



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**January 28, 2024**  
*Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

# Preparing for worship

The year was 1978 in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston. A group of five teenage boys came together and created a band, New Edition, so named to indicate they were a new edition of the Jackson 5. The group reached the height of its popularity in the 1980s and according to some musicologists became the model for the modern boy band.

In 1988 the group debuted a No. 1 hit, “Can You Stand the Rain.” The ’80s babies out there might know these lyrics already, but here is a refresher:

*Sunny days, everybody loves them  
Tell me ... can you stand the rain?  
Storms will come  
This we know for sure  
Can you stand the rain?*

The gist of the song is quite simple. Everybody can deal with the sunny days when all things seem to be at peace and easy. But on the days where things get messy, muddy and muddled, will you still be around? When misinformation seems to run rampant, will you use your voice for truth, justice and mercy? I know New Edition was asking this of a spouse or partner, but these

questions would have been appropriate for those who became deacons in the early church. This journey is not easy, and I know you are good when the sun is out, but can you stand the rain?

R.P. Symonds wrote, “There is a story of Lawrence, deacon of Rome, martyred 258, who on his arrest was ordered to hand over the treasures of the church. He returned with the poor of the Christian community, the jewels of Christ’s people.” While this story may be a legend, it reflects the diaconal preoccupation with the welfare of the local church.

This morning, we ordain and reinstate deacons. Together, they bring different experiences, backgrounds and stories that will make us more the *imago dei*. As part of the free church tradition and holding deeply to the local autonomy of the church, our deacons do not make all the decisions for our congregation. But they are representative of our congregation, always discerning and evermore concerned for the welfare of the church.

Thank you for your “yes” on the sunny days of Wilshire and even on the days it may rain.

—Timothy Peoples



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**On the cover:** *Christ Healing the Possessed of Gerasa*, ivory, c. 968 AD, Hessisches Landesmuseum Darmstadt, Germany.

**January 28, 2024**  
11:00 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

**Chiming of the Hour**

The people of Wilshire gather this morning to worship God. In order for this service to be focused upon that purpose, please silence all electronic devices.

**Welcome to Worshipers**

Charlie Fuller

**Prelude**

*Triumphal Procession*

Carolyn Hamlin

**Opening Sentences**

Linda Sacco

God of refuge and strength, you are the one we gather to worship this morning. Awaken our hearts to the call of repentance, knowing that your grace is sufficient. Awaken our minds to the continual call to conversion, knowing that from death new life awaits. May our lives, oh God, reflect your steadfast nature; loving, kind, gracious and merciful, for you are worthy of praise, the heavens adore you.

**+Congregational Song**

*Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him*  
No. 335

HYFRYDOL

**Psalm Reading** — Psalm 111

Steve Brookshire

Alleluia! I will thank you, YHWH, with all my heart in the meeting of the just and their assembly. Great are your works, to be pondered by all who love them. Majestic and glorious are your works, and your justice stands firm forever. You make us remember your wonders — you are compassion and love. You give food to those who revere you, keeping your Covenant ever in mind. You reveal to your people the power of your actions by giving them the lands of the nations as their inheritance. The works of your hands are truth and justice, and all your precepts are sure, standing firm forever and ever, and carried out uprightly and faithfully. You have sent deliverance to your people and established your Covenant forever. Your Name is holy and awe-inspiring! Reverence for YHWH is the beginning of wisdom — and those who have it prove themselves wise. Your praise will last forever!

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+All congregants who are able are invited to stand.  
Hearing devices are available in the Narthex and South Atrium.

**Anthem**

*One Faith, One Hope, One Lord*  
Sanctuary Choir  
Bert Truax, trumpet

Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died,  
One voice, one song, we lift in praise to him  
Who was and is and shall be evermore.

There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope.  
One Lord, one baptism and faith,  
One God and Father of all, who is in you all.

Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts,  
We are given to each other for the unity of faith,  
that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God,  
in the fullness of Christ.

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one God.

**Introduction of New Deacons**

Timothy Peoples

Lauren Anne Cove, Laurie Diffie, Mary Lu Hare, Rick Hibbs,  
Mary Morgan, Steven Murray, Rob Roden, Price Tinsley

**Litany of Commitment to Deacon Service**

Paula Woodbury, Gina Ortegon, Luke Willson

Leader: Brothers and sisters, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood within the church. Do you believe that you are truly called by God and this church to the life and work of a deacon?

**Candidates: I believe I am so called.**

Leader: Do you now in the presence of God and the church commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

**Candidates: I do, with God's help.**

Leader: Will you be faithful in prayer, in the reading and study of the Scriptures, in stewardship of spiritual and material goods, in seeking the will of God for the church, and in promoting the unity of Christ's body?

**Candidates: I will.**

Leader: Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all people?

**Candidates: I will, with God's help.**

Leader: Will you in all things seek not your own glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

**Candidates: I will.**

Leader: May the Lord uphold you with divine grace in this service laid upon you.

**Candidates: Amen.**

### **Introduction of Returning Deacons**

Timothy Peoples

Leigh Ann Brown, Fred Cullum, Bill Jernberg, Richard Luttrell,  
Sam Tinsley, Rhonda Walton, Megan Wilson, Alison Wingfield

### **The Laying on of Hands and Prayers of the People**

Heather Mustain

#### **+Congregational Song**

*Give Me Jesus*  
No. 546

GIVE ME JESUS

#### **Offertory**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

arr. Dan Miller

#### **+Gospel Reading** — Mark 1:21-28

Allison Moore

They came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and began to teach. The people were spellbound by the teaching, because Jesus taught with an authority that was unlike their religious scholars. Suddenly a person with an unclean spirit appeared in their synagogue. It shrieked, "What do you want from us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked the spirit sharply: "Be quiet! Come out of that person!" At that the unclean spirit convulsed the possessed one violently, and with a loud shriek it came out. All who looked on were amazed. They began to ask one another, "What is this? A new teaching, and with such authority! This person even gives orders to unclean spirits and they obey!" Immediately news of Jesus spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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**

"Crying Out"

Timothy Peoples

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

**+Congregational Song**

*Make Me a Servant*  
No. 652

SERVANT

**Sharing of Decisions**

Timothy Peoples

**Benediction**

Timothy Peoples

**Postlude**

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

*The flowers today are given in memory of Arnold Peterson  
and in celebration of his birthday by his family;  
and in memory of E. Maxey Abernathy by Carole Jean Abernathy  
and Paula, Jason, Garrett and Kathryn Woodbury and Sher Moo Ku.*



**Connect with Wilshire.** Scan the QR code using your smartphone camera to make a financial contribution, fill out our online guest card or submit a prayer request. You may also use the response card or offering envelope found in the pew rack. These items can be placed in the offering plate or in one of the secure offering boxes located near the Sanctuary exits.

# Meet today's worship leaders

**Steve Brookshire** joined Wilshire in 1980 and met his wife, Gail, here. Their family at Wilshire includes their adult son, Andy, daughter-in-law, Jessica, and grandson, Callum, who was born to Andy and Jessica in November. Steve is a deacon and a member of Epiphany Class. He is a principal with PegasusAblon, a real estate investment and development firm.

**Allison Moore** and her husband, Brian, joined Wilshire in 2004. They are members of Seekers Class and are the parents of Amory, a senior at Lake Highlands High School. Allison works as a nurse practitioner specializing in hepatology.

**Gina Ortegon** and her husband, Ronnie, joined Wilshire in 2001. They are parents to three daughters: Ana, a senior at Allen High School, and young adult twins Erika and Elena. Gina is chair-elect of deacons, a member of Epiphany Class and serves on the Interior Design and Building and Grounds Committees. She is a sales representative for Smith Brown, serving the interior design industry.

**Linda Sacco** joined Wilshire in 2019. She is a retired missionary who served in Lebanon, France, Cyprus and Poland. She is also a child-birth educator and doula. At Wilshire, Linda attends the B.E.S.T. Class, sings in New Song Community Choir, volunteers with Friday Friends and serves as a MOPS Mentor Mom. She has five adult children and 10 grandkids. Linda's son Paul, daughter Annika and their families also attend Wilshire.

**Luke Willson** joined Wilshire in 2016 and is married to Megan. Luke co-directs Ithaka Class, volunteers with the youth group, serves on the Personnel Committee and is serving as vice-chair of deacons this year. He works as a technology architect at Credera.

**Paula Woodbury** and her husband, Jason, joined Wilshire in 1998 and are the parents of Garrett, a sophomore at Baylor University, and Kathryn, a ninth grader at Lake Highlands High School, and guardians to Sher Moo Ku, a freshman at Austin College. Paula's mother, Carole Jean Abernathy, is also a Wilshire member. Paula is the chair of deacons, attends Seekers Class and served on the Pastor Search Committee. She works as director of camps for Nelson SMU Girls Soccer Camps.

# Staff contacts

**Phone numbers:** 214-452- followed by extension shown below. **Email addresses:** first letter of first name and full last name followed by @wilshirebc.org (example: tpeoples@wilshirebc.org). Staff members without phone extensions do not have Wilshire email addresses.

## Communications

- Mark McKenzie, Communications Director (3169)

## Congregational Care

- Barbara Clayton, Pastoral Care Assistant (3125)
- Linda Garner, Parish Nurse (3151)
- Carolyn Murray, Coordinator of Congregational Life (3170)
- Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor (3110)

## Early Childhood Learning Center

- Kelly Akins, Assistant Director and Curriculum Specialist (3139)
- Carole McClung, Administrative Assistant (3115)
- Ramona Randle, Director (3140)

## Finance

- Lori Gooden, Director of Finance (3131)

## Food Services

- Luke Munion, Food Service Staff
- Haley Robinson, Food Service Director (3117)
- Gillian Tinsley, Food Service Staff
- Elias Vasquez, Food Service Staff
- Leyvi Vasquez, Food Service Staff
- Wilfredo Velasquez-Cruz, Food Service Staff

## Hospitality and Facilities

- Maricela Escutia, Facilities Supervisor
- Holly Irvin, Director of Hospitality (3150)
- Daniel Latin, Facilities
- Leticia Medina, Facilities
- Kevin Sierra, Facilities
- Leticia Vega, Facilities
- Glenda Williams, Receptionist (3165)

## Missions and Advocacy

- Abbey Adcox, Missions and Advocacy Coordinator (3127)
- Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor (3110)

## Music and Worship

- Jeff Brummel, Associate Minister of Music/Organist (3122)
- Carol Cabaniss, Music and Worship Coordinator (3106)
- Charlie Fuller, Interim Minister of Music (3123)
- Shana Gaines, Wilshire Winds Director (3163)
- Ralph Manuel, Handbell Coordinator (3161)
- Candy McComb, Children's Choir Coordinator (3124)

## Operations and Technology

- Rene Altamirano, Maintenance Technician
- Merik Gillett, Operations Director (3146)
- Eric Mirochna, IT Manager (3136)

## Pathways to Ministry

- George Mason, Pathways to Ministry Alumni Director and Senior Pastor Emeritus (3133)

## Senior Pastor

- Debby Burton, Executive Assistant (3132)
- Geri McKenzie, Executive Director of Administration (3159)
- Timothy Peoples, Senior Pastor (3132)

## Spiritual Formation

- Darren DeMent, Associate Pastor (3102)
- Julie Girards, Minister to Children (3104)
- Chelsea Hopkins, Spiritual Formation Coordinator (3130)
- Staci Langley, Childcare Coordinator
- Katie Murray, Minister to Senior Adults (3129)
- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)



# Tapestry



News & Announcements  
January 28, 2024



**Next Sunday, Feb. 4**  
After worship in Community Hall

Wilshire's annual Souper Bowl of Caring, benefiting the Phil Strickland Hunger Offering, will be held Sunday, Feb. 4. Join us for soup and all the fixings in Community Hall after worship. We encourage you to donate an amount equal to what you would spend at a nice restaurant for lunch. No reservation needed. Cash, check and credit cards accepted.

The beneficiary for this year's event is **Twelve21 Global's Farm School Project**. Through this work, Twelve21 aims to establish a sustainable food source that can benefit their two schools in Tanzania and the communities

they serve for years to come. They hope to pass on this knowledge to future generations by adopting better agricultural practices. A gift of \$9,000 has been made to Twelve 21 from Missions Plus funds, and we'd love to send an additional \$6,000 from Souper Bowl of Caring

to bring our total support to \$15,000.

Yusuph Emmanuel, Twelve21's founder and CEO, will be part of worship leadership on Feb. 4.

twelve21  
GLOBAL



**Sundays:** Worship at 11 a.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Our service livestreams at [youtube.com/wilshirebaptist](https://youtube.com/wilshirebaptist) and at [wilshirebc.org/worship/livestream](https://wilshirebc.org/worship/livestream). Keep up with Wilshire by subscribing to our YouTube channel and following us on Facebook and Instagram.

## Condolences to

■ Friends and family on the death of **Charlie Burgin**, Jan. 21.

■ **Jimmy, Gracie and Presley Dorman** on the death of their wife and mother, **Christina Principe Dorman**, Jan. 21.

■ **Ronnie Prda** on the death of his mother, Mae Prda, Jan. 22.

## McClung, Hopkins join staff



Two Wilshire members have joined the church staff and are already working in their new roles.

Carole McClung is now administrative

assistant for Wilshire's Early Childhood Learning Center, and Chelsea Hopkins will support Wilshire's education ministries as spiritual formation coordinator. Chelsea's role was formerly held by Carol Cabaniss, who is now serving as music and worship coordinator.

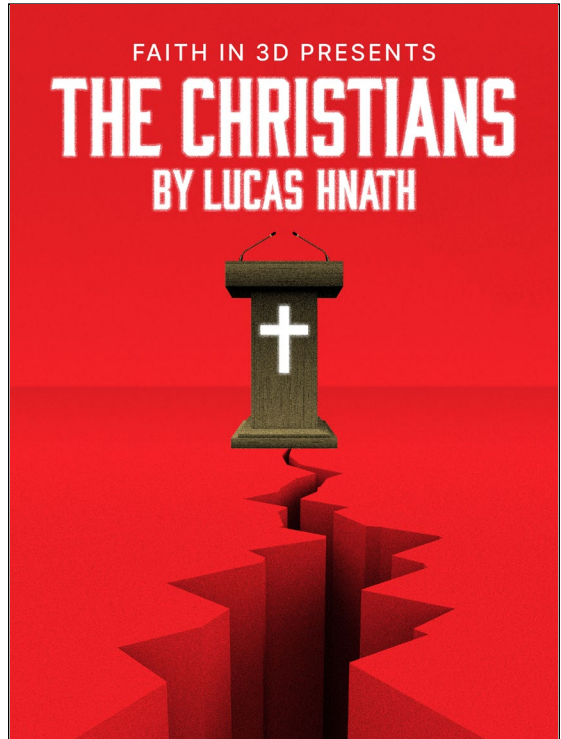
## Time with Tim on Feb. 18

Time with Tim, an informal chance for guests and new members to meet and visit with Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples, will be held Feb. 18 at 9:45 a.m. in Timothy's office. Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org)).



## Meal packing postponed to Feb. 19

The Rise Against Hunger meal packing event scheduled for Jan. 15 has been rescheduled for Presidents Day, Monday, Feb. 19, from 10 a.m. to noon. More details and a new sign-up link are coming soon.



## Faith in 3D • Feb. 15 & 17

Wilshire's Faith in 3D initiative will present *The Christians*, a dramatic play by Lucas Hnath, on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 17, at 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Nancy Poynter is directing the cast of five Wilshire actors, and Ralph Manuel is directing a 25-voice choir. *The Christians*, which explores the aftermath of a controversial sermon delivered by a mega-church pastor, has been called "a gripping and introspective examination of faith, belief and the consequences of theological shifts within a congregation" (*Oklahoma Gazette*). A *New York Times* reviewer called playwright Hnath "one of the brightest voices of his generation." This year's production marks the 10th anniversary of Faith in 3D. See the cast list at [wilshirebc.org/events/faith-in-3d-2024](http://wilshirebc.org/events/faith-in-3d-2024).

# Annual church conference recap

Wilshire conducted church business and heard a State of the Church Address from Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples at its Annual Church Conference on Jan. 21. The church approved revisions to Wilshire's bylaws and approved a 2024 Unified Budget of \$3,925,000.

Timothy spoke about the Hebrew word *chalom*, meaning dream, and said, "This year I want us to be looking deeply into the dreams of our congregation." He recalled asking people to turn in answers to the question, "What do you need?" and reported that "connection" was the most common answer. "Relationship is everything we do," Timothy said. "So we're going to work at building deeper relationships."

Timothy challenged Wilshire to make itself more accessible to the differently abled and neurodivergent, saying we would learn from churches already doing this work.

He said we remain on track to relaunch the pastoral residency program in August, noting that we already have applicants. He also reminded congregants that Pathways to Ministry doesn't refer only to the residency program but also includes interns, choral scholars and

support for seminarians.

At one point Timothy showed a blank page in his presentation, saying "We're going to be a church that leaves space for how the Spirit is moving and directing and leading us in ways that we cannot see or imagine."

Highlights of 2023 cited by Timothy included strong participation in Sanctuary Choir and other music groups despite the minister of music transition; continued strength in mission activities; and a number of new members comparable to prepandemic years: 76.

Timothy and Director of Finance Lori Gooden recapped 2023 giving, which resulted in a surplus of \$252,726, noting:

- New member and prospect gifts totaled \$104,551.

- All age groups except one gave more than the previous year, with those 18 and younger giving \$5,000 more.

- Of 430 giving units in December, 67% were gifts in the \$1 to \$1,000 range.

- Surplus funds from 2023 will be put into mission work, building reserve, the music transition and building and technology renovations.



## Ash Wednesday at noon and 6 p.m.

Wilshire will offer two services on Ash Wednesday, **Feb. 14**. Both are open to anyone and will include the imposition of ashes.

- The first service will take place in Community Hall in conjunction with Lunch & Learn. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. as usual, and the Ash Wednesday service will take the place of Bible Study, starting

at noon and ending by 12:45 p.m. Lunch costs \$10 each; no reservation needed.

- A second Ash Wednesday service will be held at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This service will be held in lieu of all other 6 p.m. offerings, and children are encouraged to attend. Childcare will be available for preschoolers. Koinonia Café will be offered at 5 p.m. as usual.



**For everyone.  
Now every week.**

**Join us each Wednesday  
11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.  
Community Hall**

All ages are welcome for a buffet lunch (\$10 each) and minister-led Bible Study.

Pay at the door. No RSVP needed.

Contact: Barbara Clayton  
([bclayton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:bclayton@wilshirebc.org))

### **Artist to speak Feb. 7**

The Feb. 7 Lunch & Learn will feature Dallas artist Vikki Martin speaking about *Conversations*, an exhibit of her work on display in Wilshire's South Lobby.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

**JAN. 31**

**Koinonia Café | 5–6 p.m. | Community Hall** | Buffet-style dinner for the whole family. Pricing at [wilshirebc.org/events/wnl](http://wilshirebc.org/events/wnl). **Jan. 31:** Stuffed tilapia, grilled chicken, wild rice, zucchini and butternut squash, rolls, salad, lentil soup, strawberry shortcake, sugar cookies, jello **Kids:** Grilled cheese, fries.

**Music, Missions & More | 6–7 p.m. | Age 3–Pre-K** | Preschool choir, plus fun activities focused on God's love.

**KidConnect | 6–7 p.m. | K–Grade 6** | A rotation of art, music and more to help kids learn how to love God and others.

**Bible Study: The Work of Christmas Begins | Jan. 10–Feb. 7 | 6–7 p.m. | Community Hall** | In his poem “The Work of Christmas,” Howard Thurman reminds us the work of Christmas doesn't happen during Advent in our waiting and preparation, but after all the pomp and circumstance. When things seem to have calmed down and become quiet is when we need to get out the hammers, saws and drills to make noise and create an atmosphere of justice. Join Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples as we discuss how we can contribute to the work.

**Watershed | 6:30–7:30 p.m. | Grades 7–12** | Bible study and music in the Youth Center.

**Sanctuary Choir | 7 p.m. | Choral Hall** | No audition. New singers welcome.

**Childcare** for infants to 2-year-olds whose parents are involved in church activities is offered 6–7:15 p.m.

# SUMMER

## Children's summer dates

Mark your calendar for our 2024 summer activities for children, and watch for more details. Registration will open by Feb. 29.

- **Vacation Bible School** | June 10-14 | 9 a.m.-noon | Three-year-olds through grade 6
- **Cooking Camp** | July 8-12 | 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Grades 1-6
- **Listen to Your Art Camp** | July 8-12 | 12:30-5 p.m. | Grades 1-6
- **Full day Cooking/Art** option available for grades 2-6, July 8-12
- **Passport Kids Camp** | July 27-30 | Overnight camp in Brownwood | Grades 3-6

## Children's Sunday School open houses for families

Each children's Sunday School class is hosting an open house from 9:30 to 10 a.m. in the coming weeks. Parents are invited to meet their child's teachers and other families. Coffee and continental breakfast will be provided.

Remaining dates:

- Kindergarten: Feb. 4, Room 2226
- First Grade: Jan. 28, Room 2228
- Second Grade: Feb. 11, Room 2224
- Third & Fourth Grade: Feb. 18, Room 2225

## Ushers and greeters needed

The Hospitality Ministry Team is seeking new ushers and greeters to serve on a rotational basis. Contact: Barbara Clayton at [bclayton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:bclayton@wilshirebc.org) for more information.

## Let's play mahjong!

Join other Women of Wilshire for mahjong the first Friday of each month at 10 a.m. and the second Wednesday each month at 6 p.m. All skill levels welcome. Please sign up; visit [wilshirebc.org/events/mahjong](http://wilshirebc.org/events/mahjong).

## WOW book clubs

- **Tuesday Evening Book Club** meets monthly at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. On **Feb. 13**, the group will discuss *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck. Contact: Debby Burton ([dburton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:dburton@wilshirebc.org)).
- **Brown Bag Book Club** meets one Thursday a month at noon in Room 1205-L. On **Feb. 1**, the group will discuss Christy Lefteri's *The Beekeeper of Aleppo*. Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org)).



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## Conversations

Art by Vikki J. Martin  
South Lobby  
Through Feb. 28

*Conversations*, an art exhibit intended to spark dialogue on racial justice, will be on display in the South Lobby from Jan. 21 through Feb. 28. The 24 watercolor and scratchboard pieces in Vikki J. Martin's *Clotilda* series use the life cycle of the cotton plant to memorialize the enslaved people transported to the U.S. by the schooner *Clotilda*, the last known slave ship to bring captives from Africa to the American South.

Vikki J. Martin grew up in Oklahoma, earned a BFA in painting from the University of Tulsa and an MFA in drawing from UT Austin. From 1983 to 2017 she taught art and art history at the Episcopal School of Dallas.

Martin will speak about the exhibit at **Lunch & Learn** on Wednesday, Feb. 7. Read Martin's statement about the work at [wilshirebc.org/events/conversations](http://wilshirebc.org/events/conversations).

## Someone to talk with.

If you are facing a life challenge and would like to have a spiritual friend to walk alongside you for a season of healing, perhaps you would benefit from a Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministry pairs trained lay people with individuals in need of Christian companionship during times of life crisis. Wilshire has trained Stephen Ministers available. To learn more about receiving care from a Stephen Minister, reach out using our dedicated email address, [stephenministry@wilshirebc.org](mailto:stephenministry@wilshirebc.org), or call 214-452-3176.

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# Leigh Ann Brown

**Hometown:** Dallas (but I went to high school in Amarillo)

**Present City:** Dallas

**Education:** BA in Speech Communications from Baylor University

**Profession:** Mom, volunteer, dipping my toe back into teaching

## **Tell us about your family.**

Kile and I have been married for 31 years. We have three grown kids — Chelsea and Ali live in New York City and Blake is in physical therapy school in Philadelphia. Since May, we've had the privilege to call MuLar Hso part of our family too. MuLar was a children's ministry intern at Wilshire last summer.

## **How about your work or volunteer life?**

I am currently substitute teaching at Good Shepherd. Most of my volunteer hours are spent at Wilshire.

## **Favorite hobbies?**

Reading, travel, crafts, cooking

## **What are your favorite places to travel?**

Italy, Colorado and wherever my kids are.

## **What brought you to Wilshire and when?**

We moved to Dallas in 1997 with two small children. We loved the welcoming environment of the preschool hallway, and we really liked the sermons and the people we met at Wilshire.

## **Where are you engaged at Wilshire?**

I've taught preschool Sunday School for many



years. I am rolling back onto active deacon service and will be on the Christian Advocacy Committee. One of my favorite volunteer jobs is as one of the Mentor Moms for Wilshire's MOPS group.

## **What has surprised you most about Wilshire?**

Our ability to continuously change and grow and embrace new ideas while holding onto precious traditions.

## **What do you think God is up to in your life right now?**

I feel like fall 2023 was a time of renewal for me and a reminder that the best way to serve God is to love other people.

## **Tell us about your faith journey.**

I grew up going to church, but my relationship to God got much more important to me when I became a mom. The people of Wilshire have been integral to the growth of my faith, and Kile and I always say this church helped us raise our kids.

## **What's something interesting most people would not know about you?**

I saw Elvis in concert when I was about 7.

## **What adjectives best describe you?**

Loyal, caring, opinionated, creative.

# How to Give

*Your gifts are changing lives inside and outside our walls. Below are several methods you can use to contribute financially. Thanks for your generosity.*

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**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](http://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](http://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 Lori Gooden's attention at Wilshire.

**TEXT.** Text WILSHIRE and a dollar amount (ex: WILSHIRE 50) to 73256.

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**FROM YOUR IRA.** For those over 70.5 years old, tax-free IRA gifts offer a financial benefit and may reduce future tax burdens.



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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, Jan. 28

- Art Exhibit, South Lobby, through February
- First Grade Open House, 2228, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Belong Team, 1205-L, 11:45 a.m.
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, 2221, noon
- Preschool & Children's Education Committee Meeting, Parlor, noon
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Faith in 3D rehearsal, McIver Chapel, 12:15 p.m.
- Wilshire Bells, Handbell Room, 12:15 p.m.
- Children's Choirs, 12:30 p.m.
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Carillon Rings, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

## Monday, Jan. 29

- Wilshire Winds, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

## Tuesday, Jan. 30

- Faith in 3D Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

## Wednesday, Jan. 31

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- History Committee, 3301, 10 a.m.
- Ukulele Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 11 a.m.
- Lunch & Learn, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Bible Study, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- Preschool Music, Missions & More, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

## Thursday, Feb. 1

- WOW Brown Bag Book Club, 1205-L, noon
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.
- Memorial Service: Christina Principe Dorman, Sanctuary, 3 p.m.

## Friday, Feb. 2

- Let's Play Mahjong!, 1205 G, 10 a.m.

## Saturday, Feb. 3

- Koinonia Class Brunch, Parlor, 10 a.m.