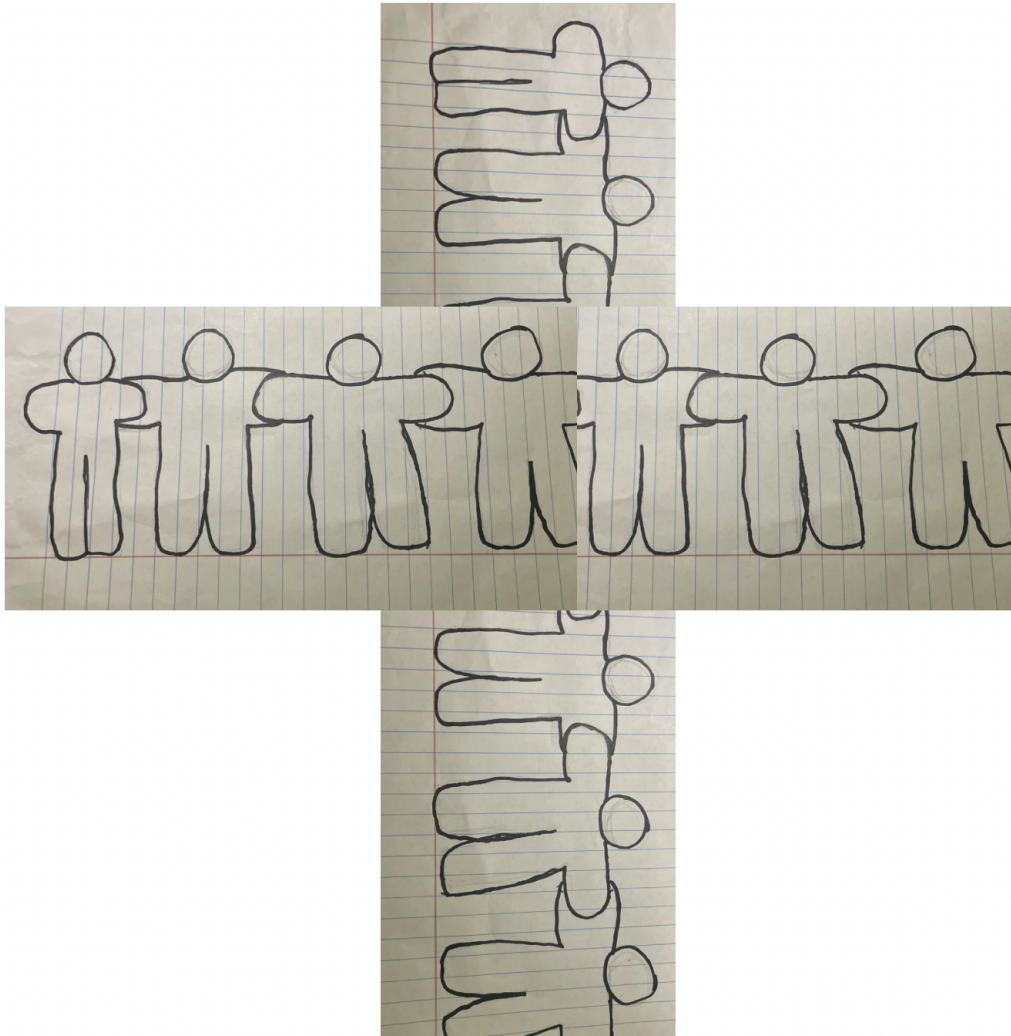




ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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WELCOME

TO ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH



Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning. We are so glad you're here! Royal Lane Baptist Church is a diverse community of faith united in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Since 1952, our church has sought to be a beacon of light in the city of Dallas and beyond.

Rather than escaping the world, we gather at Royal Lane with the hopes of transforming the world. We believe the heart of the gospel is to share, in word and deed, the life-giving, liberating, and loving word of God. Therefore, we commit ourselves to a proclamation of the Christian faith that is responsible, socially concerned, and relevant to our needs as a caring and inclusive fellowship.

The Church is an imperfect institution, and Royal Lane is no exception. We do not presume to be a perfect place, but we do commit ourselves to the practice of faith and grace. If you're joining us this morning, our hope is that you'll sense God's love in our fellowship and that you'll come to know more deeply your own belovedness as a child of God. No matter who you are, you are welcome here. There are no prerequisites to your worthiness. We are all God's children, and it's a gift when we come together.

If you'd like to learn more about our church or how to become a member, please see the "New Here" card in the pew back in front of you. Thank you for being here!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Victoria Robb Powers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Victoria" being the most prominent.

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

APRIL 27, 2025

THE *WORSHIP OF GOD*

YOUTH LED SUNDAY



Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Voluntary.
To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.

 = *please rise in body or in spirit*

Chiming of the Hour

Harper W.

God doesn't necessarily give wisdom, knowledge, teaching, or even faith in sufficient quantities to individuals. We all get different gifts. The Spirit does give it in sufficient quantities to communities. In other words, Jesus intends for us to rely on the gifts of God entrusted to one another. We need each other. Think of all the times we need the gifts of someone else's words, presence, or actions, especially on days it's hard to see Christ's grace on our lives. As we venture into the Easter season, may we recognize God's gifts through our seasoned members and ever growing community of new individuals.

Voluntary

Grady Coyle

Prelude in C, BMV 547.1
J.S. Bach

☪ **Call to Worship & Invocation**

Andres C. & Congregation

From where we are to where you need us,
Jesus, now lead on.

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you will reveal,
Jesus, now lead on.

To refashion the fabric of this world
until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,
Jesus, now lead on. Amen.

Let us pray:

Faithful God, we come to you from many walks of life. Some of us come after wandering off. Others come sensing that you are as close as their very breath. From our many journeys, welcome us with your love. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that we might sense your presence in our lives. In joyous gratitude, we pray. Amen.

☪ **Hymn 217**

Congregation

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
HYMN TO JOY

Words of Welcome

Rev. Beth Johnson

Christ be with you ... **and also with you!**

If you are a guest with us this morning, we invite you to register your attendance by filling out a "New Here" card which can be found in the pew racks. You may also register online at royallane.org/register or with the QR code.



Scripture Lesson

Addison W.

1 Corinthians 12:1-7; 26-31

[Pages 933-934 of the pew Bible]

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

For the Word of God in Scripture, For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us, **Thanks be to God!**

Time for Young Disciples

Sadie W., Claire K., and Harper W.

Children 3-years of age through 3rd grade are invited to Godly Play.

You may collect your children following the service in the Christian Education Building.

Call to Confession

Sadie W. & Congregation

In the light of Christ,
we see the darkness of our world and of our hearts.
Trusting in God's saving love,
let us confess our sin.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Almighty God,
we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world.
We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your
grace.
We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful
stewards of the earth's resources.
We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of
your Holy Spirit.
Forgive us, we pray.
Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully.
Through Christ we pray.
Amen.

We now silently confess our sins together.

Promise of Forgiveness

Hear the good news:
Christ unmask the idols of our world and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress
us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn 272

Congregation

They'll Know We Are Christians

ST. BRENDANS

(stanzas 1, 2, & 3)

Prayers of the People

Turner W. & Congregation

For the gifts within us waiting to be uncovered, discovered, and put to use,

God, open our hearts and minds.

For the community we co-create here in this space, our home, our city, our world,

God, equip us to be your body.

For the leadership we will be invited to practice,

For the ways our leadership and gifts will look different from each other,

For the insight to empower others to use their skills and gifts to lead,

God, give us courage and compassion.

For the stories we hear,

For the children of God who share this community,

For the legacies we continue,

For the new traditions and experiences started,

For our own story as we walk and discover who God is calling us to be,

God, teach us how to honor our stories, the stories of others, and encounter your story throughout.

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud...

We now share silence together.

Let us pray:

In your holy community of love, Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, we pray, we participate, and we give thanks. Amen.

Anthem

Combined Children's Choirs

Follow Me

Words by Terry York, Music by David Schwoebel

*I am the Light of the World, follow Me.
You will see truth that the world cannot see,
Live a life that will help them see me.*

*Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness,
I will be the light in their life.*

Sermon

Cayton Wright

“Pieces with Purpose”

Moment of Contemplation

Hymn 272

Congregation

They'll Know We Are Christians

ST. BRENDANS

(stanza 4 only)

Offertory Prayer

Sophie M.

O God, we are amazed at the variety of people in your creation. Many appearances, many gifts, many lifestyles, many cultures, many languages are represented in the mosaic of your global community. Among these many differences, several of them are present in our own worshipping community. We praise you for the diversity. We also are grateful that amid our differences, you are that constant, ever-present Spirit. We place the variety of our gifts on one altar – the altar of God, our Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer. Bless these gifts. In the power of the same Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Offertory

Prayer
Jean Langlais

Grady Coyle

*We invite you to use
this time to give to
Royal Lane's Ministry.*



Benediction

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers & Claire K.

Organ Dismissal

Grady Coyle

Sinfonia from Cantata 29
Bach/Guilman

At the close of the service, if you would like to receive prayer, several of our deacons will remain at the front of the sanctuary and would be glad to pray with you.



ROYAL LANE *WELCOMES*

Concord Choir, Broadway Baptist Church

Concord Choir is a singing and hand bell ringing ensemble of Broadway Baptist Church comprised of fifth and sixth graders. They serve as worship leaders throughout the year. Concord choir is also a wonderful opportunity to prepare for participation in youth choir beginning in seventh grade.



Guest Organist, Grady Coyle

Grady Coyle, AAGO, ChM, DMA, retired in 2015 from his position as Organist & Director of Music at Northridge Presbyterian Church, Dallas, after 36 years. He is an active member of the Dallas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, holds degrees in music from UNT, SMU, and the University of Illinois.

WORSHIP *NOTES*



Worship & Concord Choir Leaders

Greeters

Andres C., Isiah B., & Ellie W.

Offering Collection

Emilia C. & Jacob L.

Guest Organist

Grady Coyle

Tiffany McClain

Concord Choir Director & Worship and Music Coordinator, Broadway Baptist Church

Toi Mack

Children's Minister, Broadway Baptist Church

Jennifer Davis

Pastor of Family Ministries, Broadway Baptist Church

Jane Andrews

Collaborative Pianist, Broadway Baptist Church

Emily Maples Davis

Youth Ministry Coordinator, Broadway Baptist Church

Hymn Notes

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Words: William C. Dix 1866, alt.

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; harm. Edward Hodges, 1864

Day of Arising

Words: Susan Palo Cherwien, 1996 (Luke 24:13-31; Matt. 28:20)

Music: Trad. Gaelic melody; harm. Mark Edwards, 2009

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They'll Know We Are Christians

Words: Peter Scholtes, 1966

Music: Peter Scholtes, 1966

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Follow Me

Words: Terry W. York, Based on John 8:12

Music: David Schwoebel

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ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Communion & Contemplation

Wednesday, April 30, 10:00am, Church Library

Each week, we have a meaningful gathering centered around mindfulness. We begin with a short meditation, have a brief time of sharing, and dismiss with communion. It's a great pause during an otherwise busy week to recenter. Join us!



WEDNESDAY
LUNCH+LEARN SERIES

Charlie Johnson

The Role of Faith in Public Education

Lunch + Learn

*Wednesday, April 30, 12:00pm, Vickrey Hall
(Lunch Line opens at 11:30am)*

Our Lunch & Learn series picks back up this Wednesday with Charlie Johnson. He joins us to discuss a crucial topic: "The Role of Faith in Public Education."



Life Support Group

Tuesday, May 6, 6:30pm, Harris Youth Cottage

This small group is focused on caregiving, but is open for all. Anyone who wants to support those who give care, or those seeking connection or support themselves are welcome to join!



Young Adult Event

Monday, May 19, 6:00pm, Pierremont Townhomes' Clubhouse

Our Young Adults swing into summer with a pool party – bring a swimsuit, towel, drinks, and pizza money for a great evening with friends. Contact Pastoral Intern, Kenna Curry, for more info.

See Coming Events on our website for more information.

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WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*



Wednesday, April 30

- 10:00 am: Communion & Contemplation — Church Library
- 12:00 pm: Lunch + Learn — Vickrey Hall & Zoom (Lunch line opens at 11:30 am)
 - Menu: Tuna Noodle Casserole, Tossed Salad, and Dessert
 - Program: Charlie Johnson, *The Role of Faith in Public Education*
- 1:30 pm: Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 212 (1:30 - 3:30 pm)
- 6:15 pm: Youth Gathering — Harris Youth Cottage
- 7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

Saturday, May 3

- 2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, May 4

- 9:45 am: Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building & Library
- 9:45 am: Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
- 9:45 am: Youth Christian Education — Harris Youth Cottage
- 10:00 am: Parents Small Group — Vickrey Hall
- 11:00 am: Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
 - Godly Play (following Time for Young Disciples) — Godly Play Room
 - Children 3-year through Third Grade
- 12:15 pm: Youth First Sunday Lunch — Gazebo Burger
- 12:15 pm: Missions Division Meeting — Christian Education Building, Room 212



From Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday, there were so many ways we came together to worship during Holy Week. Whether you joined us for the service on Good Friday, for Flowering of the Cross on Sunday, or something in between, we are glad you decided to make Royal Lane a home during Holy Week. We want to extend a special thank you to Chef Julie Anne for putting on a fantastic Easter Brunch, and for our devoted members and housekeeper, Eloisa, who served in the lunch line. Mike, Bruce, and Barbara get a special thanks from Chef Julie Anne for helping her prepare before the big meal! Gestures like these are what make Royal Lane such a special place. Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**MISSION
TRIP** JUNE 8-12
SIGN UP TODAY



We are changing plans for our summer mission trip! Our focus is to grow our compassion and serve alongside long term ministries in Waco. Contact Beth or Barbara for more information or to sign up!

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HOW TO *CONNECT*

Event Details

See the Weekly News & Journal or Web Calendar for Links and details for In-Person, Livestream, Virtual or Zoom events.

royallane.org/resources/event

Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the green prayer cards, available in the “pockets” on the back of each pew, to submit prayer requests. You can also submit requests by filling out the prayer request form on the website at royallane.org/prayer. Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.

*REQUEST
PRAYER*



Deacons on Call

Tommy Lamberth & Sheryl Gambill

GIVING AT ROYAL LANE

We encourage you to support the missions and ministries of our church. Text “GIVE” to 214-609-1200 or scan the QR code. Follow the prompts to complete the process. Standard text message rates may apply. You can also donate online at royallane.org/give.

*ONLINE
GIVING*



ROYAL LANE STAFF

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers, Senior Pastor
Rev. Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship
Rev. Beth Johnson, Minister to Children, Youth, & Families
Tori Jones, Communications & Ministry Coordinator
Kenna Curry, Pastoral Intern
David Doom, Ministries Assistant
David Weigle, Organist

Mike Hurder, Maintenance Director
Eloisa Rodriguez, Housekeeping
Ben Chamero, Livestream Technician
Brandon Green, Audio Technician
Brian Stinecipher, Audio Technician
Blake Vickrey, Audio Technician



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