



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**March 22, 2026**  
*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

# Preparing for worship

Air fascinates me. It surrounds us completely and we hardly notice. We involuntarily breathe it. Only when breathing becomes difficult do our survival senses awaken. We then acutely recognize a desperate need depends on something elemental and invisible. We cannot see it, but we must have it. Breathing is essential for living.

In worship today, we will discover God's Spirit on earth deeply connects with breathing. Our lungs are the human organs that perform breathing's needed functions. They pull air in and harvest its oxygen. They push air out, expelling the unessential. These organs inside each of us act rhythmically, repetitively, religiously. We don't control them. In a mysterious way, they control us.

Since 700 C.E., Christians have used pipe organs in worshiping God. Today we will hear Jeff Brummel play Bach's *Fantasia in G Minor* (BWV 542) on Wilshire's pipe organ. Wilshire has two Sanctuary organs that can work together. One resides in the balcony, the other on the chancel. Even so, one organist can control both organs simultaneously. Wilshire's two Sanctuary organs contain 5,000 pipes to convey its

message. For a pipe organ, air is indispensable. Each organ uses a blower that breathes air into it. Before beautiful music begins, inspiration has occurred.

As Jeff plays, we will hear Wilshire's organ breathing powerfully in our midst. On the organ's breath, the music rides. Bach's *Fantasia* cannot be ignored. Wilshire's organ will move millions of elemental atoms towards us. Those vibrating invisible atoms will surround us. *Fantasia's* sonic signature will wash over us as it has other Christian congregations for the last 300 years. And what will we do with it?

This, my friends, is an opportunity to hear God's Spirit in the vibrating air around us. When the prelude begins, I will close my eyes and listen for what God's Spirit is revealing in our worship today. All that breathing. All that Spirit. All of us together.

We breathe involuntarily. Yet turning our breathing into living worship is a voluntary act. Today, may we hear God's Spirit, trust what we hear and then walk obediently down the path Jesus laid for us.

—Al Stewart



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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.*

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March 22, 2026  
11:00 a.m.  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

**Chiming of the Hour**

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

**Welcome to Worshipers**

Ariel Merivil

**Prelude**

*Fantasia in G Minor, BWV 542*

Johann Sebastian Bach

**+Congregational Song**

*To God Be the Glory*  
No. 349

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**+Call to Worship**

Ella Taylor

One: The Spirit of God has brought us here.

**All: The Lord has set us down here, though our bones are tired.**

One: Can these dry bones live?

**All: Yes. The breath of God will revive and awaken us.**

One: Today, we come together to experience new life.

**All: Let us give thanks to the life-giving spirit of God!**

**+Response in Song**

*To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!**

**Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!**

**O come to the Father, through Jesus the son,**

**And give him the glory, great things he hath done.**

**Epistle Reading** — Romans 8:6–11

Rachel Barker

The attitude that comes from selfishness leads to death, but the attitude that comes from the Spirit leads to life and peace. So the attitude that comes from selfishness is hostile to God. It doesn't submit to God's Law, because it can't. People who are self-centered aren't able to please God. But you aren't self-centered. Instead you are in the Spirit, if in fact God's Spirit lives in you.

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

If anyone doesn't have the Spirit of Christ, they don't belong to him. If Christ is in you, the Spirit is your life because of God's righteousness, but the body is dead because of sin. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your human bodies also, through his Spirit that lives in you.

**Children's Moment**

Amanda Hines

**Offertory**

*Méditation* (from *Thaïs*)  
Samantha Bennett, violin

Jules Massenet

**+Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures — Ezekiel 37:1–14**

Lynette DeBose

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

For the Word of God in Scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
And for the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God!**

**+Congregational Song**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Stanza 1: all; stanza 2: choir; stanza 3: all

arr. Travis/adapt. Harlan

1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
2. Up - on the cross of Je - sus, mine eye at times can see  
3. I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.  
the won - der of his glor - ious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross!

**Message**

“Dry Bones”

Timothy Peoples

**Anthem**

*O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines*

arr. Jantz Black

Sanctuary Choir

Samantha Bennett, violin

O day of peace that dimly shines  
Through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
Guide us to justice, truth and love,  
Delivered from our selfish schemes.

May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
Our hearts from envy find release,  
Till by God's grace our warring world  
Shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,  
Nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
As beasts and cattle calmly graze  
A little child shall lead them all.

Then enemies shall learn to love,  
All creatures find their true accord;  
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled,  
For all the earth shall know the Lord.

**Prayers of the People**

Charlie Fuller

**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*  
No. 509

TRUST AND OBEY

**Sharing of Decisions**

Timothy Peoples

**Benediction**

Timothy Peoples

**Postlude**

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

# Meet today's worship leaders

**Rachel Barker** and her husband, Chris, joined Wilshire in 2025. They have three daughters: Alison, Charlotte and Randi. Rachel's mother, Barbara Baker, is also a Wilshire member. Rachel and Chris attend Koinonia Class, and Rachel serves on the Baptism and Hospitality Ministry Teams. She is a pre-K teacher in Mesquite ISD.

Violinist **Samantha Bennett**, praised by the *Chicago Tribune* for her "subtlety and poise," performs with the Dallas Opera Orchestra and frequently appears with symphonies in Dallas, Fort Worth, Minnesota and Boston. She and her husband, George Nickson, are the founders of ensembleNEWSRQ, a contemporary classical music collective in Sarasota, Florida. A graduate of the New England Conservatory, Samantha spends her summers teaching at the Boston University Tanglewood Institute and performing with the Santa Fe Opera.

**Lynette DeBose** joined Wilshire in 2017. She is a member of Discovery Class, teaches first graders in Sunday School, sings in Sanctuary Choir and participates in Faith in 3D. Lynette works as an office administrator at RE/MAX.

**Ella Taylor** is a sixth grader at J.L. Long Middle School. Her parents are Kelsey and Chris Taylor, and her siblings are Cullen, Jack and Katy. Ella is active with Wilshire Student Ministry and sings in Youth Choir.



**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.

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# Tapestry



News & Announcements  
March 22, 2026



## Family Lenten Experience Palm Sunday, March 29

Join us in traveling the path of Jesus during his last week on earth in this interactive event next Sunday. We'll create and wave palm branches, taste the Passover meal, visit the Garden of Gethsemane and join in other engaging experiences by visiting five stations in small groups.

This event in Community Hall is open to everyone from 9 to 9:30 a.m. with one group starting at 9 and another group at 9:15. Sign up for a time via the QR code or [wilshirebc.org/events/road-to-resurrection](http://wilshirebc.org/events/road-to-resurrection).

Older preschoolers through 5th graders will participate during Sunday School.



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

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

## Good Friday service to feature choir, soloist

April 3 | 7 p.m. | Sanctuary |

At the heart of Holy Week lies Good Friday, a day we set apart to stop, remember and be present to what Christ bore for our sake. We invite you to observe it with us through the ancient service of Tenebrae, in which candles are extinguished gradually as we keep watch together through the gathering darkness and the silence of the tomb. Sanctuary Choir will present excerpts from Fauré's *Requiem* woven throughout the service with anthems and hymns. Joining the choir as soloist will be **Lwazi Dlamini**, baritone with the Dallas Opera, whose voice has graced stages across South Africa and the United States. Come, keep watch and pray.



■ Preschool childcare will be offered; sign up at [wilshirebc.org/events/good-friday-service](http://wilshirebc.org/events/good-friday-service).

## Easter Sunday | April 5

■ Sunrise Service, White Rock Lake, 6:45 a.m.

■ Columbarium Service, 9:45 a.m.

■ Sanctuary Worship, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

(Our 9 a.m. McIver Chapel service will not meet on Easter Sunday.)



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

# ROOTED

Remembering Who  
and Whose You Are

LENT 2026 AT WILSHIRE

**T**Hese days, it's easy to feel unsure about things we once knew or felt confident about. Uncertainty shapes 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. [wilshirebc.org/lent](http://wilshirebc.org/lent)

## 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](http://wilshirebc.org/lent) to find the link or search for “Rooted - Wilshire Lent 2026.”

## Lenten book focus

All are invited to read along as we study *An Unlikely Lent: Extraordinary People of the Easter Story* by Rachel Billups. Many classes are using the book, but it is also appropriate for individual study. The book is available at Amazon and other sellers.

## Condolences to

■ **Ann Marie and Mark Mihm** on the death of their son, **Jackson Mihm**, March 15.

■ **Pam Haley** on the death of her mother, Helen Hessom, March 10. Grandchildren are **Spencer Long** and **Michael Haley**; great-grandson is **Cooper Long**.

## Order Easter lilies by next Sunday

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](http://wilshirebc.org/easter-lilies) by Palm Sunday, March 29.

## Not too late to support Youth Choir



Stop by the South Atrium or scan the QR code to bid on remaining items from the recent Spaghetti Lunch and Silent Auction. Items include gift certificates and fun sign-and-go events. Proceeds benefit the Youth Choir's summer trip to Kansas City.

■ **Art auction:** You can also support Youth Choir tour by bidding on artwork donated by Wilshire member Larry Harrington, currently on display in the South Lobby. Bidding on the art will be open through Easter, April 5.

## Hines baby shower on March 28

The Lay Support Team for Pastoral Resident Amanda Hines invites you to a baby shower to celebrate Amanda, her husband, Chris, and the upcoming birth of their son. Join us Saturday, March 28, from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Parlor for a come-and-go time of fellowship with snacks and Houndstooth Coffee. The team suggests guests bring a book to start the baby's library or shop from the couple's registry at [my.babylist.com/hines\\_baby](http://my.babylist.com/hines_baby).

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE MARCH 25

## 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). **March 25:** Breakfast for dinner: Scrambled eggs, bacon, pancakes, roasted potatoes, oatmeal, fruit salad, yogurt, pastries.

## 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.



## Resident-led Vespers

**6 p.m. | McIver Chapel** | Pastoral Resident Amanda Hines will deliver the homily for our vespers service on March 25. Amanda’s message will explore our Lenten theme, *Rooted: Remembering Who and Whose You Are*, through the lens of identity.

## Looking ahead

**April 1:** Join us for the second of a two-part Bible Study based on our Lenten theme.

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

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS



**Friday, April 10 | 6:30–8 p.m.** | Get ready for our 75th anniversary with this fun evening of Wilshire trivia in Community Hall (formerly called the Fellowship Hall, don'tcha know). Associate Pastor Darren DeMent will be our emcee, and all skill levels are welcome.

■ Childcare will be available. Sign up at [wilshirebc.org/events/trivia-and-tacos](http://wilshirebc.org/events/trivia-and-tacos).

### 75 Minutes of Service

**Saturday, April 25 | 8:30–10:30 a.m.** | Save the date and join us for an hour or two of beautifying our campus as we look forward to our 75th anniversary weekend. There will be coffee and donuts, of course! Project coordinators are needed. Visit [wilshirebc.org/75](http://wilshirebc.org/75) to find the SignUpGenius link.

### Wilshire seeks summer interns

Wilshire invites college students to apply for summer internships in children's ministry, pre-school ministry and children's music. Contact: Charlie Fuller ([cfuller@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cfuller@wilshirebc.org))

### Adventurers to DMA

The Adventurers will explore the Dallas Museum of Art and enjoy lunch at the museum's café on Thursday, March 26. We'll enter at 11 a.m. Admission is free for standard exhibits. Lunch and special exhibit tickets are up to you. Adventurers is a fellowship group for anyone 60 and above. Register at [wilshirebc.org/events/dma](http://wilshirebc.org/events/dma).

### Marriage Connections is April 10

Marriage Connections will be held Friday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. Free childcare (infant–grade 5) will be provided while parents enjoy a short program and then have the rest of the night to themselves. Registration is required for childcare and closes April 5. 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 April 5.

### Men's Book Club features author

Darwin Payne, author of *Behind the Scenes: Covering the JFK Assassination*, will be in attendance to discuss the book at the next Men's Book Club meeting on Tuesday, April 21, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. 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

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Thursday, April 12 | Noon | 1205-L | *Welcome to Murder Week* by Karen Dukess. Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org))

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | April 14 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery. Contact: Debby Burton ([debbyb0929@gmail.com](mailto:debbyb0929@gmail.com))

# Speaker named for June 14 anniversary worship service

**REV. KELLY BROWN DOUGLAS** will preach at Wilshire's 75th-anniversary worship service on Sunday, June 14.



Douglas is canon theologian at Washington National Cathedral and is currently a visiting professor at Harvard Divinity School. Her academic work has focused on womanist theology, racial justice issues and sexuality and the Black church, and her current research involves expanding the moral imagination in fostering a more just future.

Douglas's book *Resurrection Hope: A Future Where Black Lives Matter* won the 2023 Grawemeyer Award for religion writing.

From 2017 to 2023, Douglas was dean of the Episcopal Divinity School and professor of theology at Union Seminary in New York.

## Pulpit guests to reflect on 75th

The preachers who will cover for Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples during his sabbatical are all friends of Wilshire and have been invited to reflect on our 75th anniversary.

■ **April 26:** Rabbi David Stern, senior rabbi, Temple Emanu-El, Dallas

■ **May 3:** Pam Durso, president, Central Seminary, Overland Park, Kansas

■ **May 10:** Meredith Stone, executive director, Baptist Women in Ministry

■ **May 17:** Greg Garrett, professor of literature and culture, Baylor University

■ **May 24:** George Mason, senior pastor emeritus at Wilshire



## Wilshire's 75th Anniversary Weekend

### Saturday, June 13

#### Homecoming Celebration

■ **4:45-7:30 p.m.** | Catch up with friends, explore the building and browse history displays at featured stops, with reflections and remembrances in the Sanctuary at 6.

■ **7-10 p.m.** | Extended fellowship at Times Ten Cellars. 6324 Prospect Ave.

### Sunday, June 14

#### Worship Celebration

■ **11 a.m.** | Our 75-minute service in the Sanctuary will include a message by Rev. Kelly Brown Douglas.



To see how you can be involved in our big celebration, scan the QR code or visit [wilshirebc.org/75](http://wilshirebc.org/75) for the link to our SignUpGenius.

# benedictio: a good word



**WSM  
Youth Camp**  
June 29–July 4  
Ferncliff Camp  
Little Rock

**“Camp is such a phenomenal experience that everyone in the Wilshire Student Ministry should have a chance to enjoy.”**

Crosby Cole, 8th grade

**W**E OFTEN THINK of a benediction as the final moment of a worship service — a blessing as we depart. But the term comes from the Latin *benedictio*, meaning “a good word.” At its core, a benediction is about speaking goodness over what comes next.

In Genesis, a steady refrain echoes through the creation story: “and it was good.” Those words ground us in the powerful truth that goodness lies at the heart of everything God made.

And yet, so much of our attention today settles on what

is wrong — what is broken, corrupted or evil.

Perhaps we need to be reminded that goodness is the original word spoken over creation. Brokenness is not the starting point; it is a distortion of what was first made good. Maybe we simply need to hear that good word again.

At camp this summer, we want to reimagine the benediction. What if it’s not just a conclusion, but a beginning — a good word that sends us out to live and see differently and to carry that goodness with us into whatever comes next?

## **Camp Pastor**

We are excited that **Georgia McKee** will be our camp pastor this year. Georgia is no stranger to Wilshire; she recently completed her pastoral residency with us and now serves as Associate Pastor at Glencoe Union Church near Chicago. Georgia is married to Sophia, and they have two dogs, Goose and Dolly.



**Registration:**  
[wilshirebc.org/  
events/youth-  
camp-2026](http://wilshirebc.org/events/youth-camp-2026)

# Mike Korson

**Hometown:** West Salem, Wisconsin

**Education:** Bachelor's Electrical Engineering

**Profession:** Retired Engineering Manager

**Present city:** Plano

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

My wife, Teri, and I met and married in Dallas. We both grew up in Wisconsin and have three grown children, Tressa, Mike and Tori.

## **Tell us about your work or volunteer life.**

After working at Texas Instruments for 38 years, I retired and immersed myself in multiple organizations. I currently volunteer at Samaritan Inn as a career coach and with Lasagna Love as the local program ambassador. I make lasagnas for folks in need each week.

## **What are your favorite hobbies?**

Cooking, music, woodworking, 3D printing, hiking, fishing.

## **What is your favorite place to travel?**

Anywhere there are mountains, bodies of water, hiking trails and fish to catch. Maui, Germany, Austria, Italy and Nice, France, are favorites.

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

We came to Wilshire in 2017. We had been seeking a much more inclusive community for a few years and tested some other churches before we landed at Wilshire.

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

I sing in Sanctuary Choir, attend and teach in Epiphany Class, perform with Faith in 3D and recently became a deacon. I've been on the Missions and Building, Interior and Grounds Committees.



## **What has surprised you most about Wilshire?**

The efforts to get everyone engaged and participating in decisions. The humble and courageous leadership that embraces the spirit of challenge, growth and love of all humanity.

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

Right now, I feel called to a servant lifestyle and making a difference in individual lives in the community wherever I can. I especially want to connect with the less fortunate and homeless.

## **Tell us about your faith journey.**

I was raised Catholic and have participated in music ministry groups since age 13. I have always found music as something that anchored and drew me closer to church. Teri and I met in a Catholic singles group, and having connections to church community has always been important for us. Learning and recognizing our deep connection to all human beings and other faith traditions is important to me.

## **What's something interesting most people wouldn't know about you?**

I used to sing and compete in a barbershop quartet and chorus.

## **What adjectives best describe you?**

I enjoy coaching people and learning new things.

# THANK YOU FOR GIVING

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**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](http://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.



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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, March 22**

- Worship, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, 2223, noon
- Adventurers Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Children's Education Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Library Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Missions and Advocacy Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Personnel 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.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

## **Monday, March 23**

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

## **Wednesday, March 25**

- New Song Community Choir, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Preschool Music and Missions, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Vespers, McIver Chapel, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

## **Thursday, March 26**

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

## **Friday, March 27**

- Friday Friends, 3103, 10 a.m.