch after the stream. No childcare will be offered for the Saturday performance.

Ramadan dinner on March 13



Join us at Wilshire on Friday evening, March 13, to share fellowship and a Ramadan meal with our friends from Dialogue Institute Dallas. The event will begin at 6:45 p.m. in

Community Hall, with the meal served when fast is broken at sundown. Please RSVP by visiting wilshirebc.org/events/ramadan-dinner.

Sign up for emergency alerts

The Risk Management Committee has launched Alert Aware, a mass notification system designed to quickly share critical information during emergencies in or near our building. The system allows key staff to contact first responders and send location-specific alerts about security incidents, weather closures and other urgent updates. This is an opt-in service. To enroll, scan the QR code, complete the form and follow the emailed instructions to download the app and create an account. Once



activated, you'll automatically receive Wilshire alerts. Contact Associate Pastor Heather Mustain (hmustain@wilshirebc.org) with questions.

Wilshire seeks summer interns

Wilshire invites college students to apply for 2026 summer internships in these ministry areas: children's ministry with Julie Girards, preschool ministry with Kelly Akins and children's music with Candy McComb. Contact these staff members or Charlie Fuller, director of Pathways to Ministry, for more details and application instructions.



Koinonia Café

5 p.m. | Community Hall | Buffet dinner with kid-friendly options. Cash/check/credit. Prices at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl. **March 4:** Pork tenderloin with chimichurri, sweet potato mash, green beans, rolls, bread pudding, cookies, jello. **Kids:** Pork and sweet potatoes.

Faith in 3D production

6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary | All are invited to the Sanctuary for our 2026 Faith in 3D production, *Songs of the People: Life's Lessons from Folk Songs*, which will take the place of our usual faith formation offerings. Children and youth are encouraged to attend the show. Childcare will be available for preschoolers. Learn about the show on p. 13.

Looking ahead

March 11: Join us for the first of a two-part Bible Study based on our Lent theme.

March 18: No Wednesday evening activities due to Spring Break. Sanctuary Choir will rehearse as usual.

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

ROOTED

Remembering Who and Whose You Are

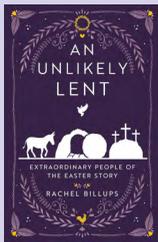
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THESE DAYS, it's easy to feel unsure about things we once knew or felt confident about. Uncertainty seems to shape our days, leaving us to question our relationships, our faith, and even our sense of self. We may feel adrift, searching for steady ground.

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. wilshirebc.org/lent

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.

Time to order Easter lilies

You are invited to provide Easter lilies for the Sanctuary in honor or memory of family members or friends. Dedications will be listed in the worship folder on Easter. Each plant costs \$20. Order in the office or at wilshirebc.org/easter-lilies by Palm Sunday, March 29.

Key dates

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

■ **Easter** | **April 5** | Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. plus a Sunrise Service at White Rock Lake at 6:45 a.m. (No 9 a.m. Chapel service.)

Lenten playlist

Our eclectic Lenten playlist is available on the digital music service Spotify. For the best experience, listen to the playlist in order. Visit wilshirebc.org/lent to find the link or search for “Rooted - Wilshire Lent 2026.”

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. See back cover.

Wilshire Welcome next Sunday

Wilshire Welcome, a casual one-hour session to help guests and new members learn about the church, will meet Sunday, March 8, at 9:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room near the chapel. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

Lunch & Learn on March 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. No registration or RSVP necessary.

Men's Book Club

Tuesday, March. 17 | 7 p.m. | Parlor | *The Challenge of Acts* by N.T. Wright. Contact: Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net)

Women of Wilshire book clubs

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

■ **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)

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ADVENTURERS

Adventurers to DMA

The Wilshire Adventurers will explore the Dallas Museum of Art and enjoy lunch at the museum's café on Thursday, March 26. We'll enter together at 11 a.m. Those wishing to car-pool can meet at Wilshire's south parking lot to depart at 10:15. Museum admission is free for the DMA's standard exhibits. Lunch and tickets to special exhibits are up to you. Adventurers is a fellowship group for anyone 60 and above. Register at wilshirebc.org/events/dma.

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. Visit wilshirebc.org/events/boston-trip to learn more, and email Barbara Clayton (bclayton@wilshirebc.org) to learn how to register through our travel partner, Road Scholar.

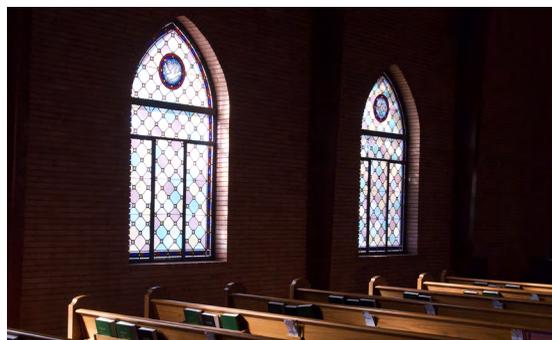
See current service opportunities



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.

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.



Contemplative Worship

9 a.m. Weekly | Mclver Chapel



Childcare available for preschoolers

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.

This Week

Sunday, March 1

- Worship, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Youth Choir Silent Auction opens, Community Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Youth Choir Spaghetti Lunch & Silent Auction, Community Hall, noon
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

Monday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 3

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

Wednesday, March 4

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Lunch & Learn, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Puerto Rico Team Meeting, 1205-L, 6 p.m.
- Faith in 3D Performance, Sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 5

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

Friday, March 6

- MomCo, James Gallery, 9 a.m.

Saturday, March 7

- Faith in 3D Performance, Sanctuary, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 8

- Worship, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Wilshire Welcome, Prayer Room, 9:45 a.m.
- Belong Team, 1205-L, noon
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, 2223, noon
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Derek Ross Lunch Talk, 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.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

2026 Summer

CHILDREN & PRESCHOOL

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.
Sold Out! Waitlist available.

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.
Sold Out! Waitlist available.

PASSPORTKIDS! PRETEEN CAMP

Sun.-Wed., July 19-22.
Overnight camp for completed grades 3 through 5. \$450.

Full details and registration at

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 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

JoBeth Quillian

Hometown: San Antonio

Present City: Grand Prairie

Education: B.M., Piano Performance (Baylor);
M.M., Piano Performance (Univ. of Houston);
D.M.A., Church Music/Piano Performance
(Southwestern Seminary)

Profession: Music professor, Dallas Baptist Univ.

Tell us about your family.

I grew up on a generational family farm on the outskirts of San Antonio. My father was a hospital chaplain and part-time farmer. My son and his wife live with me in Grand Prairie.

How about your work or volunteer life?

I teach piano at DBU and find the one-on-one work with students rewarding.

Any favorite hobbies?

Music is consuming as my work and my hobby.

What are your favorite places to travel?

I recently visited Soul City Church in Chicago and would love to return. An online group there supported me as I recovered from tongue cancer in 2023.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

Two years ago, unrest in the SBC was troubling me, and I wanted to find an accepting and loving church. I value intellectual depth and need acceptance of questions.

What surprised you most about Wilshire?

The love and acceptance were not as much a surprise as a fulfilled hope regarding what I had heard about Wilshire: that I would find a strong, faith-full family of love.



Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

Cord of Three Class and Stephen Ministry.

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

Learning what it means to pray in a manner of focused attention and care. My words are few

in prayer as people and concerns come into focus during quiet meditation. Stephen Ministry training provided valuable tools I continue to sharpen in all relationships.

Tell us about your faith journey.

I accepted Jesus as my Savior at age 6. I went through years of doubt, mostly prompted by sermons focused on altar calls. As I met Christians from other backgrounds and asked how they came to faith, the answers were not formulaic. I knew something started at 6. Babies cannot remember their birth, so rather than dissecting the beginning of my faith, I learned the true meaning of resting in it.

What's something interesting most people would not know about you?

I can be thoroughly entertained by reading directions; they are humorous for everyday items.

What adjectives best describe you?

Quiet but determined. Our greatest gifts can be our greatest liabilities. Stephen Ministry has positively tempered my determination to care.



ROAD TO RESURRECTION

THE EASTER EVENT FOR EVERYONE!

Family Lenten Experience
Palm Sunday, March 29,
9–11 a.m. | Community Hall



Travel the path of Jesus during his last week on earth in this interactive event. Make and wave palm branches, taste the Passover meal and more.

Sign up to enter
at 9 or 9:15 a.m.

*Older preschoolers and K–5 classes
will visit during Sunday School.*

