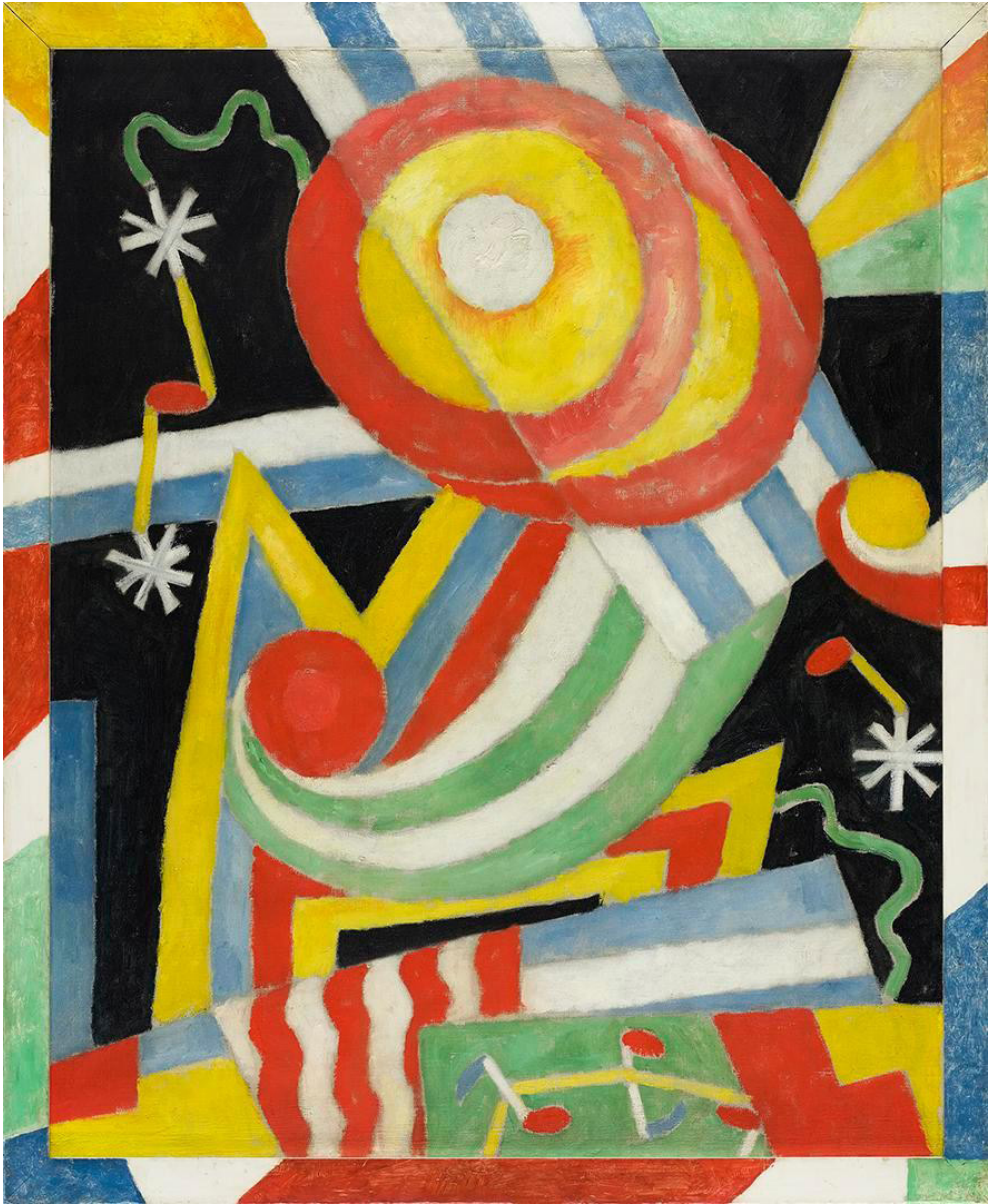




Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

September 27, 2026
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for worship

Before the music begins, we pause and listen. A singer waits for the signal. A bell ringer holds still, hands ready. Those of us in the pews turn toward the sound that will bring us together. We may have come from different mornings, but for a little while, we give our attention to something shared.

St. Basil, a fourth-century pastor, wrote about the songs of the church. He described worshipers singing back and forth, listening for one another's voices before joining together. He believed singing could quiet troubled thoughts and draw people toward one another. Basil called a psalm "the work of angels, a heavenly institution, the spiritual incense." I love that he could speak of music in such lofty terms while attending to the ordinary act of people singing together. His words remind me that music is a prayer, one we offer to God and receive from one another.

I remember this when I hear music at Wilshire. Children sing. Youth lift their voices. Bells ring. Winds play. The congregation answers in song.

Some of us learned to sing here, our voices shaped by this place. Others have offered their gifts in choirs and ensembles or have sat quietly, receiving comfort in listening. The music carries our history, even as it changes with every new voice.

Today's anthem, "The Music of Living," invites us to learn not to fear the sad songs. That feels like a gentle welcome into worship. Some of us come ready to sing. Others arrive carrying sorrow or worry, needing to listen first. There is space for all of us here. As the music begins, we can receive what another voice offers and offer our own when we are ready.

Worship this morning will hold bells and breath, spoken words and silence. We may hear them differently, yet we still share them. Perhaps today you will lend your voice to someone nearby. Perhaps their voice will help carry you. May we listen with room in our hearts for what others bring and make space for the first note and whatever follows.

—Abbey Adcox



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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: *Painting No. 3*, Marsden Hartley, oil on canvas, 1913–1914.

September 27, 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

Ariel Merivil

Prelude

Alleluia
Carillon Ringers

Ralph Manuel/arr. Sondra Tucker

+Call to Worship

Jeff Hampton

One: Come! Let us turn away from worry and distraction

All: Let us call upon the Lord together

One: God be in our heads, and in our understanding

All: God be in our eyes, and in our looking

One: God be in our mouths, and in our speaking

All: God be in our hearts and in our thinking

One: God be in our gathering this hour

All: And in our departing at its close

—Based on the Sarum Prayer

+Congregational Song

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
No. 33
Stanza 1: choir
Stanzas 2–3: all

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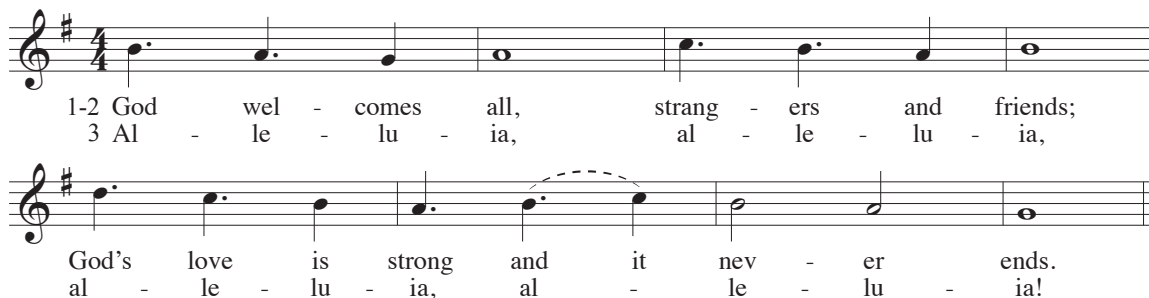
+Passing of the Peace

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

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

+Response in Song*God Welcomes All*

THEMBA AMEN

Please join as invited after Children's Choir sings.

1-2 God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Scripture Reading — Psalm 25:1-9

Kristi Reavis

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.
Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.
Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore the LORD instructs sinners in the way.
God leads the humble in what is right
and teaches the humble God's way.

Offertory*In Endless Song*
Wilshire Winds

Randall Standridge

+Epistle Reading — Philippians 2:1-13

Steven Murray

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty

conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.
Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for God's good pleasure.

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

“Outpouring of Belief”

Bryce Shelton

Anthem

The Music of Living
Sanctuary Choir

Dan Forrest

Giver of life, Creator of all that is lovely,
Teach me to sing the words to your song.

I want to feel the music of living;
And not fear the sad songs
But from them make new songs
Composed of both laughter and tears.

Giver of life, Creator of all that is lovely,
Teach me to dance to the sounds of your world.

I want to move in rhythm with your plan.
Help me to follow your leading,
To risk even falling,
To rise and keep trying,
For you are leading the dance.

Giver of life, Creator of all that is lovely,
Teach me to sing the words to your song.

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
No. 295

NETTLETON

Sharing of Decisions

Bryce Shelton

As your community of faith, we commit ourselves to be the family of God for you; we offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes; we hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, as we are shaped together by the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Recognition of Ralph Manuel

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

Bryce Shelton

Closing Voluntary

Hope Lingers On
Youth Choir

arr. Andrea Ramsey

My mother, when love is gone,
my mother, when love is gone,
in our darkest hour, hope lingers on.

My father, when peace is gone,
my father, when peace is gone,
in our darkest hour hope lingers on.

I will not hate and I will not fear.
In our darkest hours, hope lingers here.

My sister, when equality's gone,
my sister, when equality's gone,
in our darkest hour hope lingers on.

My brother, with tolerance gone,
my brother, with tolerance gone,
in our darkest hour hope lingers on.

I will not hate and I will not fear.
In our darkest hour, hope lingers here.

My love when honor is gone,
my love when honor is gone,
in our darkest hour hope lingers on.

My country, when justice is gone,
my country, when justice is gone,
in our darkest hour hope lingers on.

I will not hate and I will not fear.
In our darkest hour, hope lingers here.

The flowers today are given by Ben and Kristi Reavis in thanks and celebration for the lives of Emily and Owen saved on September 25, 2016, and in honor of all families navigating neurological injury and disease.

Music Leadership

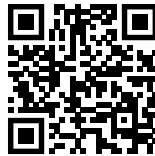
Children's Choir (grades 1–5), J'Von Brown
Youth Choir (grades 6–12), Ariel Merivil
Carillon Ringers, Ralph Manuel
Wilshire Winds, Shana Gaines
Jeff Brummel, organ

Meet today's worship leaders

Jeff Hampton joined Wilshire in 1990 and is a member of Epiphany Class with his wife, LeAnn. Jeff is a deacon, plays saxophone in Wilshire Winds and is a member of the Hospitality Service Team, the Funeral Service Team and the Lay Support Team for Pastoral Resident Bryce Shelton. Jeff is the author of several novels and collections of short stories and essays. His blog post for Wilshire's Facebook page appears every Thursday.

Steven Murray and his wife, Katie, originally joined Wilshire in 2011 and rejoined in 2013 after two years in Houston. Their three kids are Drew, a fourth grader, Annie, a third grader, and James, a kindergartner. Steven is a deacon, sings in Sanctuary Choir and Nova, teaches second grade Sunday School and is a member of Labyrinth Class and the Lay Support Team for Pastoral Resident Bryce Shelton. Steven is a public finance investment banker for Hilltop Securities.

Kristi Reavis and her husband, Ben, joined Wilshire in 2004 and attend Genesis Class. Kristi is a deacon, teaches KidConnect on Wednesday nights and serves on Pastoral Resident Bryce Shelton's Lay Support Team. Kristi and Ben are parents to Emily, a tenth grader, and Owen, a seventh grader.



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.

Staff contacts

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

Communications

- Mark McKenzie, Communications Director (3169)

Congregational Care

- Barbara Clayton, Pastoral Care Assistant (3125)
- Charlie Fuller, Coach in Residence (3123)
- 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 McCrae, Director of Finance (3131)

Food Services

- Diego Arreguin, Steward
- Heather Bruhn, Sous Chef[†]
- Haley Garcia, Food Service Director (3117)
- Wilfredo Velasquez-Cruz, Steward

Hospitality and Facilities

- Maricela Escutia, Facilities Supervisor
- Holly Irvin, Director of Hospitality (3150)
- Daniel Latin, Facilities
- Leticia Medina, Facilities
- Rachel Oney, Receptionist (3165)
- Kevin Sierra, Facilities
- Leticia Vega, Facilities

Missions and Advocacy

- Christina Evans, Interim Missions and Advocacy Coordinator (3159)
- Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor (3110)

Music and Worship

- J'Von Brown, Children's Choir Coordinator (3124)
- 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)
- Ariel Merivil, Minister of Music (3135)

Operations and Technology

- Rene Altamirano, Maintenance Technician
- Bryant Greer, Building Operations Manager (3146)
- Jim Tapley, Audio and Video Coordinator

Pathways to Ministry

- James Dolph, Pastoral Resident (3152)
- Amanda Hines, Pastoral Resident (3154)
- George Mason, Senior Pastor Emeritus and Pathways to Ministry Alumni Director (3133)
- Jordann McMahan, Pastoral Resident (3155)
- Annette Owen, Pathways to Ministry Director (3158)
- Bryce Shelton, Pastoral Resident (3153)

Senior Pastor

- Chelsea Hopkins, Executive Assistant (3132)
- Timothy Peoples, Senior Pastor (3132)

Spiritual Formation

- Kelly Akins, Minister to Preschoolers (3139)
- Tim Cruise, Student Ministry Assistant[†]
- 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)

[†]These staff members have Wilshire email addresses but do not have Wilshire phone extensions.



**SONGWRITER
VESPERS
DOLLY
PARTON
SUNDAY, SEPT. 27**

Songwriter Vespers today

DOLLY PARTON, the songwriter and performer who died Aug. 25, is the focus of Songwriter Vespers, set for today at 4:30 p.m. in Choral Hall. Coffee and light snacks will be served.

Wilshire's Songwriter Vespers series blends elements of a coffeehouse performance and a worship service, with music from a full band and various singers led by Associate Pastor Darren DeMent.

"I was going to use a different songwriter," Darren said, "but given the outpouring of love for Dolly, it felt almost sacrilegious to announce someone else. I wasn't sure she fit the vibe, at least not her big hits, but it didn't take long listening through her catalogue to find more than enough to use. The set will be a mix of Dolly standards everyone knows and some lesser known songs that tell more about who she was as a songwriter."



Sundays: Chapel Worship, 9 a.m. Sanctuary Worship, 11 a.m. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. 11 a.m. worship livestreams at youtube.com/wilshirebaptist. Keep up with Wilshire by subscribing to our YouTube channel and following us on Facebook and Instagram.

New member

Kathy Jolly

Condolences to

■ **Charles and Robin Pokladnik** on the death of Charles's uncle, Don Mohan.

■ **John Skinner** on the death of his longtime friend, Bruce Bennett.

Time With Tim today

Time With Tim, a informal chance for guests and new members to visit with Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples, will be held Sept. 27 at 9:45 a.m. in Tim's office. No RSVP needed.

Meeting today about migrant ministry through FaithWorks

Wilshire has the opportunity to expand our migrant ministry through the Thriving Congregations Immigration Ministry of our partner FaithWorks. The advocacy agency is forming a two-year cohort for churches to learn from each other as they develop specific ways to serve and advocate for the local migrant community. To learn more, attend a short meeting after worship today in Room 1205-L. Contact: Gladys Kolenovsky (gladkol@swbell.net) or Cindy Estee (cesteedallas@aol.com)

Kaitlin Curtice coming in October



Kaitlin Curtice, an award-winning author, poet-storyteller and public speaker, will speak at Wilshire on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 6 p.m. As an enrolled citizen of the Potawatomi nation, Curtice writes on the intersections of spirituality and identity and speaks on these topics to audiences interested in truth-telling and healing. Her books include *Living Resistance: An Indigenous Vision for Seeking Wholeness Every Day* and *Native: Identity, Belonging and Rediscovering God*.

Jeff Brummel leaving staff

20-year music staffer moving to Oregon to be near family

JEFF BRUMMEL, associate minister of music and organist, is departing the Wilshire staff and moving to his native Oregon to be near family and aging parents. Wilshire will celebrate Jeff on Oct. 18, his last Sunday to lead in worship. Jeff made the announcement in an email to the church on Sept. 17.

Jeff came to Wilshire as part-time organist in 2006 and became associate minister of music in 2018. He is Wilshire's longest-serving organist and among the longest-serving music staffers in the church's history.

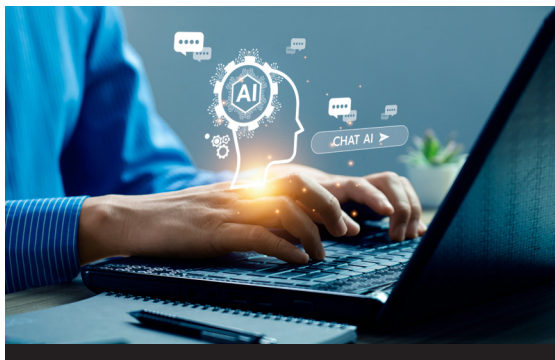
"I have pinched myself every single day on my drive into work to make sure that I wasn't dreaming to be working at such a church as Wilshire," Jeff wrote. "To find a church that loves and champions hymns, choirs, pipe organs, children's and youth music, instrumental music — and you are so nice to boot!"

Jeff directed Youth Choir and Shekinah for many years and served as accompanist or substitute conductor for many Wilshire ensembles. He taught piano and organ lessons to children and youth, and in recent years he served as the ministerial point person for funerals.

Jeff said he plans to pursue a teaching job and is certified to teach K-12 music in Oregon.

Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples said, "[Jeff's] music has been a gift, but so has his presence. We will truly miss his spirit and the unique joy he has brought to this place."

A search committee will be formed to fill Jeff's role. Minister of Music Ariel Merivil is close to securing an interim organist, and plans are in the works to cover Carillon Ringers in the wake of Ralph Manuel's resignation from the music staff.



Next Sunday over lunch: What you need to know about AI

Next Sunday, Oct. 4, Wilshire member Teri Walker will offer a Tech Talk on AI over lunch in Community Hall. Teri will equip us to confidently navigate this quickly evolving phenomenon. This Adventurers-hosted event is open to anyone. Registration is not required, but it's the best way to make sure you get lunch. Register by Oct. 1 at wilshirebc.org/events/ai.

Together for Hope conference

Mission partner Together for Hope is hosting its annual conference in Jackson, Mississippi, from Oct. 21 to 23. If you're interested in learning more about asset-based community development, rural poverty initiatives or the agency's mission, you can attend the conference alongside Associate Pastor Heather Mustain. Please contact Heather (hmustain@wilshirebc.org) by Oct. 1 if you'd like to go.

Know Your Voting Rights event

First Unitarian Church of Dallas is hosting a panel discussion themed "Know Your Voting Rights" on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 12:30 p.m. The talk will examine where things stand at the federal, state and local levels after the Supreme Court's ruling in *Louisiana v. Galt*, explore paths forward and consider how we can respond as citizens and members of a faith community. Register at dallasuu.org/events.

Blessing of the Animals



Next Sunday, Oct. 4 5:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to bring their pets as our pastoral residents host a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 5:30 p.m. in the south parking lot (near the office).

The residents will offer a brief litany and prayer along with blessings for your family's animals.

Water for both humans and animal friends will be available. Please keep all pets leashed or in a tank, cage or carrier.

We understand it might be difficult to bring your animal, whatever the reason may be. If you'd still like to participate and receive a blessing, we invite you to bring a photo of your animal.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Howdy, folks! At dinner on **Sept. 30** we'll have corn dogs, cotton candy, games and more.



Family Dinner

5 p.m. | Community Hall | Buffet dinner with kid-friendly options. Cash/check/credit accepted. See prices at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl. **Sept. 30 menu:** Corn dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, Mexican street corn bites, tater tots, classic house salad, Frito pie bar, funnel cakes. **Kids:** Corn dogs, tater tots.

Preschool Music & More

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

KidConnect

6 p.m. | K-Grade 5 | A rotation of activities to help kids learn how to love God and others with every part of themselves. Includes choir for kindergartners.

Watershed

6:30 p.m. | Grades 6-12 | Wilshire Student Ministry's midweek gathering in the Youth Center.

Sanctuary Choir

7 p.m. | Choral Hall | New singers are always welcome. No audition.

Adult Spiritual Formation: Why Stories Matter

6 p.m. | Community Hall | Zora Neale Hurston wrote, "There is no agony like bearing an untold story inside of you." Each of us carries a story of who we are, where we're from and the experiences that shape how we move through the world. When we share our stories, we discover both the connections and differences that make us who we are. Stories preserve memories, carry culture across generations and make unfamiliar experiences personal. They challenge and comfort us, reminding us we are not alone. Stories matter because people matter. So bring your story, listen to others, and together let's explore what our stories can teach us about faith, community and one another.

Looking ahead

In October and November, our 6 p.m. offering for adults will be a mix of special guests and "Resident's Choice," where our pastoral residents will share a favorite theological idea or a topic they've always wanted to share with a church.

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

Preschool parents brunch, Oct. 4

All parents of preschoolers are invited to a brunch at 9:45 a.m. on Oct. 4 in James Gallery. Minister to Preschoolers Kelly Akins says the event will be an informal time for preschool parents to get to know each other.

Midday on Abrams set for Oct. 7



The next Midday on Abrams will be held Wednesday, Oct. 7, with Robin Sullens as guest speaker. Robin, a Wilshire member and staff chaplain with the VA, brings a wealth of

knowledge from her 20+ years of experience helping individuals and families navigate medical decisions. Midday on Abrams includes lunch, fellowship and informative speakers on the first Wednesday every month. Lunch (\$10) starts at 11:30 a.m.; the program begins at noon.

Adopt a book on Oct. 11



At the Wilshire Library's Adopt-a-Book event on Sunday morning, Oct. 11, you can help the Library defray the cost of new books by purchasing

a dedication in honor or memory of a loved one. Dedications will be printed on plaques placed inside the books, which will then be available to be checked out. Monetary donations are also welcome to help the Library build its collection. Stop by the South Atrium from 9 to 10:45 a.m. or after worship.

Men's Book Club

Tuesday, Oct. 20 | 7 p.m. | Parlor | *A World Appears: A Journey into Consciousness* by Michael Pollan. Contact: Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net)

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

OCTOBER 9

Friday Night Live is about connection, fun and making time for what matters.

Register for all events by Oct. 8.



Marriage Connections

6:30–9 p.m. | Marriage Connections begins in James Gallery with a brief presentation with ideas and insights couples can put to work in their relationship. Then the evening is yours. Go to dinner, grab coffee, run errands — or find a quiet place to talk. Open to married, partnered and dating couples with or without kids. Children can attend free Preschool or Kids Night Out.

Kids Night Out

6:30–9 p.m. | All kindergartners through fifth graders are invited to the church for a fun evening with friends. Free.

Preschool Night Out

6:30–9 p.m. | Fun activities and play time for preschoolers from birth to pre-K. Free.

wilshirebc.org/events/fnl

Other dates: Nov. 13, Jan. 15, Feb. 12, April 9.

It's committee nomination time

The Committee on Committees is beginning to nominate church members for 2027 committees.

If you are not on a committee and are interested in serving or suggesting someone, scan the QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/committee-interest-form to fill out our online form. Paper forms are available in the office.

Names received will be evaluated against committee openings and needs, and all current and potential members will be contacted. Proposed committees will be presented at January's Annual Church Conference for approval.

Please make submissions by Sunday, Oct. 4. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)



Scan code or visit
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COMMITTEES

■ **Building, Interior and Grounds.** Assists staff with maintenance and security of church property. Consults with other committees and staff on decor of interior public spaces.

■ **Children's Education.** Reviews performance of the children's education program and makes recommendations to the minister to children. Promotes growth, reviews curriculum, helps recruit and retain teachers and establishes policies to ensure the safety of children.

■ **Deacon Nominating.** Makes annual recommendations for selection of deacons.

■ **Finance.** Develops the church budget and works with the finance director to monitor income and expenses, approving monthly financial statements and reporting to the church.

■ **History.** Maintains church archives to preserve a record of our history together.

■ **Library.** Advises and supports administration and events for the Wilshire Library.

■ **Missions and Advocacy.** Helps guide congregational engagement in our Christian witness through acts of compassion and justice by supporting and engaging with mission and advocacy partnerships.

■ **Pathways to Ministry.** Supports the work of the Pathways to Ministry program, including the pastoral residency.

■ **Personnel.** Establishes duties of ministry staff and maintains personnel manual. Recommends new ministry staff to the church. Recommends ministry staff compensation.

■ **Preschool Education.** Reviews performance of the preschool education program and makes recommendations to the minister to preschoolers.

Promotes growth, reviews curriculum, helps recruit and retain teachers and establishes policies to ensure the safety of children.

■ **Risk Management.** Works with staff to reduce and manage safety and liability risks.

■ **Wilshire Adventurers.** Plans activities for the Adventurers, a fellowship group for those 60 and above.

SERVICE TEAMS

You can use the same online form to sign up for service teams, which allow you to serve when available.

- Baptism
- Funeral
- Health
- Home Technology
- Home Visitation
- Hospitality
- Interior Design
- Lord's Supper
- Transportation Support
- Worship Guild
- Video/AV

Committee on Committees: Michael Bufkin, David Clanton, Jill Granberry, Laura Smith, Gladys Kolenovsky, Patty Latham, Ann Meripolski, Michael Moorhead, John Skinner. Staff Liaison: Carolyn Murray

HUNGER ACTION MONTH

Ideas for action—through Wilshire or otherwise

THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS you can participate in meeting the needs of those in our community who are food insecure. Whether you do that here with us at Wilshire or find a closer or more convenient time for you and your family, the opportunities are there. Here are a few ideas to get you started.



Volunteer with **Meals on Wheels**. They deliver hot, nutritious meals to homebound seniors. You can choose a route at a time that works for your schedule. Bonus: Kids can help.

Call the counselor at the **public school** in your neighborhood. Most schools have pantries that are always in need of stocking. Start a drive and get your neighbors to pitch in.



Schedule a time at the **North Texas Food Bank** and learn more about food banking and how they operate and distribute food. Sign up for their advocacy newsletter and stay informed of ways you can use your voice to make a difference.

Ways to serve through Wilshire:

■ A Wilshire group serves the fourth Friday morning each month at the **Vickery Meadow Youth Development Foundation Mobile Food Pantry**. Contact: Charlie Estee (cesteedallas@gmail.com)

■ Wilshire volunteers serve as food pantry assistants at the **Wilkinson Center** the third Tuesday afternoon each month. Contact: Cindy Estee (cesteedallas@aol.com)

■ Wilshire volunteers serve lunch at the **Stewpot** the second Thursday every month. Contact: David Cossum (dc@cossum.com)

Empowering the Masses pantry drive ends Oct. 1

Join us during September as we help our mission partner Empowering the Masses stock its new pantry location in Pleasant Grove. Empowering the Masses provides for basic needs, delivers educational resources, and provides access to careers that are stable and lucrative, paving a path for sustainable success in life.



Scan the code to shop via an Amazon wishlist and have items shipped directly to Empowering the Masses. **Link:** <https://a.co/01xOWXIn>

Deacon nominations extended to Oct. 2

Friday, Oct. 2, is the new deadline for Wilshire members to submit names of persons to be considered for deacon service. Nominees should be individuals who have modeled consistent, faithful service and leadership and who have been Wilshire members at least one year. You may also nominate deacons in reserve to rotate into active service. Nominate as many individuals as you wish.



Scan the QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/deacon-nominations. At the link you will find reference lists of active deacons, inactive deacons and those who have chosen emeritus status.

You can also pick up a **paper form** in the church office, fill it out and return it to the attention of Chelsea Hopkins.

If you have been ordained as a deacon in another church and have not served at Wilshire, please let Chelsea Hopkins know (chopkins@wilshirebc.org).

**wilshirebc.org/
deacon-nominations**

Women of Wilshire Book Clubs

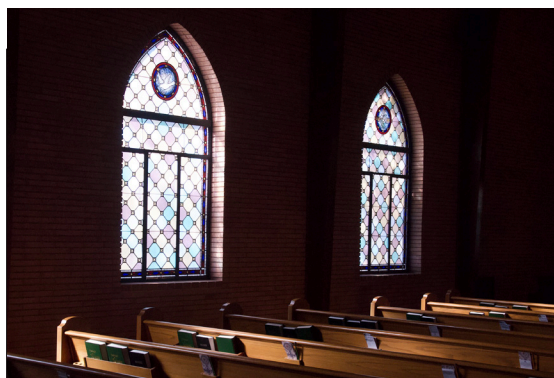
■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Oct. 13 | 6:30 p.m. | 1205-G | *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood. Contact: Debby Burton (debbyb0929@gmail.com)

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Thursday, Oct. 1 | Noon | 1205-L | *All the Beauty in the World* by Patrick Bringley. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

Wilshire Library open to public

Did you know the Wilshire Library has more than 15,000 items, has weekday hours and is open to the public? You can search the collection from home and even reserve a book and pick it up at the church. Learn more and find the search link at wilshirebc.org/resources/library.

■ **Library hours:** Sundays, 9–10:45 a.m.; Wednesdays, 2–7 p.m.; other weekdays: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.; Saturdays, closed.



Contemplative Worship

Weekly at 9 a.m. | McIver 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 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.



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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, Sept. 27

- Worship Service, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Time With Tim, Pastor's Office, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship Service, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Youth Choir Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Children's Choir Lunch, 2223, noon
- Migrant Ministry Meeting, 1205-L, noon
- Deacon Nominating Committee, 1205-G, noon
- Children's Choir, 12:30 p.m.
- Youth Choir, Youth Center, Chapel, 12:30 p.m.
- Songwriter Vespers: Dolly Parton, Choral Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 28

- Wilshire Winds, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Family Dinner, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Preschool Music and More, 6 p.m.
- WNL Adult Spiritual Formation, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 1

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

Sunday, Oct. 4

- Worship Service, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Preschool Parent Brunch, James Gallery, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship Service, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Youth Choir Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Children's Choir Lunch, 2223, noon
- Deacon Nominating Committee, 1205-G, noon
- Adventurers AI Talk, Community Hall, noon
- Children's Choir, 12:30 p.m.
- Youth Choir, Youth Center, 12:30 p.m.
- Know Your Voting Rights, First Unitarian Church of Dallas, 12:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 1:30 p.m.
- Blessing of the Animals, South Parking Lot, 5:30 p.m.

Shaeron Moorhead

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

Mike and I started attending Wilshire Baptist Church in 1972. We have not left since joining.

Who was pastor when you joined?

Bruce McIver was pastor.

What was the building like then?

Wilshire, the physical plant, has changed a lot. Additions were made by adding the third floor, additions to the children's area, the porte cochere, and improvements to the chapel and the parking lots were made.

What ministries or staff members have impacted your life?

I don't know when we began serving Wednesday night suppers or when we hired professional cooks, but I think it was a good addition to the staff. I would have to say my Sunday School class, Compass, has impacted my life the most. But I also cherish my many friends in other classes, and I love my Tuesday Evening Book Club. And I especially loved traveling to Peru twice and the Dominican Republic once as the Spanish translator on mission trips.

What are some favorite memories or defining moments?

We were in the Young Adult Sunday School department, which had only a men's class and a women's class. The Moorheads, Barners, Beilues, Marises and Tinsleys all wanted a coed class, so Mike asked Larry Shotwell, minister of education, if we could form such a class. He reluctantly agreed after telling us it would not last a year.



What's different, and what's the same?

Wilshire, the church body, has changed a lot since that time. We have publicly become accepting of the LGBTQ+ community; we have several of that community who are now members and deacons. Wilshire appealed to us because it was a progressive Baptist church with a good children's program. It was not long before women were being asked to serve as deacons and in other positions of responsibility. We love and support all the changes Wilshire has made in recent years.

Why have you stayed so long?

We have stayed so long because we have no unmet spiritual needs there. There are many fine Christians here, and we all enjoy the fine preaching and the wonderful musical programs as well. We never plan on leaving this church. For 53 years it has had the best programs in Dallas. If you don't believe it, try it, and you will probably like it, too.

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