



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

June 21, 2026
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Preparing for worship

Today we celebrate Father's Day. I am fortunate to have a loving relationship with my Daddy. He set a wonderful example of living a good life, not an easy life, as George and Timothy say during family dedications. When I was growing up, he was the minister of music, and so we were *always* at church. I learned how to be grateful, gracious and respectful because of the way he interacted with people. My Daddy is humble, kind and a patient teacher. He exhibits many other attributes that I admire as well. My mother also exemplifies these traits, but we are focusing on fathers today.

I realize not everyone has a loving relationship with their father, and there are many reasons this happens. If this is your situation, know that you are loved by Wilshire and welcome here. Our prayers are with you continually.

In our Scripture today, Abraham sent Hagar and her son into the wilderness. He provided food and water for them before he sent them

away. In this way, Abraham shows the trait of a loving father. However, when they ran out of food and water, God provided what they needed and cared for them. When Hagar was crying, God called out to Hagar and told her to not be afraid because he would make a great nation of her son. Then God opened Hagar's eyes to a well, and he was with them in the wilderness. When was the last time you trusted God to provide what you need?

God cares for his own and restores and renews our strength. He sets the ultimate example of how to respond to others. We are to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. God requires that we love *all* others. In today's Psalm reading, David praises God for his wondrous deeds and acknowledges that he alone is God.

May the God of creation, the God of Abraham and the God who loves you as you are be your father and friend.

—Kelly Akins



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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: *Clear Vision*, Lauren Wright Pittman.

June 21, 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

Sally Gary

Prelude

Andante tranquillo from Sonata No. 3

Felix Mendelssohn

+Congregational Song

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
No. 48

FAITHFULNESS

+Call to Worship

Sam Schaal

One: Merciful, loving, and compassionate God,

All: We come into your presence.

One: Be near to us as we draw closer to you.

**All: Be near to us even when we have doubts, have given up hope
and have been overwhelmed by our fears.**

One: Be near to us as we sing, pray, give and receive.

All: We praise you for your loving goodness and worship you for who you are.

+Response in Song

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

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

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.
You are my God; be gracious to me, O LORD,
for to you do I cry all day long.
Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my cry of supplication.
In the day of my trouble I call on you,
for you will answer me.
There is none like you among the gods, O LORD,
nor are there any works like yours.
All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O LORD,
and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.

Children's Moment

Julie Girards

Offertory

The Water Is Wide

arr. Greg Gilpin

Amanda Mintz, Katherine Pottkotter, Molly Shepard

The water is wide, I cannot cross o'er.
Neither have I the wings to fly.
Build me a boat that can carry two,
And both shall row, my love and I.
I leaned my back against an oak,
Thinking it was a mighty tree.
But first it bent and then it broke.
So did my love prove false to me.
O love is handsome and love is kind,
Bright as a jewel when it is new.
But love grows old and waxes cold,
And fades away like morning dew.
The water is wide, I cannot cross o'er.

The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

“God Sees and God Hears”

Timothy Peoples

Anthem

Open Our Eyes, Lord
Sanctuary Choir
Candy McComb, director

arr. Jack Schrader

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen;
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

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

It Is Well With My Soul
No. 573

VILLE DU HAVRE

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

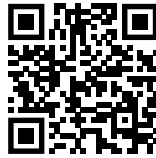
Timothy Peoples

Postlude

Improvisations on themes from the day

Jeff Brummel

Audrey Pottkotter, congregational song leader



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, submit a prayer request or join Wilshire as a member. 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

Sally Gary and her wife, Karen Keen, joined Wilshire in 2022, and Sally is co-director of Shiloh Class. A former attorney and communications professor, Sally serves as executive director of CenterPeace, a nonprofit organization helping LGBTQ+ people find a place to belong in the body of Christ.

Terry McCullough joined Wilshire in 2024 with her husband, Mike. Terry and Mike are members of Journey Class. A retired tennis professional, Terry is the volunteer garden coordinator at Men of Nehemiah and will begin coaching the junior varsity tennis team at Ursuline Academy this fall. She and Mike have three young adult children, Mac, Cyrus and Maggie.

Amanda Mintz came to Wilshire in 2017. She is a member of Ithaka Class, sings with Nova and participated in Faith in 3D this year. Amanda works for Toyota, where she oversees employee learning and leadership development programs.

Audrey Pottkotter is serving a summer internship in music ministry at Wilshire for the third straight year. A 2023 graduate of Lake Highlands High School, she is now a rising senior at Oklahoma City University, where she is pursuing a bachelor of music in musical theater.

Katherine Pottkotter is a 2026 graduate of Lake Highlands High School and has sung with the Texas All State Choir, the Greater Dallas Choral Society and the Dallas Opera Chorus. She is active in Wilshire Student Ministry, sings in Youth Choir and Shekinah and studies organ with Jeff Brummel. Katherine is headed to DePaul University this fall.

Sam Schaal joined Wilshire in 2016 and is a member of Epiphany Class. He is retired from a 25-year career in ministry, most of which was intentional interim ministry. Prior to becoming a minister, Sam worked in corporate public relations. He has two adult sons and six grandchildren.

Molly Shepard grew up at Wilshire and is married to Michael. Their two daughters are Olivia, age 3, and Caitlin, who recently turned 1. Molly's family at Wilshire also includes her parents, Ed and Linda Francis, and her sister Julie Francis. A member of Ithaka Class, Molly serves as a deacon and teaches third and fourth graders in Sunday School. She is a senior vice president at Valuation Research Corporation.

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- Chelsea Hopkins, Executive Assistant (3132)
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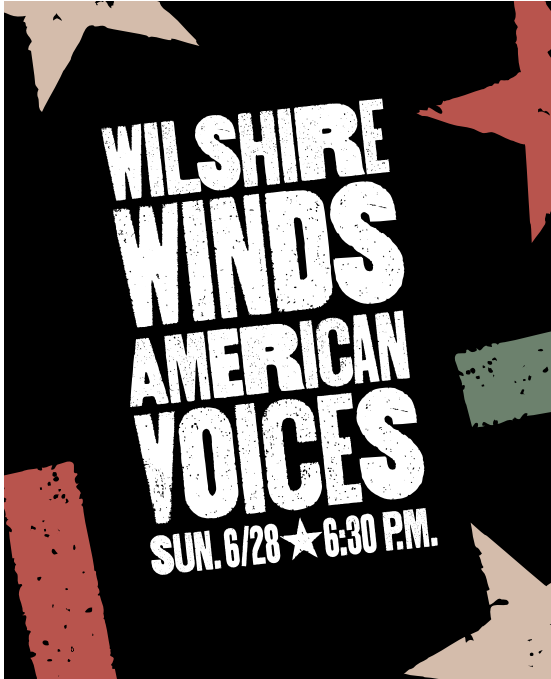
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Tapestry



News & Announcements
June 21, 2026



Winds concert next Sunday

Wilshire Winds will present a concert on Sunday, June 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. American Voices will explore the foundational promise of America through music reflecting the diverse journeys and struggles of its people. Along with a march and a patriotic medley, selections will include “Shenandoah,” “Just a Closer Walk With Thee,” and “Lift Every Voice and Sing.”

Condolences to

Todd and Catherine Dyer on the death of Catherine’s brother, George Bernard, June 14. Nieces are **Becca Dyer** and **Bella Dyer**.

Father’s Day reflection table

Today in the Narthex, you’ll find a table of candles created as a space for reflection on Father’s Day. While this is not a holiday in the liturgical calendar, we want to honor the fathers and father figures in our lives while also acknowledging the variety of feelings Father’s Day can bring. We hope this table can serve as a visual reminder that there is space for all of us at the table. Come light a candle for whatever your heart needs this morning; in honor of your father, in memory of your father or child, for hope of healed relationships.

Summer college class

A summer Sunday School class for college students will meet through Aug. 9 in Room 2202. Trey Wilson is teaching. All college students are welcome, whether they’re around all summer or can only pop in a few times.

Serve with our mission partners



To see how you can serve alongside other Wilshire members with one of our mission or advocacy partners, scan the QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/serve.



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.



Women of Wilshire

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Thursday, July 2 | Noon | 1205-L | *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | July 14 | 6:30 p.m. | 1205-G | *Street Lawyer* by John Grisham. Contact: Debby Burton (debbyb0929@gmail.com)



VBS collects for Wilkinson Center

Children attending Vacation Bible School and their families collected items for the Wilkinson Center's Stock Up for Summer initiative, including kid-friendly food pantry items and school supplies.

Wired for Wonder

Helping Children Grow in Faith, Connection and Wholeness



Saturday, Aug. 8

Parent Session 6–9 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 9

Teacher Training
Noon–2:30 p.m.

Wired for Wonder: Helping Children Grow in Faith, Connection and Wholeness will be the theme when Wilshire welcomes Harrison Litzell on Aug. 8 and 9. A children's ministry expert, Litzell helps churches engage with issues of inclusion, childhood spirituality and neurodiversity through Mercer University's Baugh Center for Baptist Leadership. On Saturday, Aug. 8, Litzell will meet with parents from 6 to 9 p.m. at the home of Gail and Steve Brookshire. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks and dessert will be served. On Sunday, Aug. 9, Litzell will offer a teacher training from noon to 2:30 p.m. with lunch provided. Childcare will be available for both events. Register at wilshirebc.org/events/litzell.

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 McCrae'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, June 21

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Time with Tim, Pastor's Office, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship Service, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.

Monday, June 22

- Deacons Meeting, Community Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Wilshire Winds Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 24

- WSM Study-n-Swim, Howland Home, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 25

- Memorial Service: Mary Lynne Bright, Sanctuary, 10 a.m.
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, June 26

- Wilshire Missions: Mobile Pantry 2026, Vickery Meadow, 8:30 a.m.
- Friday Friends, 3301, 10 a.m.

Saturday, June 27

- Wilshire Winds Rehearsal, 10 a.m.

Sunday, June 28

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship Service, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Passport Kids Meeting, 2220, noon
- Wilshire Winds Concert, Sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, June 29

- WSM Youth Camp, Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, Little Rock, 7 a.m.

Max Post

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

Lunch. I moved to Dallas in September 1959 to work for Texas Instruments after finishing graduate school at the University of Oklahoma. I joined the large Baptist church downtown. At lunch someone asked, “Why aren’t you going to Wilshire?” He said Wilshire had the largest young people’s group in Dallas. I visited the next Sunday and joined the following week, in December 1959.

Who was pastor when you joined?

Bruce McIver. He impressed me as a “country preacher,” the kind I had heard in rural Oklahoma, and he remembered my name.

What was the building like back then?

We met in the Chapel. The first day I visited, I had to sit in the balcony as there was no seating downstairs. Folding chairs were placed in the aisles.

What ministries or staff members have impacted your life?

Bill O’Brien was minister of music and persuaded me to join the choir. I had never been in a choir and wasn’t sure I could sing. I met my future wife, Candy Walling, and that blessing changed my life.

What are some favorite memories?

Jim McCray and I helped Bruce with computer problems while he worked on his book. After I retired, Jim suggested we start a computer class for seniors. Dot Laux and Fred Herold were our first students. We set up a computer lab and taught classes for 23 years. It gave me purpose and was a learning experience in helping seniors.



What’s one thing you’d like newer members to know about the early days?

The church valued participation on committees to allow the membership to express options to help guide the church.

What’s something from the early days that might be surprising today?

The church didn’t let what they didn’t have get in the way of what they wanted. Without a building, money or even a staff at first, they prayed, believed and found a way to grow, with God’s help.

What things are different, and what has stayed the same?

Wilshire was open to change. Fifty years ago, they set up an experimental Sunday School class. In those days, men and women could not sit in same classes. The class, Open Bible, is still meeting today.

Why have you stayed so long?

I owe so much to Wilshire: for my wife, for help raising our three children, for giving me a chance to participate on committees and for being with me in difficult times. Wilshire is family.