

Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

**November 8, 2026**
*Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost*

# Preparing for worship

I have a hard time recognizing the presence of God. I'm not usually quick to admit that, but it's the truth. When challenging moments come, I'm often left feeling adrift and alone, wondering why God was not there. I struggle to slow down and take note of where God is moving in my life and the world around me. Thankfully, there have been others throughout the Christian tradition who have felt this way, and they have provided guides to help us better reflect on the movement of God's Spirit.

St. Ignatius of Loyola, the cofounder of the Jesuit order, created a practice that was meant to sustain and extend our perception of God's presence in our lives. This practice, called the Examen, consisted of guided prompts meant to draw our attention back to moments throughout our week to discover where God was moving.

The Examen flows through several movements: awareness, gratitude, review, forgiveness, closing. A general examen could look like this:

**Awareness:** Take a deep breath and feel God's presence around you.

**Gratitude:** Call to mind those things and people for which you are grateful.

**Review:** Remember a time you experienced love this week.

**Forgiveness:** Recall a time you missed sharing love with others and ask God for forgiveness.

**Closing:** Let go of anything you need to be free of and invite the Spirit of God to guide you towards love in the week to come.

Slowing down and being mindful is not something our world has trained us to do. However, today in worship, we are going to have the opportunity to practice mindfulness together.

During the Prayers of the People, we will all join in the Examen prayer. Darren will walk us through our guided prompts and as a community we will see together the ways in which God has been moving among us. During this time, as you prepare for worship, look back over the movements and prompts listed above. You may find yourself answering these prompts quickly, but speed is not the goal. The goal is to be mindful of God's movements. So, I invite you to take time throughout worship to allow yourself to travel back through this past week, taking note of the presence of God and seeing how the Spirit has led you to this moment of worship.

*—Bryce Shelton*

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Building a Community of Faith Shaped by the Spirit of Jesus Christ
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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.*

**On the cover:** *Heavenly Hosts*, Ernest Haskell, etching, ca. 1921.

**November 8, 2026**
11:00 a.m.
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**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** — Katie Murray

**Prelude** — *Let All Things Now Living* — arr. Randall Standridge
Wilshire Winds
Shana Gaines, director

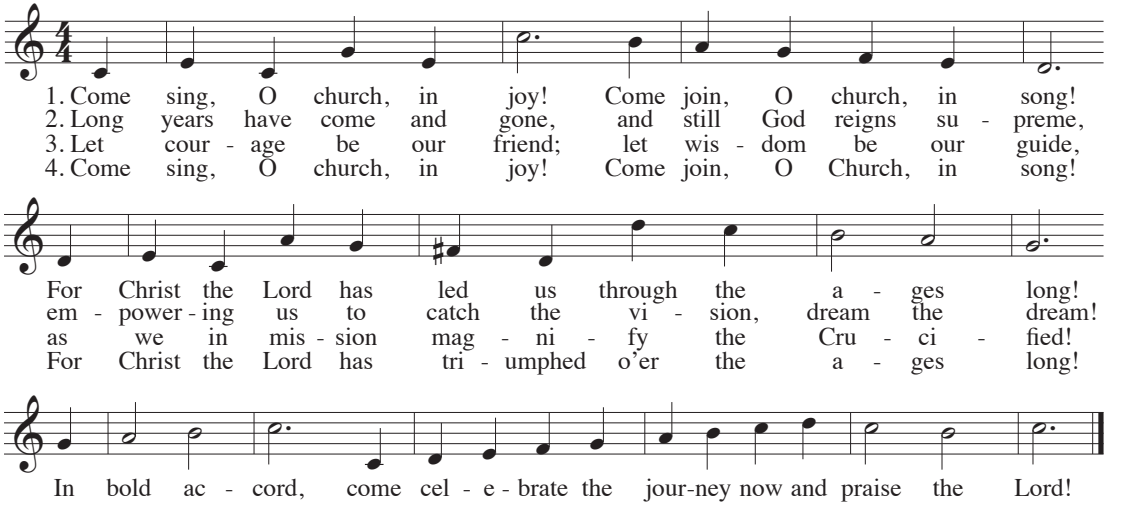
**+Call to Worship** — Mu Lar Hso

One: In the light of God's love, we gather to remember who God has called us to be.
**All: As God's holy and dearly loved children, we embody the hope of our ancestors.**

One: In the promise of God's presence, let us guard our hearts from idolatry and commit ourselves to the pursuit of wisdom.
**All: As God's holy and dearly loved children, we choose to serve the One who holds all things together in love.**

One: In the assurance of God's grace, we carry forward the dreams God has for us.
**All: As God's holy and dearly loved children, we embrace God's vision for all creation.**

**+Congregational Song** — *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy* — DARWALL'S 148TH

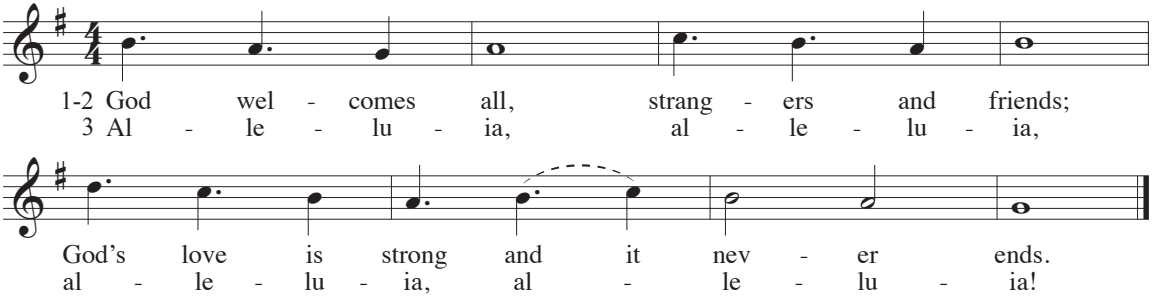



+All congregants are invited to stand in body or spirit.
Hearing devices are available in the Narthex and South Atrium.

**+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




**Epistle Reading** — 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 Sandy Washington

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Jesus those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**Offertory** *A Blessed Hymn* arr. Thomas Kahelin
Wilshire Winds

**+Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures** — Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–18, 22–25 Amanda Hines

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 the Lord 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 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. The LORD 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 the LORD is our God." ... Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve the LORD." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and the LORD we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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!**

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| **+Congregational Song** | *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*<br>No. 619 | ASSURANCE |
| **Message** | "The Right Choice" | Timothy Peoples |
| **Anthem** | *In All Things, Give Thanks*<br>New Song Community Choir<br>Sarah Stafford, director<br>Crysta Jones, accompanist | Victor Johnson |

In all things, give thanks; in all things, give thanks:
When mornings are golden, when hope paints the sky.
In all things, give thanks; in all things, give thanks:
When night brings its silence, and dreams start to sigh.
The seasons of life have sunshine and snowfall,
Springtime and harvest, laughter and tears.
Trust in the Lord, the promise of process.
Always be grateful; God will be faithful,
Leading us on through the years!

In all things, give thanks; in all things, give thanks:
When soaring with eagles, when reaching for stars.
In all things, give thanks; in all things, give thanks:
When walking the valley or living with scars.
The seasons of life have sunshine and snowfall,
Springtime and harvest, laughter and tears.
Trust in the Lord, the promise of process.
Always be grateful; God will be faithful,
Leading us on, God leads us on, through the years.

**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** *Soon and Very Soon* SOON AND VERY SOON
No. 562

**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** *Choral No. 1 in E Major* César Franck

Sarah Stafford, Congregational Song Leader

# Meet today's worship leaders

**Mu Lar Hso** began attending Wilshire at age 12 with Joannah DeMent and became an active participant in the youth group. Mu Lar officially joined the church in 2025. In 2023, she served as a summer children's intern at Wilshire and became part of Leigh Ann and Kile Brown's family. Her younger brother, Eh Kaw Soe, is now active in Wilshire's youth group. Mu Lar is a senior at the University of Texas at Arlington, where she is majoring in early education.

**Sandy Washington** joined Wilshire in May with her husband, Doug, and their two adult daughters, Janina and Lindsey. Sandy also has an adult son who lives in Lubbock, and Sandy and Doug have three grandchildren. At Wilshire, Sandy and Doug attend Epiphany Class, and Sandy participates in the WOW Tuesday Evening Book Club. A retired therapist and mental health professional focused on multiculturalism and family education, she now volunteers in the community for justice-related causes.

**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.

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- Annette Owen, Pathways to Ministry Director (3158)
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# Tapestry

Wilshire BAPTIST CHURCH

News & Announcements
November 8, 2026





## Condolences to

**David Duncan** on the death of his son, Randy Duncan, Oct. 30.

## New members

**Kay and Scott Henry, Patricia Henry**

## Wilshire Welcome today

Wilshire Welcome, a one-hour session to help guests and new members learn about the church, will meet Sunday, Nov. 8, at 9:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room near McIver Chapel. No RSVP needed; to learn more, contact Carolyn Murray at cmurray@wilshirebc.org.

## Blood drive next Sunday

Carter Blood Care will hold a blood drive at Wilshire on Sunday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Their bus will be located on Ravendale Lane. Carter reports a critical need for blood types B-, AB+ and AB- and an urgent need for types O-, A- and platelets. Walk-ins welcome; appointments recommended. To sign up, scan the QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive.

## Preschool Playdate on Nov. 21

Preschoolers and their families are invited to a playdate with Ms. Kelly on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Cheeky Monkeys indoor playground (1152 N. Buckner Blvd.). $16.99 per child.

**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

## NOVEMBER 13

*Friday Night Live is about connection, fun and making time for what matters. Register for all events by Nov. 12.*

### 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.

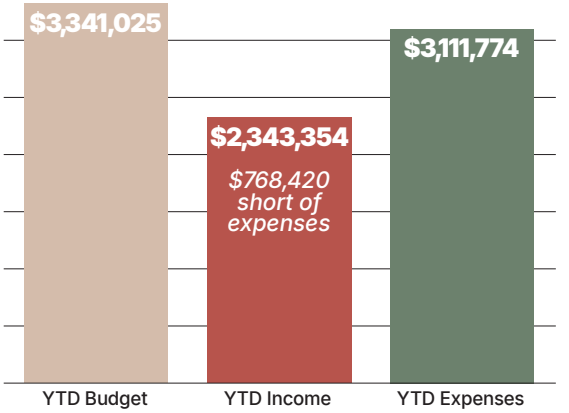
### Preschool Night Out

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

**wilshirebc.org/events/fnl**

*Future dates: Jan. 15, Feb. 12, April 9.*

## Unified Budget Update




Pathways Endowment YTD gifts.....$21,773
Pathways Endowment Oct. balance .....$11,560,099

## Next Midday on Abrams is Dec. 2

What happens when Scripture becomes a work of art and an act of hospitality? Join us for Midday on Abrams on Dec. 2, when Pathways to Ministry Director Annette Owen will lead a fascinating look at the Saint John's Bible, the first handwritten and illuminated Bible commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in more than 500 years. 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.

## Subscribe to sermon podcast

Sermons from Timothy Peoples and other Wilshire preachers are available as a weekly audio podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and other podcast platforms. Search for "Wilshire Baptist Church" on your platform of choice.

# *Thanksgiving* FOOD DRIVES

## The Wilkinson Center Thanksgiving Boxes

Wilshire has committed to providing 80 Thanksgiving meal boxes through the Wilkinson Center. Each box costs $50 to $75 to assemble. This is a great project for Sunday School classes, other groups, families or individuals.

- Scan code at left to sign up.
- See full instructions at wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives.
- Bring boxes to Wilshire's South Lobby on Sunday, Nov. 22, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or to the South Parking Lot on Monday, Nov. 23, between 8 and 9 a.m.

## White Rock Center of Hope bags due next Sunday

Join us in providing canned goods for families served by White Rock Center of Hope.

- Pick up brown paper bags and shopping lists outside the office, then fill the bags and return them by Nov. 15.
- Bags brought before Nov. 15 can be placed on the table near the office. Bags brought on Nov. 15 can be taken to the Sanctuary chancel for display during the 11 a.m. service.
- You can also shop an Amazon wishlist and have items sent to WRCOH; scan code at right or find the link at wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives.

**All details at wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives**

**Bags needed.** We welcome your donations of handled brown paper grocery bags like those used at Central Market and Whole Foods.

**Contact:** Christina Evans (cevans@wilshirebc.org)

## Men's Book Club

Tuesday, Nov. 17 | 7 p.m. | Parlor | *Notes From Underground* by Fyodor Dostoevsky. Contact: Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net)

## Women of Wilshire Book Clubs

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Nov. 10 | 6:30 p.m. | 1205-G | *Dead Man Blues* by Silas House. Contact: Debby Burton (debbyb0929@gmail.com)

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Thursday, Dec. 3 | Noon | 1205-L | *Eddie Winston is Looking for Love* by Marianne Cronin. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

## Fall prevention classes continue

Physical therapy students from Texas Women's University are leading a series of classes geared toward fall prevention at Wilshire. Covering balance, functional movement, strength training and more, the free classes will be a great way to stay active and have fun in a supportive environment. Classes will be held Mondays through Nov. 23 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Parish Nurse Linda Garner (lgarner@wilshirebc.org).

## Counseling on-site at Wilshire

The Center for Integrative Counseling and Psychology provides therapy and psychological assessments for kids, teens and adults. The Center has offices across the Dallas area, including at Wilshire. They take insurance and offer a wide variety of services. Schedule an appointment at thecentercounseling.org or by calling 214-526-4525.

## New books in the Wilshire Library

**JUVENILE BOOKS**

■ *Graphic Novel: I Survived the Attacks of September 11, 2001*, Lauren Tarshis
■ *Graphic Novel: I Survived the Battle of D-Day, 1944*, Lauren Tarshis
■ *Graphic Novel: I Survived the Destruction of Pompeii, AD 79*, Lauren Tarshis
■ *Graphic Novel: I Survived the Great Chicago Fire, 1871*, Lauren Tarshis
■ *Graphic Novel: I Survived the Great Molasses Flood, 1919*, Lauren Tarshis
■ *Graphic Novel: I Survived the Japanese Tsunami, 2011*, Lauren Tarshis
■ *Rowley Jefferson's Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid*, Jeff Kinney
■ *Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories*, Jeff Kinney
■ *Spy School Goes East*, Stuart Gibbs
■ *The Wild Zone* (*Camp Half-Blood #1*), Rick Riordan

**PICTURE BOOKS**

■ *The Pumpkin Thief*, Janice Hemming

**YOUNG ADULT**

■ *Vicious* (*Villains Trilogy #1*), V. E. Schwab
■ *Vengeful* (*Villains Trilogy #2*), V. E. Schwab

**MEN'S BOOK CLUB**

■ *Notes from Underground*, Fyodor Dostoevsky

## 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.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE NOVEMBER 11

## Family Dinner

**5 p.m.** | **Community Hall** | Dinner and fellowship for all ages. Cash/check/credit accepted. See prices at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl. **Nov. 11 menu:** Pasta night with spaghetti with marinara, meatballs and grilled chicken, "eggplant parm gratin," focaccia, Caesar salad, tiramisu, Italian wedding soup, cookies, jello, kid-friendly options.

## 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** | Music, study and fellowship in the Youth Center.

## Sanctuary Choir

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

## Spiritual Formation: Resident's Choice



**6 p.m.** | **Community Hall** | James Dolph will lead the final installment of "Resident's Choice" on Nov. 11. In this series, our pastoral residents are sharing a favorite theological idea or a topic they've always wanted to share with a church.

## Looking ahead

- **Nov. 18:** Sally Gary, Wilshire member and founder of CenterPeace, will speak. CenterPeace cultivates spiritual community, support and resources for LGBTQ+ people, their families and church leaders.
- **Nov. 25:** No Wednesday activities on the day before Thanksgiving.
- **Dec. 2:** Vespers: Moravian Lovefeast.
- **Dec. 9:** Preschool Christmas Pageant, final WNL before holiday break.

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




Our Advent theme, *Embodied*, invites us to reflect together on the central event of Christmas, the Incarnation of Christ. Though each of the four Gospels illuminates a different dimension of Advent, they all point to the same profound theological truth: the Incarnation matters because God chooses to enter into human life, dwell among us and transform the world through love, hope, peace and justice. Advent, therefore, is not simply a season of waiting for Christ's birth, but an invitation to embody Christ's presence in our lives and communities, making God's love visible in the world today. | *Advent begins Sunday, Nov. 29.*

Advent art: Abi Dyer



## Poinsettia ordering

Help decorate the Sanctuary for Advent by ordering a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. Dedications will be listed in the Dec. 6 worship folder. Each plant costs $15, and donors may take them home after Christmas Eve. Order in the office or at wilshirebc.org/poinsettias. Ordering deadline: Nov. 29.

## Sign up kids to build Nativity

Elementary school children are invited to help build the Sanctuary Nativity scene by carrying elements to the chancel at the start of 11 a.m. worship. We'll begin Nov. 29 and build the scene week by week, completing it at the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Sign up at wilshirebc.org/nativity.

## Sunday School series

Darren DeMent and Katie Murray will lead a Sunday School series on the four Sundays of Advent at 9:45 a.m. in McIver Chapel. Each week will focus on a different medium to help us find connection to the idea of Incarnation. **Nov. 29:** Visual art. **Dec. 6:** Film. **Dec.13:** Movement. **Dec. 20:** Music.

## Together with Heart and Soul and Voice: Christmas on Abrams

**Sunday, Dec. 13 | 6 p.m. | Sanctuary** | Join the Wilshire Music Ministry for a festive evening of Christmas music and help us bring Christmas to Abrams and beyond. We invite everyone to bring a new winter item to benefit one of our local ministry partners and help our neighbors stay warm this winter. Details coming soon. Invite your family, friends and neighbors, and come ready to share the joy of the season through music and generosity.



## Vespers: Moravian Lovefeast

**Wednesday, Dec. 2 | 6 p.m. | McIver Chapel** | Join our pastoral residents for a Moravian lovefeast-themed Vespers. Lovefeasts, first held in Germany in 1727, are based on the agape meals of the early church and are often held at Christmas. The service will include music, Scripture and poetry; in keeping with lovefeast tradition, coffee, tea and sweets will be served in the Parlor afterward.

## Preschool Pageant

**Wednesday, Dec. 9 | 6 p.m. | Sanctuary** | Kindergarten, Pre-K and 3-Year-Old choirs will be in costume as they sing and act out the Nativity. Followed by cookies and cocoa in James Gallery.

## Preschool Playdate: Gingerbread Houses

**Saturday, Dec. 12 | 9:30–11 a.m.** | Preschoolers and their families are invited to decorate gingerbread houses at a playdate at the home of Jessica and Andy Brookshire.

## Songwriter Vespers: Holiday Edition

**Sunday, Dec. 20 | 4:30 p.m. | Choral Hall** | A full band and vocalists led by Darren DeMent will explore the full range of holiday emotions through the work of various songwriters. Part worship service and part coffeehouse concert, this won't be your typical church Christmas program.

## Christmas Eve

**Thursday, Dec. 24 | 4 and 11 p.m. | Sanctuary**

## Giving Tree

Starting Sunday, Nov. 22, select a tag from the Giving Tree in James Gallery and fulfill a Christmas wish for a child or adult served by our local mission partners. Scan your tag's QR code and we'll send you a due-date reminder. Our Virtual Giving Tree will also be open by Nov. 22.

## Tree of Hope and Remembrance

Help decorate our Tree of Hope and Remembrance in the South Lobby by writing a loved one's name as a memorial or your name as a survivor of cancer or another disease. Blank ornaments and markers are provided at the tree, which is decorated with bracelets representing different forms of cancer. Hang your ornament and feel free to take it home close to Christmas.

# 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/realm.

**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, Nov. 8**
- Worship Service, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- First Grade SS Open House, 2224, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Wilshire Welcome, Prayer Room, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship Service, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Youth Choir Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Children's Choir Lunch, 2223, noon
- Children's Choir, 12:30 p.m.
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 1:30 p.m.

**Monday, Nov. 9**
- Fall Prevention, 3101, 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, Nov. 10**
- WOW Tuesday Evening Book Club, Parlor, 6:30 p.m.

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

**Thursday, Nov. 12**
- Stewpot Meal Service, 11:15 a.m.
- Knit Unto Others, 1205-G, 1:30 p.m.

**Friday, Nov. 13**
- 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.