



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

Preparing for worship

Happy Easter, church!

Yes, that greeting is still appropriate for the next six weeks. Today we find ourselves in the liturgical season called Eastertide, a season marked by our continued celebration of the resurrection, with special attention paid to Jesus' 40 days of ministry before his ascension.

This second Sunday of Easter is also known as “low Sunday” which is meant to contrast with the “high” festival of Easter the week before. Those of us in church work jokingly interpret “low” as an indicator of church attendance on this day, especially when compared to the overflowing pews of the week before.

Today our primary Scripture will examine what has generally been interpreted as a “low” moment for the disciple Thomas — a moment history has not let him forget. This poor guy has had to carry around the nickname “Doubting Thomas” for over 2,000 years. Can you imagine?

Eastertide affords us the opportunity to spend more intentional time discerning the implications of the resurrection in our current context. If we stick with this “low” theme of the day,

what does it look like to celebrate the resurrection when there is obvious pain, suffering and war in our very midst? Several lines in our hymns today may help us in our discernment.

Our opening hymn declares that Christ is alive, even in the places where hope has died, and will continue to bring the good news until all creation rings with joy, justice and praise. As we sing this hymn today and hear from Michael Etcheson of the Prison Entrepreneurship Program, we invite you to consider how you are being called to participate in Christ's work of reconciliation.

Our final hymn seems to almost be written with those moments of doubt in mind, encouraging us to “raise our spirits” and “see what love can do and dare.” And I would be remiss to not point out one of my favorite lyrics in all hymnody, which instructs us to counter the pain of this world with a hearty “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”

May this Eastertide meet us in both the low and high moments and give us the strength to boldly proclaim, “Christ is alive!”

—Katie Murray



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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: *Christ shows himself to Thomas*, Rowan and Irene LeCompte, mosaic at Resurrection Chapel, Washington National Cathedral, circa 1970.

April 12, 2026
11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Easter

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

Charlie Fuller

Prelude

Joy Song
Ralph Manuel, piano

Mark Hayes

+Congregational Song

Christ Is Alive
No. 205
Stanzas 1-4

TRURO

+Call to Worship

After "He Is Risen!"

Ananda Henry

One: After the Hosannahs have all been shouted,
After anguished moments in the garden have been spent,
After "take this bread and eat, take this wine and drink,"
After betrayal with a kiss,
After hands washed and 39 lashes,
After seven last words and "he breathed his last,"
After crucifixion and death,
After laying the body in the tomb,
After rolling away the stone,
After proclamations of "He is risen!"

All: Now let us rise.
Now let us awaken to a new dawn, a new day.
Let us remake the world with the hope of Easter.

One: Let us set free the prisoners,

All: House the homeless,

One: Educate the children,

All: Offer gainful work to all who are willing and able to work,

One: Protect soil, water, air, and food,

All: End all forms of state-sanctioned violence.

One: Now may we awaken and stay woke.

Now may we rise and stay risen.

All: Amen and blessed be.

—Joshua Mason Pawelek, modeled after Howard Thurman's "Now the Work of Christmas Begins"

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

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and oceans ring
With joy, with justice, love and praise.**

Epistle Reading — 1 Peter 1:3–9

Tina Johnson

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God’s great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Missions Moment — Michael Etcheson

Heather Mustain

Offertory

Choose Joy
Wilshire Winds
Shana Gaines, director

Randall Standridge

+Gospel Reading — John 20:19–31

Katie Murray

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.

But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

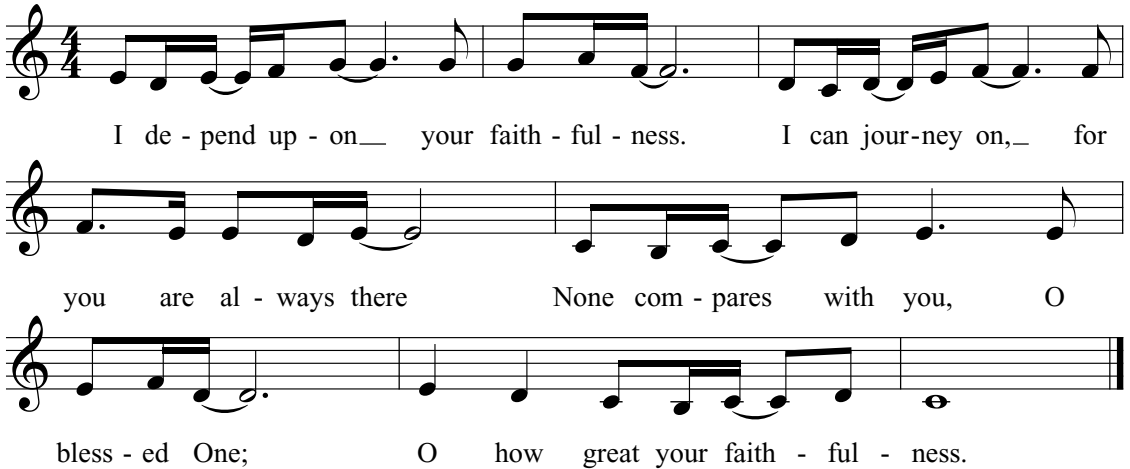
For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
And for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God!

+Congregational Song

I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness
The song leaders will sing first.

TU FIDELIDAD

Please join in singing twice as invited.



I de - pend up - on_ your faith - ful - ness. I can jour - ney on, _ for
you are al - ways there None com - pares with you, O
bless - ed One; O how great your faith - ful - ness.

Message

“Wait For It”

Amanda Hines

Anthem

Salvation Is Created
Wilshire Winds

Tschesnokoff, arr. Houseknecht

Prayers of the People

Brad Russell

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

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!
No. 206

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Sharing of Decisions

Amanda Hines

Benediction

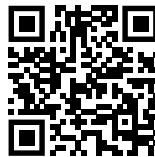
Amanda Hines

Postlude

Sortie

Benedetto Marcello

Bill Jernberg, guest organist



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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Meet today's worship leaders

Michael Etcheson serves as the executive relations manager for the Prison Entrepreneurship Program (PEP), a Wilshire missions partner. PEP unites executive leaders and inmates through entrepreneurial passion and servant leadership to transform lives, restore families and rebuild communities.

Ananda Henry is the daughter of Sean and Melissa Henry and sister to Alden. The family has been attending Wilshire since 2023. Ananda's great uncle and aunt are Wilshire members Vic Henry and Candy McComb, and her paternal grandparents, Scott and Kay Henry, also attend Wilshire. Ananda is active in Wilshire Student Ministry, sings in Youth Choir and serves on the Lay Support Team for Pastoral Resident Amanda Hines.

Tina Johnson joined Wilshire in 1996. She is active in Journey Class, sings in Sanctuary Choir and teaches 3-year-old choir. She and her husband, Bill, married at Wilshire in 2011. Tina has two adult sons, Drew and Mitchell Easley, who grew up at Wilshire, and an adult step-daughter, Aster. Tina works for Maximus as a director of proposal messaging and storytelling.

Brad Russell and his wife, Kenda, joined Wilshire and the Epiphany Class in 2017. They have three adult children. Brad is a deacon, teaches in various Sunday School classes, sings in Nova, acts in Faith in 3D productions and recently joined in ministry with migrants. With backgrounds in vocational ministry and marketing, he works as a market research consultant.

Staff contacts

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- 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)

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- Timothy Peoples, Senior Pastor (3132)

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- Darren DeMent, Associate Pastor (3102)
- Julie Girards, Minister to Children (3104)
- Carole McClung, Spiritual Formation Ministry Assistant (3130)
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- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)

Tapestry



News & Announcements
April 12, 2026

Condolences to

- **Matt and Meredith Mosley** on the death of Matt's grandmother, Frances Lawrence, April 6. Great-granddaughter is **Parker Mosley**.
- **Micki Lacker** on the death of her mother, Marjorie Conger, April 10.

Wilshire Welcome today

Wilshire Welcome, a one-hour session to help guests and new members learn about the church, will be held at 9:45 a.m. today, April 12, in the Prayer Room near McIver Chapel. No RSVP necessary. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

75th anniversary shirts, caps



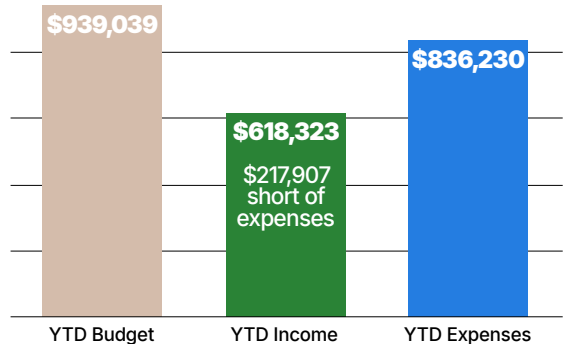
New Wilshire T-shirts commemorating our 75th anniversary and are available for purchase. Adult and youth sizes cost \$15; toddler sizes cost \$10. Baseball caps are also available

for \$20. Items will be for sale in James Gallery from 9 to 10 a.m. Sundays and in Community Hall on Wednesday nights. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

Lunch & Learn meets April 15

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.

Unified Budget Update



Pathways Endowment YTD gifts..... \$5,601
Pathways Endowment March balance..... \$10,859,571

Firearm disposal event April 18



Wilshire is co-hosting a Guns to Gardens firearm disposal event on Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Royal Lane Baptist Church. This is a chance for anyone with

unwanted firearms to anonymously and safely dispose of them. The guns will be disabled and later forged into garden tools, art and jewelry. Guns to Gardens is a national movement working to reduce gun violence.

■ Volunteers are needed to staff the event. Visit wilshirebc.org/events/guns-to-gardens to sign up. Contact: Pastoral Resident Jordann McMahan (jmcmahan@wilshirebc.org)



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.



**A CHORAL
AND HANDBELL
VESPERS**

Sing and Ring Our Song of Praise



Music event coming April 26

Sing and Ring Our Song of Praise: A Choral and Handbell Vespers will be held Sunday, April 26, at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Join us for an evening of music and community as the handbell and sanctuary choirs of Northridge Presbyterian, Lake Highlands United Methodist and Wilshire come together as combined choirs to offer praise in song and sound. The congregation will also be invited to raise their voices in a community hymn sing.

Preschool Playdate on April 18

Preschoolers and their families are invited to a playdate with Ms. Kelly at the Dallas Arboretum on Saturday, April 18, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Contact: Minister to Preschoolers Kelly Akins (kakins@wilshirebc.org)

Serve with our mission partners



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.

Adventurers Arboretum outing

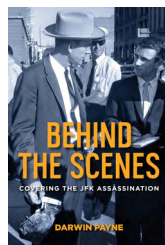
The Wilshire Adventurers will visit the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden on Monday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to see *Bunnies, Birds & Butterflies*, large-scale installations by artist Hunt Slonem. Tickets are free; optional picnic lunch available (\$5 ea.). Carpool from Wilshire at 9:30 a.m. Please register at wilshirebc.org/events/arboretum by April 22.

David Stern and George Mason lunch dialogue on April 26

Rabbi David Stern, senior rabbi of Temple Emanu-El in Dallas, will be featured in conversation with George Mason, Wilshire's senior pastor emeritus, over a free lunch in Community Hall on Sunday, April 26. Rabbi Stern will preach in Wilshire's 11 a.m. service that day, the first Sunday Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples will be away on sabbatical. Register for lunch and preschool childcare at wilshirebc.org/events/stern-mason-lunch. Other preachers during Timothy's sabbatical will be:

- **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

Men's Book Club welcomes 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. Payne, a professor emeritus at SMU, covered the 1963 assassination as a young reporter for the *Dallas Times Herald*. Contact: Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net)



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 a time for reflections and remembrances in the Sanctuary at 6.

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

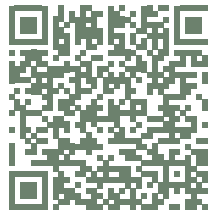
Sunday, June 14

Worship Celebration

■ **11 a.m.** | Our special 75-minute worship service in the Sanctuary will include a message by **Rev. Kelly Brown Douglas**, canon theologian at Washington National Cathedral and a visiting professor at Harvard Divinity School.

Day of Service

Saturday, April 25 | 8:30-10:30 a.m. | Join us for an hour or two of beautifying our campus as we look forward to our anniversary weekend. Coffee and donuts will be available starting at 8:15 in James Gallery, where we'll all meet and get our instructions. To see the tasks and sign up, scan the QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/75.



This Week in Wilshire History



April 6-15, 1952.

Wilshire held a spring revival with preaching by Huber Drumwright, the church's first pastor. The revival was held in the Lakewood Shopping Center at the former home of Cabell's Ice Cream Parlor, one of many meeting spaces the church used in its early years.

April 15, 1970.

Wilshire first used a computer to manage its records.

April 18, 1952.

Wilshire's Women's Missionary Union group held its first meeting at the Cabell's location. WMU supported Baptist missions and education.

April 18, 1954.

Wilshire's highest Sunday School attendance to date, 390, was recorded on Easter.

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.
Sold Out!

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.
Sold Out!

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

Women of Wilshire book clubs

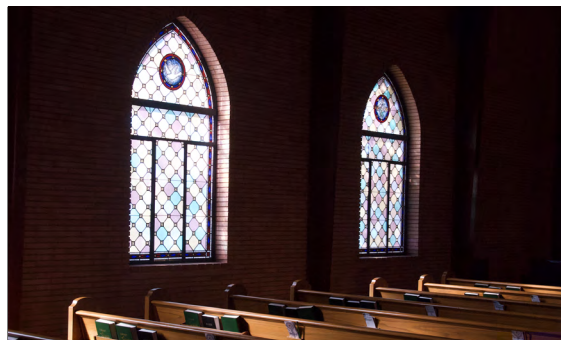
■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | April 14 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery. Contact: Debby Burton (debbyb0929@gmail.com)

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Thursday, May 7 | Noon | 1205-L | *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

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. To opt in, 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.



Contemplative Worship

9 a.m. Weekly | Mclver Chapel



Childcare available for preschoolers

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE APRIL 15

Koinonia Café

5 p.m. | Community Hall | Buffet dinner with kid-friendly options. Cash/check/credit. Prices at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl. **April 15:** Lasagna, broccoli, garlic bread, salad, minestrone soup, tiramisu, cookies and jello.

Preschool Music & Missions

6 p.m. | Age 3–Pre-K | Preschool choir plus fun activities and lessons focused on God's love and caring for others.

KidConnect

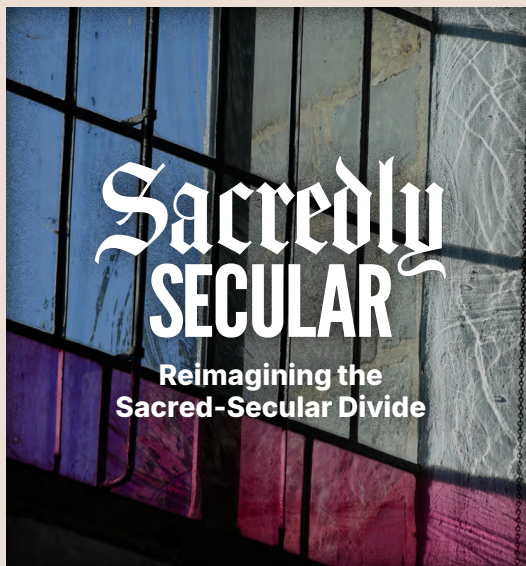
6 p.m. | K–Grade 5 | A rotation of activities to help kids learn how to love God and others.

Watershed

6:30 p.m. | Grades 6–12 | Bible study and music in the Youth Center. Timothy Peoples and the pastoral residents are leading Watershed while Darren DeMent teaches adult Bible Study on April 8, 15 and 22.

Sanctuary Choir

7 p.m. | Choral Hall | Wilshire's main adult choir rehearses weekly. New singers are welcome. No audition.



Bible Study

April 8, 15, 22 | 6 p.m. | Community Hall | Associate Pastor Darren DeMent will lead adults in *Sacredly Secular: Reimagining the Sacred-Secular Divide*, a three-week series that will invite us to reconsider the categories that have shaped how we understand meaning, purpose and presence in our everyday lives.

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

Marianne Cline

Hometown: Odessa

Present City: Dallas

Education: Texas Tech for a few semesters

Profession: I was a career office worker; my last job was data entry clerk.

Tell us about your family.

My father was a traveling salesman. He taught his children how to play golf and water ski and encouraged Mom to learn to fly an airplane. My mother was a lifelong office worker. I was delighted to follow in her footsteps with my career. She worked full-time, raised four children and received her single-engine pilot's license. I am the second of four children; my sisters, Cherie and Micki, and brother, Jacky, live in or near Lubbock. I stay in touch weekly. I met my husband, Bob, a Dallas native and Wilshire member, when he visited a friend in Lubbock. His visit led to our meeting at a church college-night supper. We dated, and a life of conversation began.

How about your work or volunteer life?

I have worked as an office assistant in government, law and private industry.

Any favorite hobbies?

Healthy cooking, exercise, music and reading.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

I heard about Wilshire from my husband, Bob, who was invited to join the youth at Wilshire. Bruce McIver took the time to answer Bob's faith questions, and Bill James encouraged Bob's interest in music. I joined Wilshire in 2000 when my mother's death caused me to return to church.



Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

Stephen Ministry at Wilshire has enriched my life. I attend Whosoever Wilshire Class, which is fun. It's a small group of exceptional people. I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to Gateway of Grace. I enjoy the music, the sharing of the Word and the beautiful spaces within and outside the building.

What has surprised you most about Wilshire?

No surprises — simply a fantastically engaging church.

What is God up to in your life right now?

I have asked God to help me transition into old age.

Tell us about your faith journey.

Living in a dorm at Texas Tech, a fellow student led me from my family's Lutheran tradition to a Baptist born-again believer tradition. At the Baptist Church near campus, I met Bob, and my life opened to adventure, wonder and fortune.

What is something interesting most people would not know about you?

My father taught me motorcycling; this began a 30-year habit.

What adjectives best describe you?

Difficult to convince; once convinced, you cannot get rid of me.

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, April 12

- Worship Service, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Wilshire Welcome, 1100-B, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship Service, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, 2223, noon
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Children's Choir, 12:30 p.m.
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

Monday, April 13

- Wilshire Winds, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14

- WOW Tuesday Evening Book Club, Parlor, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15

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

Thursday, April 16

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

Friday, April 17

- MomCo, James Gallery, 9 a.m.

Saturday, April 18

- Preschool Playdate, Dallas Arboretum, 9:30 a.m.
- Guns to Gardens Event, Royal Lane Baptist Church, 10 a.m.
- Nova, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.

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

WE 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.



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