

Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

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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

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 Bryce Shelton

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 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON
No. 96

Scripture Reading — Matthew 25: 31–46 Timothy Peoples

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and

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

you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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!

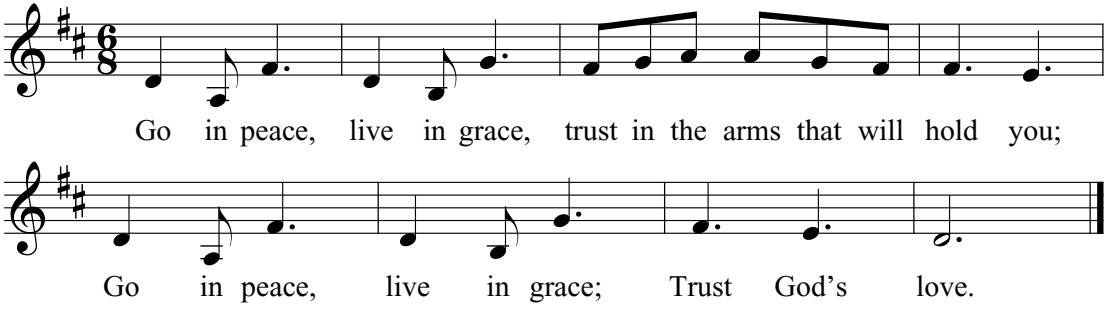
Message Timothy Peoples

Prayer Practice — Celebrating the Saints James Dolph

Music for Meditation *I Heard* Youmans/Bonar
Tim Cruise, Molly Shepard

Sending

Traveling Mercies
Billy Crockett/arr. Kurt Kaiser



Benediction Timothy Peoples

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.

Thanksgiving Food Drives. Donations for White Rock Center of Hope are due today and can be taken to the Sanctuary chancel steps before 11 a.m. worship. There's still time to assemble a meal box for the Wilkinson Center; boxes can be brought to Wilshire next Sunday, Nov. 22, or Monday, Nov. 23, by 9 a.m. See full details and instructions at **wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives**.

Thanksgiving Lunch next Sunday. Join us at noon on Nov. 22 for a casual Thanksgiving lunch in Community Hall with turkey, all the fixings and good company. Lunch is free, all are welcome and there's no need to RSVP.

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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