

Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

November 8, 2026
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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 James Dolph

Centering Silence

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

One: We breathe in the breath of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Call to Worship James Dolph

One: Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.
All: May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.
One: May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.
All: In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.
One: May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.
All: And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.

+Congregational Song *Blessed Assurance* ASSURANCE
No. 619

Scripture Reading — Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–18 Bryce Shelton

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. … "Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the

+All congregants are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

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!

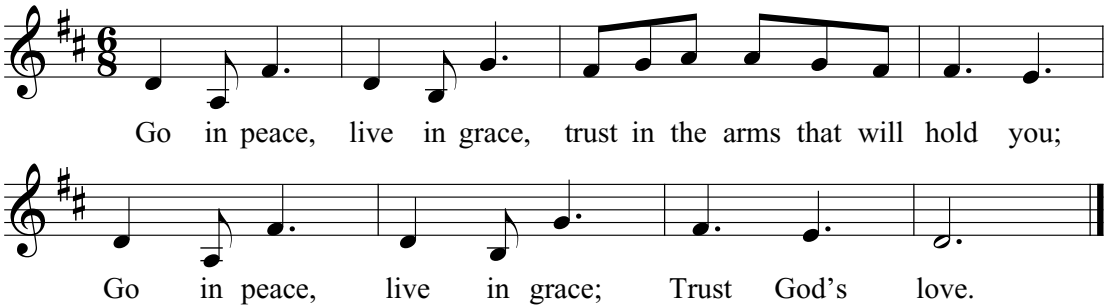
Message Bryce Shelton

Prayer Practice — Honoring the Saints Jordann McMahan

Music for Meditation *For All the Saints* arr. Christopher Miner
Darren DeMent, Michael Sheaffer

Sending Bryce Shelton

Traveling Mercies
Billy Crockett/arr. Kurt Kaiser



Benediction Bryce Shelton

One: God our maker, we honor the sacred multitude that resides in you.

All: May the guardian in you protect us. May the child in you delight in us.

One: May the friend in you challenge us. May your ashes resurrect us.

All: May your sky shelter us. May the mystery of you liberate us.

One: Provide abundance and healing in all forms to those who need it today.
And deliver us from shame, hatred, and the chains that bind us.

All: For you have made us, and we are still being made. Amen.

Wilshire Welcome meets today. Wilshire Welcome, a one-hour session to help guests and new members learn about the church, will meet today, Nov. 8, at 9:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room near McIver Chapel. No RSVP needed.

Thanksgiving Food Drives are underway. Wilshire is conducting food drives for two partner agencies. You can participate by assembling meal boxes for the Wilkinson Center — a great service project for classes or groups — or by donating food items for White Rock Center of Hope. See complete details and instructions at **wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives**.

For more news and events, pick up the 11 a.m. worship folder or visit **wilshirebc.org**.

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

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