



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

October 4, 2026
World Communion Sunday

Preparing for worship

Every year on the first Sunday of October, Christians in congregations around the world celebrate World Communion Sunday. We gather around the Lord's Table remembering something that can be easy to forget: The church is bigger than us.

World Communion Sunday began in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, where the Rev. Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr was pastor. Kerr and the congregation's Division of Stewardship envisioned a service that could bring churches together in an expression of Christian unity — helping congregations recognize how deeply interconnected they were with one another.

Communion has never simply been about what we receive. It is also about recognizing that we belong to one another. When Paul challenges the Corinthians about their practice of Communion, his concern is not merely whether they are observing the ritual correctly. Some are eating and drinking while others go hungry. For Paul, this contradicts the very meaning of Communion: We cannot claim to share one table while ignoring the needs of those at the table with us.

And perhaps that history and scriptural example gives us an important way to think about

generosity, a thematic element that will be woven into all our services this month.

Generosity is not simply something we do after Communion. Generosity is part of what Communion means. When we come to the table, we are reminded that God's abundance is not intended to stop with us. We receive bread so that we might become people who share bread. We receive grace so that we might extend grace. We receive love so that we might become more generous with our love, our resources, our time, our attention and our lives.

On World Communion Sunday, we remember Christians gathering around tables separated by oceans, cultures, languages, denominations and traditions. Yet we gather around the same Christ.

And if we truly believe that we are connected to one another, then generosity becomes more than charity.

It becomes Communion.

There is room at God's Table.

There is enough bread.

There is enough grace.

There is enough love.

There is enough.

—Heather Mustain



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Building a Community of Faith Shaped by the Spirit of Jesus Christ
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship | Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists

We acknowledge that this land where we gather once held the sacred voices of Indigenous peoples and bore the suffering of the enslaved.

On the cover: *The Eucharist*, Daniel Bonnell, watercolor, 2011.

October 4, 2026
11:00 a.m.
World Communion Sunday

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

Barbara Peterson

Prelude

What Wondrous Love
Michael Sheaffer, tenor
String Quartet

arr. Mike Capps

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
That caused the Lord of bliss to send this precious peace for my soul.
When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
Christ laid aside his crown when I was sinking down, for my soul.

Ye winged seraphs fly, bear the news, bear the news,
Fill vast eternity with the news.
Ye friends of Zion's king join his praise, join his praise
With hearts and voices sing in his praise, in his praise
And strike each tuneful string in his praise.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, I will sing.
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing
While millions join the theme, I will sing and joyful be
And while from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.

+Call to Worship

Colman Vigil

One: We come ready to give of ourselves and join in the work of love that is unfolding among us.

All: What wondrous love is this that calls forth our gifts and weaves them into justice, healing and hope.

One: We gather as a community alive in many voices, many stories and many bodies.

All: The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord, who gives himself for the life of the world.

One: And here, in this shared space, we discover that what we offer is honored, transformed and held in the Spirit's care.

All: With open hands, we receive love, belonging and strength for the work ahead.

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

+Passing of the Peace

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

Barbara Peterson (Korean), Griffin Moore (Japanese)
Colman Vigil (Spanish), Jordann McMahan (American Sign Language)
Steve McDaniel (Moroccan Arabic), Nicolette Brindle (French)

+Response in Song

God Welcomes All

THEMBA AMEN

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!

Epistle Reading — Philippians 4:1–9

Steve McDaniel

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Silence

We pause in silence to reflect and to be attentive to the Spirit of God.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offertory

Grant Us Peace
Sanctuary Choir
String Quintet

Felix Mendelssohn

Grant us thy peace, Almighty Lord, thou source of every blessing.
Feeble and frail, trust we thy word,
All things in thee possessing.
In thee is our hope and safety.

Your generous gifts to Wilshire's Unified Budget allowed mission global partner Bright Stars of Bethlehem host trauma-informed art activities to 691 children in 10 different locations within Gaza this past summer.

+Gospel Reading — Matthew 22:15–22

Ariel Merivil

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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 "Giving to This Purpose" Timothy Peoples

Celebration of the Lord's Supper Heather Mustain

All followers of Christ are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper, whether you are a Wilshire member or not. The bread used today is free of gluten, dairy and nuts.

Music During Communion *Meditation* Alec Rowley
String Quintet

+Congregational Song *Jesus, at Your Holy Table* BEACH SPRING
No. 466

Sharing of Decisions Timothy Peoples

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.

Benediction Timothy Peoples

Postlude *God of Grace* arr. Paul Manz

The flowers today are given in praise to God for the life of Adam Townsend Malcik by his parents, Vy and Michael Malcik. Adam was a Wilshire member all his life, 1978–1987.

Marina Dichenko, Violin
Bethany Wildes, Violin
Hubert Pralitz, Viola
Dan Totan, Cello
Noémie Golubovic, Cello



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

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

Steve McDaniel and his wife, Connie, joined Wilshire in 2025 after returning to Dallas from Morocco, where they lived for 35 years. They are the parents of Wilshire member Angela Brindle and grandparents to Nicolette. Steve and Connie attend Cord of Three Class, and Steve participates in the Men's Book Club. He teaches ESL at a private school in Richardson.

Barbara Peterson joined Wilshire in 2013. She is a member of Compass Class, plays handbells in Carillon Ringers and is a Stephen Minister. A former missionary to South Korea, Barbara serves on Wilshire's staff as the church librarian. She has three adult sons and four grandchildren.

Michael Sheaffer and his wife, Dawn, joined Wilshire in 2009. Their daughter, Elle, is a first-year student at the University of Oklahoma. Michael sings in Sanctuary Choir and often plays piano and sings for Songwriter Vespers and the 9 a.m. worship service. He works as senior director of client services at Yardi Systems.

Colman Vigil grew up at Wilshire and is the son of Julian Vigil and brother of Trey Vigil. Colman is a deacon, sings in Sanctuary Choir and Nova, volunteers with KidConnect, directs Inter-section Class and is involved with the Shiloh and Ithaka Classes. He also serves on the New Member Ministry Team and the Belong Team. Colman works alongside his father as a marketing manager for BN Mortgage.

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).

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- Katie Murray, Minister of Pastoral Care and to Senior Adults (3129)

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- Shaffon McCrae, Director of Finance (3131)

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- Diego Arreguin, Steward
- Heather Bruhn, Sous Chef[†]
- Haley Garcia, Food Service Director (3117)
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- Maricela Escutia, Facilities Supervisor
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- Daniel Latin, Facilities
- Leticia Medina, Facilities
- Rachel Oney, Receptionist (3165)
- Kevin Sierra, Facilities
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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)
- Ariel Merivil, Minister of Music (3135)

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- 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.

Tapestry



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News & Announcements
October 4, 2026

New members

Melissa and Nellson Burns with Jack and Kate

Congratulations to

Justin and Barbara Utay on the birth of their son, Hayes, Sept. 24. Big brother is Bennett.



Today over lunch: What you need to know about AI

Today after worship, Wilshire member Teri Walker will offer a Tech Talk on artificial intelligence (AI) over lunch in Community Hall. Teri will equip us to confidently navigate this quickly evolving phenomenon that is constantly in the headlines. This Adventurers-hosted event is open to anyone. Lunch will be available, with priority given to those who registered in advance.

Preschool parents brunch today

All parents of preschoolers are invited to a brunch at 9:45 a.m. on Oct. 4 in James Gallery.

Blessing of the Animals

Today
5:30 p.m

South
Parking
Lot



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.



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.

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.

Interim director named for Carillon Ringers

Beginning today, Dave Schaefer will serve as interim director of Carillon Ringers, with Wilshire Winds director Shana Gaines assisting. Dave and his wife, Fiorella, recently began attending Wilshire, and Dave sings in Sanctuary Choir. He holds degrees in music education and choral conducting from the University of Nebraska's Omaha and Lincoln campuses and served as choral director at South Garland High School and St. Stephen United Methodist Church in Mesquite. Dave has rung handbells at Presbyterian Church of the Cross in Omaha and at St. Stephen. Minister of Music Ariel Merivil said, "Dave is a gifted teacher and brings a love of handbell ringing to this role. Please welcome him as he helps lead the ringers through this interim season."

Know Your Voting Rights event

First Unitarian Church of Dallas is hosting a panel discussion themed "Know Your Voting Rights" today 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. Callais*, explore paths forward and consider how we can respond as citizens and members of a faith community.

Midday on Abrams this week



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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE OCTOBER 7

Family Dinner

5 p.m. | Community Hall | Dinner and fellowship for all ages. Cash/check/credit accepted. See prices at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl. **Oct. 7 menu:** Chicken pot pie, roasted butternut squash, braised cabbage, vegetable soup, pumpkin spice cake, cookies, jello. **Kids:** Chicken pot pie, butternut squash.

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: Resident's Choice

6 p.m. | Community Hall | In October and November, our 6 p.m. offering for adults will be a mix of special guests, Vespers 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. **Amanda Hines** will kick off Resident's Choice on Oct. 7, and **Bryce Shelton** will lead on Oct. 14.

Kaitlin Curtice coming Oct. 21



Kaitlin Curtice, an award-winning author, poet-storyteller and public speaker, will speak at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 21. 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*.

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

Adopt a book next Sunday



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* by Michael Pollan. Contact: Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net)

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, Nov. 5 | Noon | 1205-L | *The Queens of Crime* by Marie Benedict. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

Preschool Playdate on Oct. 17

Preschoolers and their families are invited to a playdate with Ms. Kelly at Flag Pole Hill Park (8015 Doran Cir.) on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Contact: Minister to Preschoolers Kelly Akins (kakins@wilshirebc.org)

Adventurers to Québec in 2027

The Wilshire Adventurers are planning a trip to Québec City in Canada on Sept. 20–25, 2027. To learn more and express your interest in going, visit wilshirebc.org/adventurers-trip by Oct. 2. Brochures are available in the office.

New books in the Library

FICTION

- *The Astral Library*, Kate Quinn
- *Daughter of Egypt*, Marie Benedict
- *The French Illusion*, John Grisham
- *God's Country*, William Kent Krueger
- *The Poison Daughter*, Sheila Masterson

NONFICTION

- *Alabama Village*, J. Malcolm Garcia
- *Codependent No More*, Melody Beattie
- *Dewey: The Small-town Library Cat who Touched the World*, Vicki Myro
- *Regime Change*, Maggie Haberman and Jonathan Swann
- *A World Appears*, Michael Pollan

CHILDREN'S EASY READER

- *Arthur and the No-Brainer*, Stephen Krensky
- *God Cares When I'm Disappointed*, Elspeth Campbell Murphy
- *God Cares When I'm Worried*, Elspeth Campbell Murphy
- *One Morning in Maine*, Robert McCloskey

CHILDREN'S NONFICTION

- *The Erie Canal*, Peter Spier
- *Geography Crafts for Kids*, Joe Rhatigan
- *It's My Birthday, God: Psalm 90 for Children*, Elspeth Campbell Murphy
- *Sometimes I Have to Cry: Verses From the Psalms*, Elspeth Campbell Murphy
- *Sometimes I Need to be Hugged: Psalm 84 for Children*, Elspeth Campbell Murphy

CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

- *A Hat for Minerva Louise*, Janet Morgan Stoeke
- *Minerva Louise: The Mixed-up Hen*, Janet Morgan Stoeke
- *Never Spit on Shoes*, Denys Cazet

JUVENILE BOOKS

- *The Courage of Sarah Noble*, Alice Dalgliesh
- *Gooney Bird and the Room Mother*, Lois Lowry
- *Gooney Bird Greene*, Louis Lowry
- *Max's Story*, W. Bruce Cameron
- *Ramona and her Mother*, Beverly Cleary
- *Ramona Quimby, Age 8*, Beverly Cleary

GLOBAL MISSIONS UPDATE

A harvest that feeds the world

FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS, Jeff and Alicia Lee, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel in Macedonia, have been hard at work harvesting grapes from their vineyards. It is a season of long days, shared work and gratitude for the abundance of the land.

But the harvest is about more than grapes.

Proceeds from the sale of the grapes are reinvested in the vineyard and shared with local partners, including the Food Bank of Macedonia and other organizations serving their communities. In this way, the work of the vineyard becomes a tangible expression of mission — creating resources that help nourish and strengthen people beyond the vineyard itself.

As we celebrate World Communion Sunday, we are reminded that the table we gather around is much larger than any one congregation or country. Christians around the world are connected through our shared faith, our shared calling and our commitment to care for our neighbors.

The harvest offers a beautiful picture of that connection: what is grown in one place can become nourishment and hope for people in another. Through the work of Jeff and Alicia and their local partners, we are reminded that mission is something we participate in together as a global community.

This World Communion Sunday, may we give thanks for the abundance we share, the partners who walk alongside us and the many ways God's Table continues to make room for everyone.

Wilshire will make a return visit to Macedonia and the Lees in September 2027. Contact Associate Pastor Heather Mustain (hmustain@wilshirebc.org) to learn more.



Scan QR code to watch Jeff Lee's video message for Wilshire



Last day for committee nominations

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
wilshirebc.org/committee-interest-form

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

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, Oct. 4

- Worship Service, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Second Grade SS Open House, 2228, 9:30 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.
- Voting Rights Event, First Unitarian, 12:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 1:30 p.m.
- Visioning Team Meeting, 2202, 5 p.m.
- Blessing of the Animals, South Lot, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 5

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

Tuesday, Oct. 6

- Stephen Min. CE/Supervision, 1205-G, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 7

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Midday on Abrams, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Family Dinner, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Committee on Committees, 1205-G, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Preschool Music and More, 6 p.m.
- Adult Spiritual Formation, Comm. Hall, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 8

- Stewpot Meal Service, 11:15 a.m.
- Knit Unto Others, 1205-G, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 9

- Friday Friends, 3103, 10 a.m.
- Friday Night Live: Marriage Connections, James Gallery, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday Night Live: Preschool Night Out, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday Night Live: Kids Night Out, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 10

- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 9 a.m.

Nellson Burns

Hometown: Deer Park, Texas

Present City: Dallas

Education: Texas A&M University, BA in International Studies

Profession: Owner of an IT staffing and consulting firm

Tell us about your family.

I've been married to Melissa Burns for 21 years, and our two children are Jack, 12, and Kate, 10. Jack attends J.L. Long Middle School, and Kate is a fifth grader at Lakewood Elementary. We've been in Lakewood 11 years, and we love East Dallas.

How about your work or volunteer life?

Outside of work, I work with other men who are trying to get sober and are seeking freedom from addiction and alcoholism.

Any favorite hobbies?

I play pickleball several times a week. I also enjoy barbecuing and playing games with family and friends.

What's your favorite place to travel?

The Caribbean. Melissa, Jack and I are all SCUBA certified.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

We started attending about a year and a half ago, after our son, Jack, attended as a guest of Wilson Cole. The Coles live on our street, and Jack came back from Wilshire talking about how much he enjoyed it. Melissa and I decided we would come see why he loved it so much, and after just a couple of services, we knew Wilshire was special.



Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

We attend Labyrinth Class, and Jack is part of the youth group. Kate attends Sunday School as well.

What has surprised you about Wilshire?

The open atmosphere where all are welcome and the fantastic music. I grew up in a church with incredible music, and that was important to me. I have also been surprised by how intellectual and caring the congregation is. Wilshire checks all the boxes for what we were looking for in a church home.

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

I think God is teaching me that I'm not in control, and my life is much better when I surrender to God's will for me. God has a better life planned for me than anything I could come up with.

Tell us about your faith journey.

Melissa and I grew up in Presbyterian churches, and when we moved to Dallas in 2007, we attended First United Methodist downtown. We hadn't been attending church until Jack came to Wilshire. Since that first visit, we have become regular attendees and have found Wilshire to be a place where our entire family can grow in our faith journey in a warm, welcoming environment.