



trustee of God's gifts

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Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

October 11, 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for worship

I remember the very first Sunday my parents told me I was old enough to be in “big church.” Gone were the days of playing in the nursery during the worship service. As I held my dad’s hand, we weaved our way through the sanctuary to sit in our pew. I remember the point in the service all the adults sitting on the first row got up to hand bowls to people to pass throughout the pews. My dad later informed me that all of those people were the deacons.

I noticed people putting money and envelopes into the bowls. My dad quietly pulled out his wallet and handed me a one-dollar bill to put into the bowl as it came to us.

Later, I said to my dad, “Dad, I’m gonna be a deacon when I grow up cause they get to keep all the money in the bowls; even the twenties!” My father quickly took that as a teaching moment to tell me that the deacons do not in fact keep the money. He told me how the money goes back to the church so the church can keep doing God’s work. He further explained how all of the things I loved at church like singing in the children’s choir, going to Wednesday night

music and missions, and going to camp were all possible because people gave money to the church. I responded by telling him he needed to give more than one dollar because I loved all of those things. (I later found out that he gave more than one dollar a week.)

Reflecting on that memory now as an adult, I’m reminded of the way I was invited into the practice of giving. I looked forward to putting that one-dollar bill into the offertory plate because it became a way for me to participate in the life and purpose of my church.

As we gather to worship this morning, we will take time to reflect on all we are able to do and all we hope to do as a community of faith. We’ll be reminded of God’s steadfast faithfulness as it’s found in creation. We’ll sing of how God gives us strength for today and hope for tomorrow and how our moments and days can flow into endless praise. And we’ll consider how our participation in the life and purpose of Wilshire matters. Friends, let’s worship together.

—Amanda Hines



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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: *Trustee of God’s Gifts*, Edie Mae Herrel, 1978, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville.

October 11, 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

Bryce Shelton

Prelude

Fantasy on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Jeffrey Brummel

+Call to Worship

Michael Moorhead

One: Every day, our Creator scatters seeds of love, mercy and grace across the fields of our lives — some falling gently into waiting hands, some carried by the wind to places we cannot yet see.

All: May our hearts be softened and open, ready to receive the gifts of God and make room for new growth.

One: We do not gather today simply to receive. We gather to be cultivated — to have our lives turned toward the light, our hands opened in generosity and our hearts awakened to the needs of our neighbors.

All: May we sow seeds of generosity and grace, justice and mercy, trusting that even the smallest offering, planted in love, can take root and flourish.

One: For the seeds we plant may grow beyond what we can see. A kind word may become courage. A generous gift may become hope. An act of justice may become a path toward freedom.

All: We trust that what is planted in faith and nurtured by love will bear fruit in ways we cannot yet imagine.

One: Come, let us worship the One who scatters abundance with open hands, who nourishes every living thing and who invites us to join in the work of growing a more generous and just world.

All: Let us praise the God of seed and soil, of growth and harvest, of abundance and grace!

+Congregational Song

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
No. 48

FAITHFULNESS

+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.

+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!

Psalms Reading — Psalm 19

Abigail Dyer

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims the LORD's
handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his
wedding canopy, and like a strong athlete
runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens
and its circuit to the end of them,
and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
But who can detect one's own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless
and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Children's Moment

James Dolph

Offertory

Jubilee
Wilshire Winds
Shana Gaines, director

James Curnow

Your generous gifts to Wilshire's Unified Budget invest in the spiritual formation of our youngest members — from infants through youth — by providing nurturing care and meaningful faith formation opportunities like weekly Sunday School, choirs, camps and retreats.

+Epistle Reading — 2 Corinthians 9:6–15

Claire Reynolds

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

“God scatters abroad; God gives to the poor;
God's righteousness endures forever.”

The God who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that God has given you. Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!

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

Take My Life and Let It Be
No. 490

HENDON

Message

“I'll Take You There”

Timothy Peoples

Anthem

In Simple Faith
Wilshire Winds

arr. Randall Standridge

Prayers of the People

Darren DeMent

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

Now Thank We All Our God
No. 371

NUN DANKET

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

Postlude

Improvisations on themes from the day

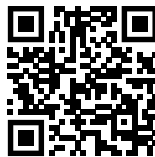
Jeff Brummel

Meet today's worship leaders

Abigail Dyer joined Wilshire in 2024 and is married to John Dyer. Abigail is a member of Ithaka Class, a Vacation Bible School volunteer and has done design work for Wilshire, including last year's Advent graphics. She works as a graphic designer for Aon.

Michael Moorhead and his wife, Shaeron, have been Wilshire members since 1972 and are members of Compass Class, which they helped establish as Wilshire's first mixed-gender adult class. Michael is a deacon emeritus and serves on the Committee on Committees. He is a retired English professor and enjoys playing golf. Michael and Shaeron have an adult son, Spencer. Their daughter, Kathleen, passed away in 2011.

Claire Reynolds grew up at Wilshire and now attends with her husband, Cody, and their 20-month-old daughter, Olive. Claire teaches third graders in Sunday School. A registered nurse with experience in trauma, emergency medicine and post-anesthesia care, she is now a medical record auditor for Humana.



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)
- 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.

Tapestry



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News & Announcements
October 11, 2026

Library *Adopt-a-Book*

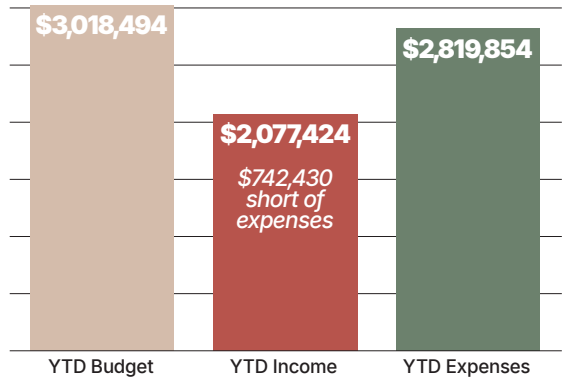
Today in the South Atrium
9–10:45 a.m. and after church



At the Wilshire Library's Adopt-a-Book event today, you can help defray the cost of new books by purchasing a dedication in honor or memory of a loved one. Dedications will be printed on plaques inside the books, which will then be available for checkout. Stop by the South Atrium from 9 to 10:45 a.m. or after worship. Monetary donations are also welcome; scan the QR code to donate.



Unified Budget Update



Pathways Endowment YTD gifts.....\$20,784
Pathways Endowment Sept. balance.....\$11,621,052

Condolences to

Jay Prigmore on the death of his mother,
Johana Prigmore, Sept. 18

Median adult fellowship tonight

Median adults — interpret this old-fashioned Sunday School term for yourself — are invited to a fall fellowship tonight at 7 at the home of Joannah and Darren DeMent (10446 Yorkford Dr.). Bring a dip or dessert to share or just show up. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)



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.

Brummel recognition next Sunday

Jeff Brummel, Wilshire's departing associate minister of music and organist, will be recognized near the end of the 11 a.m. service on Oct. 18, his last Sunday to lead in worship. A reception for Jeff will follow in James Gallery. Jeff announced last month that he is moving back to his native Oregon to be near family.

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)

Wilshire hosting film screening



Faith Commons is presenting a documentary screening and talk-back discussion at Wilshire on Thursday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. *The Other* is an award-winning film about Israelis and Pales-

tinians working together toward a more peaceful future. The documentary was filmed both before and after the attacks of Oct. 7, 2023. The post-screening dialogue will feature Natali Levin-Schwarz, an Israeli-born political theorist, and Jadd Hashem, a Palestinian-American peace activist. Admission is \$18; seating is limited. Learn more and register at wilshirebc.org/events/the-other.

WOW brunch set for Nov. 7

"Filter The Noise: A Conversation about Women's Health and Wellness" is the theme for a Women of Wilshire brunch and fellowship on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9:30 to noon in James Gallery. A panel of nutrition, health and wellness professionals will be on hand to help us navigate the messages found on social media. \$15 per person. Save the date. Registration is coming soon.

Midday on Abrams is Nov. 4



Paul Markowitz, founder of Senior Living Specialists, will be our guest speaker for Midday on Abrams on Wednesday, Nov. 4. New this fall, 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. Open to everyone.

Next Friday Night Live: Nov. 13



The next Friday Night Live will be offered Nov. 13. Held about once a month, this event is actually three events held at the same time: Marriage Connections, open to all couples; Kids Night

Out; and Preschool Night Out. See details and registration at wilshirebc.org/events/fnl.

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)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE OCTOBER 14

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. 14 menu:** Korean pork bao buns, steamed rice, stir-fried vegetables, egg rolls, edamame salad, Korean vegetarian soup, cookies, jello, mango tapioca pudding.

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 | Bryce Shelton will lead the second installment of "Resident's Choice" on Oct. 14. In this series, our pastoral residents are sharing a favorite theological idea or a topic they've always wanted to share with a church.

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.

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. 11

- Worship Service, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Library Adopt-a-Book, Upper South Atrium, 9 a.m., noon
- Third and Fourth Grade Sunday School Open House, 2225, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship Service, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Deacon Nominating Committee, 1205-G, noon
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 13

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

Wednesday, Oct. 14

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

Thursday, Oct. 15

- Knit Unto Others, 1205-G, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 16

- MomCo, James Gallery, 9 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 17

- Preschool Playdate, Flag Pole Hill Park, 9:30 a.m.
- Library Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, James Gallery, 10 a.m.
- Johana Prigmore Memorial Service, McIver Chapel, 2 p.m.