

Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

November 15, 2026
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for worship

If we're being completely honest, there are days we float through feeling like we are the least of these. Often, it's easier to throw a pity party and envision ourselves as the figurative hungry with no food or the stranger with no welcome than it is to open our eyes and try to identify the least of these around us. (At least that's how teenagers work. If that changes in adulthood, feel free to let me know!) We go around trying to offload blame onto others and questioning why we're not being graciously received by sheep, as today's Scripture describes, when we feel unwelcome somewhere.

When I feel like this, the place that reminds me of who I am without fail is Wilshire Student Ministry ... I bet you saw that coming. When I need to be grounded, I head to the basement. When I'm with WSM, I'm reminded that no, I am not a stranger, and yes, I am always welcome with the youth. I am amongst the righteous sheep, as today's Scripture describes, and I can refocus my energy away from myself and toward the world around me, which is what God is actually calling us to do.

That refocusing happens in two big ways with WSM: on an individual scale, weekly, and on a group level, annually. In any given week, we go to Sunday School and Watershed to remind ourselves of our community and learn about what the Bible asks of us, just like the rest of the congregation.

But the youth get a unique opportunity to do something with what we learn during the school year, which comes in the form of Choir Tour. Our week of ministry and service puts all the concepts of the school year to the test. We're surrounded by our familiar community and called to serve new ones, asking us to transform the concepts we talk about throughout the year into meaningful, faith-guided action. And from there, we're tasked with taking our "Choir Tour High" with us throughout the rest of the year.

I like to see today as a sort of midpoint check-in on the work we do in the basement. We're a little over six months away from the best week of the year, and today is a reminder of the importance of holding on to the spirit of service of Choir Tour for the months leading up to it.

I hope today's music and Scripture calls you to examine some of the topics WSM has been working on, and that we as a congregation can strive to seek out how God is calling us to act on that work.

—Judith Guthrie

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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: *Christ dividing the sheep from the goats,* mosaic, 6th century, Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo, Ravenna, Italy.

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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 — Alden Henry

Anthem — *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* — arr. Craig Curry
Children's and Youth Choirs
See hymn no. 310 for text.

+Call to Worship — Rhona Phillips

One: O God, beyond all praising, we come before you today, mindful that all we have and all we are come from you. Every talent, every gift and every blessing is a reflection of your grace.

All: We worship you today, O God, with grateful hearts.

One: O God, be our vision. Guide us not only in this place of worship but also as we go out into the world, proclaiming your love, pursuing your justice and extending your compassion to all.

All: We honor and adore you, O God.

One: Remind us at every moment that whatever we do to our neighbors, we do in your presence. May our words, our actions and our love reflect your heart.

All: Receive the love we bring before you.

One: May we, who have known your favor and grace, faithfully serve you,

All: And share your grace with others. Amen.

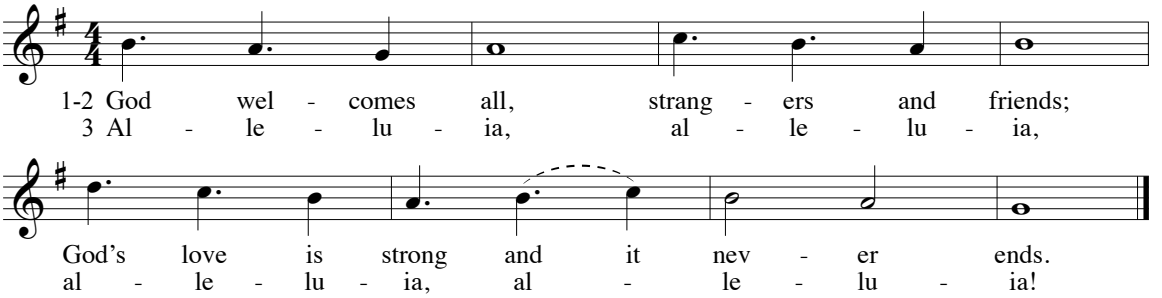
+Congregational Song — *O God Beyond All Praising* — THAXTED
No. 366

+Passing of the Peace — Elliana Mitchell

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

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

+Response in Song *God Welcomes All* THEMBA AMEN



Children's Moment Maddy Johnson, Ruby McClung

Psalm Reading — Psalm 123 Tess McNicholas, Vera Scheuermann

To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
As the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid
to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
until the LORD has mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
Our soul has had more than its fill
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.

Offertory *It Is Well With My Soul* arr. Hayes/Gaspard

+Gospel Reading — Matthew 25:31–46 Nathan Ashmore

"Now when the Human One comes in his majesty and all his angels are with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.' Then those who are righteous will reply to him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and

give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' Then the king will reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Get away from me, you who will receive terrible things. Go into the unending fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels. I was hungry and you didn't give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you didn't give me anything to drink. I was a stranger and you didn't welcome me. I was naked and you didn't give me clothes to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.' Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn't do anything to help you?' Then he will answer, 'I assure you that when you haven't done it for one of the least of these, you haven't done it for me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment. But the righteous ones will go 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!

Congregational Song *I Heard* Youmans/Bonar

Led by Tim Cruise, Judith Guthrie,
Ananda Henry, Ruby McClung, Elliana Mitchell,
Kathryn Woodbury

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one,
lay down thy head upon my breast."

Came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live."

Came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright."

Looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.

Message "When Did We See You?" Elliana Mitchell

Anthem *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Mark Miller
Youth Choir

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the stranger and more graces for the good,
There is mercy with the Maker, there is healing in God's love.
Hallelujah! Together we will cry, for the mercy as broad as the sky!
Hallelujah! God's love for you and me flows as deep and wide as the sea!
For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind,
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

Prayers of the People Emily Reavis, Eh Kaw Soe, Jack Taylor

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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

The Lord's Prayer
Our (Father/God/Creator), 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 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE
No. 71

Sharing of Decisions Timothy Peoples

Benediction Troy Rich, Claire Michie, Griffin Moore

Postlude *Symphonie No. 2 — II. Choral* Louis Vierne

Kathryn Woodbury, Congregational Song Leader

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Meet today's worship leaders

■ **Nathan Ashmore** is a ninth grader in the Theater Conservatory at Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts.

■ **Judith Guthrie** is a senior at the School for the Talented and Gifted and is involved in ballet, choir and yearbook. She serves on Wilshire's Visioning Team and is Youth Choir vice president.

■ **Alden Henry** is a freshman at Bryan Adams High School Leadership Academy. He plays baseball and participates in Scouts.

■ **Ananda Henry** is a junior at Bryan Adams High School Leadership Academy, where she is involved with the Bryan Adams Theater Company. At Wilshire, she serves on the Lay Support Team for Pastoral Resident Amanda Hines.

■ **Maddy Johnson** is a junior in the pre-collegiate program at Woodrow Wilson High School, where she is a National Honor Society member, a basketball team manager and a P-TECH ambassador.

■ **Ruby McClung** is a tenth grader at Lake Highlands High School. She sings in her school choir and is an All-Region Choir member. At Wilshire, Ruby serves on the Lay Support Team for Pastoral Resident Jordann McMahan.

■ **Tess McNicholas** is an eighth grader at Sudie L. Williams Talented and Gifted Academy in DISD. She is a competitive cheerleader.

■ **Claire Michie** will soon graduate early from Richardson High School, where she is involved in PALS and is a football team manager. She works as a lifeguard and a junior cheer coach.

■ **Elliana Mitchell** is a senior at Woodrow Wilson High School, where she is active in choir, theater and National Honor Society. She is a two-time TMEA All-State Choir member.

■ **Griffin Moore** is an eighth grader at Sudie L. Williams Talented and Gifted Academy. His interests include Scouting, Magic: The Gathering and all things Japanese.

■ **Rhona Phillips** is a seventh grader at Schimelpfenig Middle School in Plano, where she participates in choir, band and basketball.

■ **Emily Reavis** is a tenth grader at CityLab High School. She sings in the Greater Dallas Choral Society Treble Youth Chorus and currently has art on display in *The World We Want to Create*, an exhibit at Halperin Park.

■ **Troy Rich** is a ninth grader at Rosie M. Collins Sorrells School of Education, where he is involved with Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

■ **Vera Scheuermann** is an eighth grader at Richardson West Junior High, where she studies in the theater arts magnet program. Vera is active in theater, singing and volleyball.

■ **Eh Kaw Soe** is a ninth grader at Lake Highlands High School, where he plays soccer. His older sister is Wilshire member Mu Lar Hso, and he is friends with the DeMent family.

■ **Jack Taylor** is a tenth grader at the School for the Talented and Gifted, where he participates in Model UN. He also enjoys soccer. At Wilshire, he serves on the Lay Support Team for Pastoral Resident Bryce Shelton.

■ **Kathryn Woodbury** is a senior at Lake Highlands High School, where she is involved with theater and choir, including the show choir Espree. She also participates in National Charity League and is an Eagle Scout.

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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News & Announcements
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Thanksgiving Lunch

NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 22

Stay after church on Nov. 22 for a casual Thanksgiving lunch in Community Hall with turkey, all the fixings and good company. We'll share a meal, make room for conversation and give thanks for the people and community around our tables. Lunch is free, all are welcome and there's no need to RSVP.

Condolences to

Amy and Cory Anderson on the death of Amy's mother, Jane Newsom, Nov. 13. Grandchildren are **Bryn Anderson** and **Whit Anderson.**

Youth-led worship today

Wilshire Student Ministry students will lead in all aspects of today's 11 a.m. worship service. Elliana Mitchell, a high school senior, will preach, and Kathryn Woodbury, also a senior, will serve as congregational song leader. Students also chose today's Worship Folder cover art, and senior Judith Guthrie wrote the Preparing for Worship piece.

Blood drive happening now

Carter BloodCare is holding a blood drive at Wilshire today, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome; look for the Carter bus near the porte cochere. There is an urgent local need for certain blood types. Donors will receive a plush blanket while supplies last.

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.

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).

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.

Women of Wilshire Book Clubs

■ **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)

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Jan. 12 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick. Contact: Vicki Carlisle (vicki_carlisle@att.net)

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)

New books in the Wilshire Library

PICTURE BOOKS

■ *One Christmas Eve*, Nick Butterworth

JUVENILE BOOKS

■ *Charlie Bumpers vs. the Perfect Little Turkey*, Bill Harley

■ *The Great Turkey Heist*, Gertrude Chandler Warner

■ *The Pet Rock Ransom (Class Pet Detective #3)*, Akeem S. Roberts

■ *Thanksgiving Short Stories for Kids Aged 6–10*, Clara Smith

YOUNG ADULT

■ *The Cure (The Cure Chronicles #1)*, K.A. Riley

■ *Awaken (The Cure Chronicles #2)*, K.A. Riley

■ *Ascend (The Cure Chronicles #3)*, K.A. Riley

■ *Fallen (The Cure Chronicles #4)*, K.A. Riley

■ *Reign (The Cure Chronicles #5)*, K.A. Riley

■ *Maradonia and the Guardians of the Portal (#1 Maradonia #1)*, Sofia Nova

■ *Perfect Cover (The Squad #1)*, Jennifer Lynn Barnes

■ *Killer Spirit (The Squad #2)*, Jennifer Lynn Barnes

■ *What We Did to Survive*, Megan Lally

NONFICTION

■ *Five Views on Christian Nationalism*, Joe Rigney

■ *The Backyard Bird Chronicles*, Amy Tan

FICTION

■ *Storm Watch (Joe Pickett #23)*, C. J. Box

MEN'S BOOK CLUB

■ *The Crooked Places Made Straight: Reflections on the Moral Meaning of America*, Raphael Warnock

■ *Man's Search for Meaning*, Viktor E. Frankl

■ *Rules for Old Men Waiting*, Peter Pouncey

Thanksgiving FOOD DRIVES

White Rock Center of Hope bags due today

Today, Nov. 15, is the day to place filled food bags on the chancel steps for White Rock Center of Hope.

■ If you haven't yet participated in this drive, you can still help stock the agency's food pantry by shopping from their Amazon wishlist and having items sent directly to them; scan the code above or find the wishlist link at wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives.

One more week for Wilkinson Center Boxes

There's still time to provide a Thanksgiving meal box 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.

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

Contact: Christina Evans (cevans@wilshirebc.org)

Ella Taylor

Hometown: Dallas
Present City: Dallas
School: Seventh grade, J.L. Long Middle School

Tell us about your family.
My mom's name is Kelsey, and my dad's name is Chris. My siblings are Cullen (17), Jack (16) and Katy (14).

What do you like to do for fun?
I like to dance, sing, do art and play with my cats!

What aspirations do you have for the future?
I would like to be a lawyer someday.

What are your favorite hobbies?
I enjoy pottery, painting and dancing!

What's your favorite subject at school?
Dance and choir.

Tell us about music or art that you enjoy.
I love to do pottery and paint.

Do you play sports or have a favorite team?
I am a member of the J.L. Long Middle School dance team, the Treasurettes.



Where are you engaged at Wilshire?
I attend Sunday School and sing in Youth Choir with my siblings. I went on the choir tour to Kansas City over the summer, and I try to attend as many Wilshire Student Ministry activities as possible.

What have you learned about God?
God will always forgive, and everyone deserves a second chance.

Who do you look up to and why?
I really look up to my dance captain, Violet. She is a great leader and is so kind to everyone she meets.

What adjectives describe you?
I would like to say I am principled. I try to do the right thing, even when no one is watching. But I also know that I can be messy.

Who are the greatest influences in your life shaping who you are today?
My parents. They are caring and really help me when I am down. They are the reason I can do so many of my fun hobbies.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE NOVEMBER 18

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. 18 menu:** Butter chicken, basmati rice, spiced vegetables, red lentil coconut soup, crunchy cabbage salad with peanut dressing, mango cardamom bread pudding, 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: Sally Gary of CenterPeace

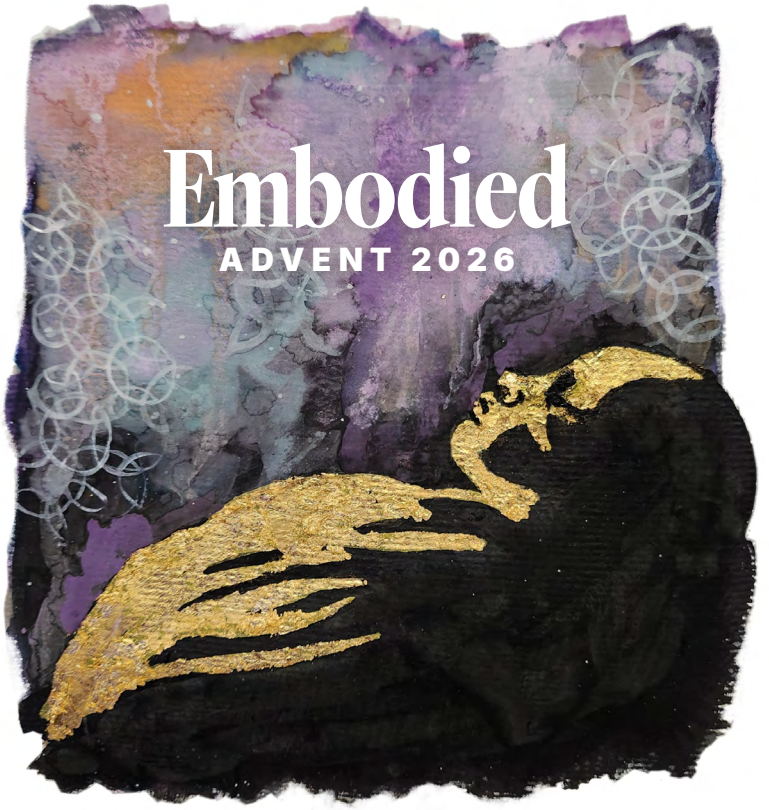


6 p.m. | **Community Hall** | Join us as Sally Gary leads a discussion about why LGBTQ+ inclusion matters to the church and what work remains to be done. A Wilshire member, Sally is the founder and executive director of CenterPeace, an organization that cultivates spiritual community, support and resources for LGBTQ+ people, their families and church leaders.

Looking ahead

- **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. 15
- Worship Service, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship Service, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Youth Choir Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Children's Choir Lunch, 2223, noon
- Committee Meetings (Adventurers; Building, Interior and Grounds; Finance; Library; Missions and Advocacy; Pathways; Personnel), Community Hall, 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. 16
- Fall Prevention, 3101, 10:30 a.m.
- Deacons Meeting, Community Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 17
- Memorial Service: Pat Austin, McIver Chapel, 10:30 a.m.
- Wilkinson Center Pantry Assistants, 2 p.m.
- Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- Men's Book Club, Parlor, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 18
- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Family Dinner, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Preschool Music and More, 6 p.m.
- Committee on Committees, 1205-G, 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, Nov. 19
- Knit Unto Others, 1205-G, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 20
- MomCo, James Gallery, 9 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 21
- WSM Fall Retreat, Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, 8 a.m.
- Preschool Playdate, Cheeky Monkeys, 9:30 a.m.