



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday

Preparing for worship

As we come together on this Easter Day, many of us are filled with joy, hope and expectation. Some of us are here because it's part of our tradition and culture, while a deeper understanding of the significance of this day in the Christian faith draws others. Easter is not just a commemoration of a pivotal event in Christianity but a reminder of our hope for possibility, renewal and reintegration.

Easter reminds us of the transformative power of love and the possibility of renewal and rebirth. Jesus' emergence from the tomb reminds us that we, too, might emerge from the darkness of doubt and fear — that we might be encouraged to hold on to strength through pain and struggle. Maybe even more important, we can be agents through which this happens in the lives of others. The gospel story centers around the truth that we can be saving and salving beings in a world wrecked with turmoil, uncertainty and despair.

Following the path of Christ compels us to be advocates for change and justice, particularly in the lives of those who need it most. Resurrection and redemption are not just gifts or graces, but a right for all people. Our calling is to help others

find resurrection and renewal in their lives. May Easter stir us to recommit to being active agents of change, standing up for the marginalized, the oppressed and the forgotten. May our voices of compassion be instruments of deep and meaningful healing in a world that yearns for justice and peace.

What tangible good will you do with your “New Day?” How will you exercise a new kind of empathy, kindness, generosity and reconciliation in your life? How will you release the light of the Divine in a world that often feels lost in darkness?

May the songs, prayers and holy texts inspire new life within us as we sing, pray and listen today. May our worship reflect our gratitude for God's redeeming love and our commitment to the love we'll show others. May worship reverberate deep within, inspiring us to live out our faith with vitality and compassion.

May Easter be more than just a day; may it begin a journey of transformation and renewal for you and those you may reach. Embrace this journey with open hearts and minds, trusting Easter's promise of new life.

—Ariel Merivil



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March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

11:00 a.m.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to Worshipers

Timothy Peoples

We gather as a community this morning to worship God.
To center our focus in worship, please silence all electronic devices.

Prelude

Overture for a New Day
Easter Festival Brass

Andy Wolfe

A Blessing for Easter Sunday

Katie Murray

How did you come to know
The words that were first heard shortly after the sun's rising
Proclaiming the Son's rising?
From the women at the tomb it passed to the disciples
And then from generation to generation,
At times shouted, and at other times whispered, but still it spread.
Who first shared the message with you?
A parent? A child? A prophet on the street corner?
Upon hearing, you came to realize what you somehow already knew,
The Good News was knit into your soul from the very beginning.

And so we gather together today to continue the work that began that first Easter morning,
To proclaim so others may come to know:

Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed.
Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed.
Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed.

+Congregational Song

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
No. 194

EASTER HYMN/arr. John Rutter

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

Peter said to them, “I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality — rather, that any person of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God. This is the message God has sent to the people of Israel, the Good News of peace proclaimed through Jesus Christ, who is Savior of all. “You yourselves know what took place throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee with the baptism John proclaimed. You know how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how Jesus went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the Devil, because God was with him. We are eyewitnesses to all that Jesus did in the countryside and in Jerusalem. Finally, Jesus was killed and hung on a tree, only to be raised by God on the third day. God allowed him to be seen, not by everyone, but only by the witnesses who had been chosen beforehand by God — that is, by us, who ate and drank with Christ after the resurrection from the dead. And Christ commissioned us to preach to the people and to bear witness that this is the one set apart by God as judge of the living and the dead. To Christ Jesus all the prophets testify, that everyone who believes has forgiveness of sins through this Name.”

Prayers of the People

Heather Mustain

Offertory

Picardy
Easter Festival Brass

Stirling Proctor

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for, with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At God’s feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!”

+Gospel Reading — Mark 16:1–8

Darren DeMent

When the Sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought perfumed oils so that they could anoint Jesus. Very early, just after sunrise on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, “Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked, they found that the huge stone had been rolled back. On entering the tomb, they saw a young person sitting at the right, dressed in a white robe. They were very frightened, but the youth reassured them: “Do not be amazed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, the One who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.

Now go and tell the disciples and Peter, ‘Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee, where you will see him just as he told you.’” They made their way out and fled from the tomb bewildered and trembling; but they said nothing to anyone, because they were so afraid.

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!

Anthem

Forevermore
Sanctuary Choir
Easter Festival Brass

Dan Forrest

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Word of God, the Cornerstone,
Yesterday, today, forever, seated on the heavenly throne.
In this world that God created, broken by the fall of man,
God remains the sure foundation, steadfast and unshakable, forevermore.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

God will not forget the promise ever faithful to remain,
Never to forsake or leave us, by our side both night and day.
Our tomorrows hold no secrets that the Father does not know;
We can trust God’s ever working for the glory and our good, forevermore.

Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Praise the Author of creation, of the world and all it holds;
Praise the Word eternal, standing firm our God is God forevermore.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home. Forevermore.

Message

“Already Ahead of You”

Timothy Peoples

Silent Reflection

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

+Congregational Song

This Is The Threefold Truth
No. 423

ACCLAMATIONS

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

Choral Blessing

Alleluia
Sanctuary Choir
French horn, percussion

Paul Basler

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

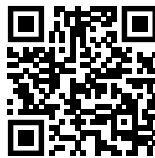
Postlude

Toccata from Symphony for Organ, No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

Please remain seated through the completion of the postlude.

Bert Truax, Anry Ramirez Garcia, trumpet
Chelsea Hopkins, Amy Lee, French horn
Tyler Smolovik, Colin Odum, trombone
Jason Doherty, tuba
Malcolm Miranda, Joshua Brown, percussion



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Wilshire Baptist Church acknowledges those who gave Easter lilies to beautify our Easter service. The love expressed through these flowers is dedicated to our Lord and Savior in celebration of the resurrection.

In memory of

Charles F. Ackerman by Betty and Bryan Ackerman

Paul Alloway by Jane Alloway

Zane Thomas Anderson by Amy, Cory, Bryn and Whit Anderson

Mimi Basden by Jenyce Gush

James Beasley by Vickie Conn

Shelly K. Beck by David Beck

Robert J. Beck by David Beck

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Bobbye Coleman by Cindy and David Coleman

Diane Collins by Bryan Rollins

Dale Conner by Sheila and Steve Conner

Uncle Spencer Cordell by Barron Cordell

Spencer Cordell by the Cordell family

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Ted and Ray Loggins by Cathy and Raylan Loggins

Doris and Dick Luttrell by Sally and Richard Luttrell

Adam Townsend Malcik by Vy and Michael Malcik

Domingo, Manuela, Evelio, Fela, Marie, Eneida, Alberto and Daisy by Linda and Ivan Martinez

J.C. and Gayle McComb by Candy McComb and Vic Henry

Jonathan McGregor by Labyrinth Sunday School Class

Bruce McIver by Shannon, Renie and Kate

Kathleen and Terry Miller by David Beck

Dana Minor by Carol, Kevin, Peyton, Tanner and Trace Cabaniss

John F. Minor Sr. and Joanne Harris Minor by Janice and Bill Jernberg

Marilyn Moore by Angie Moore

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Bradley Thomas Newson by Amy, Cory, Bryn and Whit Anderson

Bill O'Brien by B.E.S.T. Sunday School Class

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Carmen Perez by Tommie and Shamalee Haliman

Joe Punda by the McNicholas family

Marian Rollins by Bryan Rollins

Stephen Rollins by Bryan Rollins

Wells Rollins by Bryan Rollins

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Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Sturdivant by Tracy Sturdivant

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tippins and Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Shilling by Glenda and Gerald Shilling

David Walters by Kristi, Ethan, Chris and Sam Walters

Jim White by B.E.S.T. Sunday School Class

Woodrow Wilson White by Gayle Cox

Jenna Worthen by Jenyce Gush

Robin Lynn Bass Wright by Lynnda and Lynn Allen

In honor of

Jeri Baker by the Wilshire Music Ministry

Reva Jean Beck, Sarah Wright and Madison Beck by David Beck

Tanis Binfield by Sarah and Dietrich Knabe

Dorrell Brown by Sheri and Alan Brooks

Mary Carver by Jeri Baker

Nettie and Billy Cavin by Cathy and Raylan Loggins

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Wilfredo Cruz and Elias Vasquez by Elizabeth Ferguson

Davanel Fitzgerald by Owen, Emily, Kristi and Ben Reavis

Julie Francis (Aunt Julie) by Molly, Michael and Olivia Jean Shepard

Linda and Ed Francis (Grandma and Grandad) by Molly, Michael and Olivia Jean Shepard

Linda Garner by Jeri Baker

LeAnn Hampton by Kristi Reavis

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Charlene and Bob Law by Dorrell Brown

Charlene Law by Alison and Mark Wingfield

Cathy Loggins by Raylan Loggins

Ann and Charles Lott by Valerie Lott and Timothy Peoples

Val Mason by Open Bible Sunday School Class

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Heather Mustain by Labyrinth Sunday School Class

Shannon and Jim Nadalini and family by Pagett Daves Gosslee

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Laura and Dennis Smith by Tracy Sturdivant

Pam Spell by Jim Spell

Sarah and Alan Stafford by Jeri Baker

Sarah Stafford and New Song Choir by Linda and Mike Imhoof

Wilshire Baptist Church by Valerie Lott and Timothy Peoples

Wilshire Children's and Preschool Choir teachers by Candy McComb

Wilshire preschoolers, children and youth by Valerie Lott and Timothy Peoples

Wilshire staff by Valerie Lott and Timothy Peoples

Megan and Trey Wilson and family by Pagett Daves Gosslee

Alison and Mark Wingfield by Jeri Baker

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Tapestry



News & Announcements
March 31, 2024

Pastoral residents named

Wilshire has hired Georgia McKee and Maggie Morey as its next class of pastoral residents. Both are set to finish Master of Divinity programs this spring and will begin two-year residency terms at Wilshire in August. The hirings mark the relaunch of the residency program after an intentional pause for evaluation.

Georgia, originally from Frisco, will graduate this spring from Wake Forest University School of Divinity in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where she serves as president of the Student Leadership Council. She previously earned a Bachelor of Arts in Faith and Social Justice from Nashville's Belmont University, where she played NCAA Division 1 softball. Since 2022, Georgia has been digital communications associate for the Baptist Joint Committee, helping to lead the BJC's Christians Against Christian Nationalism campaign. She and her fiancée, Sophia, will marry in June and move to Dallas with their two dogs, Dolly and Goose.

Maggie grew up in High Point, North Carolina, and will complete her Master of Divinity degree this spring at Duke Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina. At Duke, she pursued certificates in Baptist studies and food, faith and environmental justice. Maggie also served as a ministerial intern at Durham's Emmaus Way Church. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and Religion from Mercer University in



Georgia McKee



Maggie Morey

Macon, Georgia. Maggie will come to Wilshire's resident row with her husband, Jonathan, and their cat, Maple.

Charlie Fuller, director of Pathways to Ministry, said: "The Pathways Committee and I couldn't be more excited to announce these two outstanding young ministers as Wilshire's next pastoral residents. Timothy [Peoples] had in-person and phone visits with a host of seminarians across the country. Between his hard recruiting work and the rich, long and well-known history and tradition of the Pathways program, we were able to put together an outstanding pool of candidates."

Wilshire's pastoral residency program began in 2002 and now counts 40 alumni serving around the U.S. and overseas.



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

Condolences to

Family and friends on the death of **Virginia Singleton**, March 27.



Visit the Flowering Cross today

Stop by Easter morning to place a flower into the mesh-wrapped wooden cross outside the Sanctuary near Abrams Road. Bring your own fresh-cut flowers or take one from a limited supply provided by the church. A favorite photo opportunity.


■ **The Columbarium** will be open for visits today from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Marriage Connections is April 12

Author, speaker and life and career coach Christine Hortsman will speak at Marriage Connections on Friday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. In this monthly event, free childcare (infant–grade 6) is provided while parents enjoy a short program at the church and then have the rest of the night, until 9:30, to themselves. Registration is required by April 7; visit wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections.

Single, Adoptive and Foster Care Parents Night Out, April 12

Wilshire will offer free childcare (infant–grade 6) for single, adoptive and foster parents on Friday, April 12, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is required and closes April 7; visit wilshirebc.org/events/pno.



Parenting and the Enneagram

Joey & Billy Schewee
@enneagramparents

Enneagram Seminar Saturday, April 4 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Learn how the Enneagram can help with parenting at a seminar in Community Hall on Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guest speakers Joey and Billy Schewee of the @enneagramparents Instagram account will lead us in exploring how your Enneagram type — and that of your child — informs your parenting style. Prior Enneagram knowledge is not required. Teachers, counselors, grandparents and anyone with children in their lives will also benefit. A \$10 per-person cost will cover lunch, snacks, water and coffee. Learn more and register at wilshirebc.org/events/enneagram-parenting.



Eclipse Party on April 8

Join Wilshire friends to view the total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Prayer Garden and James Gallery. The church will provide viewing glasses, snacks and music. Bring your own lawn chair. The partial eclipse will start at 12:23 p.m., and the total eclipse will start at 1:40. Hosted by the Church-wide Social Committee and the Adventurers.

BWIM documentary screening

Wilshire will host Baptist Women in Ministry for a documentary screening and conversation on Monday, April 22, at 6 p.m. in Community Hall. The film, *Midwives of a Movement*, chronicles the story of women who boldly birthed a movement to seek more visibility and leadership opportunities for women in Baptist life. Through heartfelt stories, painful anecdotes, profound insights and lighthearted remembrances, the documentary will inspire continued confrontation of patriarchy and advocacy for equality and equity among Baptists. BWIM Executive Director Meredith Stone will facilitate a conversation; other panelists to be announced. View the film's trailer at bwim.info/documentary.

Robert P. Jones
Greg Garrett

The Deep Roots of **Racism in** **the Christian** **Church**

Saturday, April 13

■ 3 p.m. Dialogue & Book Signing

Sunday, April 14

■ Greg Garrett preaches in worship

■ Noon: Lunch and live Baptist

News Global Webinar with Jones, Garrett, Timothy Peoples and Mark Wingfield



Robert P. Jones is president and founder of the Public Religion Research Institute. His newest book is *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy and the Path to a Shared American Future*



Greg Garrett is a professor of literature and culture at Baylor University and a seminary-trained Episcopal lay preacher. His newest book is *The Gospel According to James Baldwin*.

Learn more and register for childcare (Sunday webinar only) at wilshirebc.org/events/jones-garrett.



**For everyone.
Now every week.**

**Wednesdays
11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
Community Hall**

All ages are welcome for lunch (\$10 each) and minister-led Bible Study. Pay at the door. No RSVP needed. Contact: Barbara Clayton (bclayton@wilshirebc.org)



■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | April 9 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org).

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | April 4 | Noon | 1205-L | *Happiness: A Memoir: The Crooked Little Road to Semi-Ever After* by Heather Harpham. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org).

■ Join Women of Wilshire for **mahjong** the first Friday each month at 10 a.m. and the second Wednesday each month at 6 p.m. Please sign up at wilshirebc.org/events/mahjong.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

APRIL 3

Koinonia Café | 5 p.m. | **Community Hall** | Buffet-style dinner for the whole family. Pricing at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl. **April 3:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, rolls, corn chowder, salad, s'mores bars, cookies, jello. **Kids:** Corn dogs, mashed potatoes

Music, Missions & More | 6 p.m. | **Age 3–Pre-K** | Preschool choir and other fun activities.

KidConnect | 6 p.m. | **K–Grade 6** | Each week is different, with art, music and more.

The Gospel of Aretha Franklin |



April 3–May 1 | 6 p.m. | **Community Hall** | On Aretha's album, *Amazing Grace*, her father, Rev. C.L. Franklin, said “she has never left the church.” He chose these words to calm

those unhappy with her choice of music styles. Join Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples as we investigate the songs of the Queen of Soul and notice how in our own secularities we too have not left the sweet soundings of the church — and how each song spoke to the time, ensuring “Good News.”

Watershed | 6:30 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 from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

Mary Lu Hare

Hometown: Dallas

Present City: Fort Worth

Education: B.A., Marketing, Texas Woman's University; M.P.A., Texas A&M University; I start my M.P.H. online this fall with Boston University.

Profession: Senior manager for scientific sessions program at American Heart Association

Tell us about your family.

My husband, Thomas, is an assistant principal in Fort Worth. He is an avid outdoorsman and loves working on old cars, but most importantly he is the kindest, most patient human I know. We are both close to our siblings and large chosen family, and we are the COOLEST aunt and uncle ever. My parents, Scott and Jeanne Spreier, are members here at Wilshire.

Any favorite hobbies?

Anything that involves being outside or being with family or friends. I love to read, although currently it's a lot of audiobooks while driving.

What are your favorite places to travel?

Big Bend is my favorite location to travel to, but really I love being anywhere my people are. San Antonio is currently high on my favorites list because that's where my nieces and nephew live.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

We visited Wilshire when I was 5 years old, and other than a very brief time away right after high school, I have been here ever since!



Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

I spend most of my time with our AMAZING youth! They are the absolute best, and I have complete confidence they are going to make the world a better place. I am a new deacon and stay involved in the mission and advocacy space as I am able — some with Wilshire, but some with work at American Heart Association.

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

Listen, every time I try to pinpoint what God is up to in my life, God takes a hard left turn and I'm basically thrown out the window trying to catch up. So, while I can see God's presence, I'm not going to pretend I have any idea what God is actually up to. I think my entire faith experience at this point in my life can be summed up by the Merton Prayer — if you don't know it, Google it. I find it incredibly reassuring and hopeful.

Something interesting most people would not know about you?

I'm an open book — either I will tell you anything or my face says everything, so I have no secrets. But a fun fact is that I teach yoga twice a week at a retirement home in Fort Worth.

SUMMER 2024

Children & Preschool

Details and registration at
wilshirebc.org/summer-camps

Vacation Bible School

June 10-14 | 9 a.m.-noon
Age 3-grade 6 | Register by June 3

Cooking Camp

July 8-12 | 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Grades 1-6 | Register by June 30

Listen to Your Art!

July 8-12 | 12:30-5 p.m.
Grades 1-6 | Register by June 30

Full-Day: Cooking Camp and Listen to Your Art!

July 8-12 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Grades 2-6 | Register by June 30

Passport Kids Camp

July 27-30 | Overnight camp
in Brownwood, Texas
Grades 3-6 | Register by June 30

Creation Station

July 22-25 | 9 a.m.-noon
Age 3-Kindergarten
Register by July 14

This Week

Sunday, March 31

- Easter Sunrise Service, T.&P. Hill at White Rock Lake, 6:45 a.m.
- Remembrance Service, Columbarium, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Jesus Loves Me Preschool Easter Party, Preschool Hallway, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.

Monday, April 1

- Church closed for staff holiday

Tuesday, April 2

- Computer Classes, 2305 & 2307, 9:30 a.m.
- Stephen Ministry Supervision/CE, 1205-G & 1205-L, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 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, April 4

- Stephen Ministry Training, 1100-B, 10 a.m.
- WOW Brown Bag Book Club, 1205-L, noon
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, April 5

- Mahjong, 1205-L, 10 a.m.

Saturday, April 6

- Parenting and the Enneagram, Community Hall, 9 a.m.