

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

10:55 A.M.

*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

What does it mean to have faith? In the book of Judges, God's people live in a continuous cycle of seeking God when they are in distress, only to turn away from God when they feel secure. Like Deborah, the Israelite judge, we are called upon to reflect, to discuss, and to make decisions that lead to action. We have heard that we should not judge lest we be judged. However, there is a time for judgment when we are asked and after we have deliberated. Come, let us worship God.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Improvisation on "Now Thank We All Our God" — arranged by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

✠ Call to Worship & Invocation

Congregation

Lift up your eyes, seeking to know your God.

Attune your spirit to the One in whom we dwell.

God's love surrounds us here today.

God calls us to be children of light.

We belong to the day when we have faith.

We live confidently in the hope of salvation.

We seek to be faithful to the best we know.

We want to invest the talents God gives us.

Faithfulness gives us a sense of greater abundance.

Doing justice adds to our sense of worth and dignity.

We are here to build up one another.

May our worship encourage each of us today.

—based on Psalm 123

Let us pray:

**So that we might move closer to becoming at one with you, O Just God,
guide our deliberations and our decision making, that we might increase
fairness and justness in an unfair and unjust world. In the name of Christ.
Amen.**

God Has Spoken by the Prophets — HYMN TO JOY

Words of Welcome

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

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

*Please record your attendance in the blue booklet at the end of the pew and pass it to others.
You may also register online at royallane.org/register or see QR code following Organ Dismissal.
If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,
please refer to pew rack card – “New Member Card” – and leave it in the offering plate.*

Scripture Lesson

Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez

Judges 4:1-10 [Pew Bible page 191 of the Old Testament]

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. ²So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. ³Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

⁴At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. ⁶She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

⁸Barak said to her, “If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.” ⁹And she said, “I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.” Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh.

¹⁰Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

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

Beth Johnson

*Children 3-year through 5th grade are invited to Godly Play.
You may collect your children following the service in the Christian Education Building.*

✠Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Celebrate the Prophet Deborah — REGENT SQUARE

Call to Confession

Margaret Darden & Congregation

Sometimes we are objects of scorn and contempt, but sometimes we are the ones at ease, filled with pride and thinking ourselves better than others. We cling to a false sense of peace and security and injustice and oppression. The day of the Sovereign can surprise us like a thief in the night, and judgment is sure.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Merciful God, we are aware of the ways our faith falls short. In our pride, we wait too long to ask for your help. In our self-absorption, we ask that our will, not your will, be done. Even when you rescue us from our misery, we quickly return to our careless ways. Aware of these failures, we turn our eyes to you, trusting in our love and mercy.

We now share silence together.

Promise of Forgiveness

God has not destined us for wrath but for obtaining salvation through Jesus Christ, who offers us life in all its fullness. Continue, then, to build up one another with encouragement and hope. Look to God each day for mercy and assurance and be alert to hear God's commands. Live as children of light.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

For All the Faithful Women — NYLAND
(stanzas 1 & 3)

Prayers of the People

Madge Cruse & Congregation

Today we join the long tradition of God's people crying out when we are in need.

Let us join in crying out together:

Holy God, you are the one who hears our cries.

You heard the cries of Hagar in the desert.

You heard the cries of your people in slavery in the land of Egypt.

And you heard the cries of your people oppressed by King Jabin.

Hear us, as we cry out to you again.

We cry out for help for those oppressed by war.
For those impacted by the wars being waged
in the Holy Land, in Ukraine, in South Sudan, in Yemen
and other places across the world.

Hear us, as we cry out to you again.

Holy God,
as you heard the cries of the Israelites and raised up Deborah,
as you heard our cries and came to us in Jesus,
we trust that you will hear our cries again and send your Holy Spirit upon us
so that you may equip us to be the help for which we have prayed.
Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud. . .

Let us pray:

We pray for all of this in the name of Jesus who is seated at your right hand. Amen.

—based on Judges 4:1-7

Anthem

Choir

Rescue the Perishing — arranged by David Schwoebel

Rescue the perishing, Care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
Weep o'er the erring one, Lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save.

Tho' they are slighting him, Still he is waiting,
Waiting the penitent child to receive;
Plead with them earnestly, Plead with them gently,
He will forgive if they only believe.

*Rescue the perishing, Care for the dying;
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.*

Down in the human heart, Crush'd by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;
Oh, Touch'd, touch'd by a loving heart,
Waken'd by kindness, Chords that are broken will vibrate once more.

Rescue the perishing, Duty demands it;
Strength for thy labor the Lord will provide;
Back to the narrow way Patiently win them;
Tell the poor wand'rer a Savior has died.

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“ A Story for Us All ”

✠Hymn 378

Congregation

We Gather Here in Grateful Praise — TRURO

Offertory Prayer

Jack Mullinax

There is no escape from your judgment, O Spirit of Holiness, but neither can we flee beyond your limitless love. We offer an accounting of our stewardship in and beyond the offering of this day. Reshape our lives for joyous, responsive participation in work that builds up the body of Christ. Use what we offer here to bring encouragement and hope to many who have lost a sense of meaning for their lives. Bless us and our offerings. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

Thanksgiving — George Winston

*We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.
See back cover for ways to give.*

✠Benediction

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Now Thank We All Our God — arranged by Paul Manz

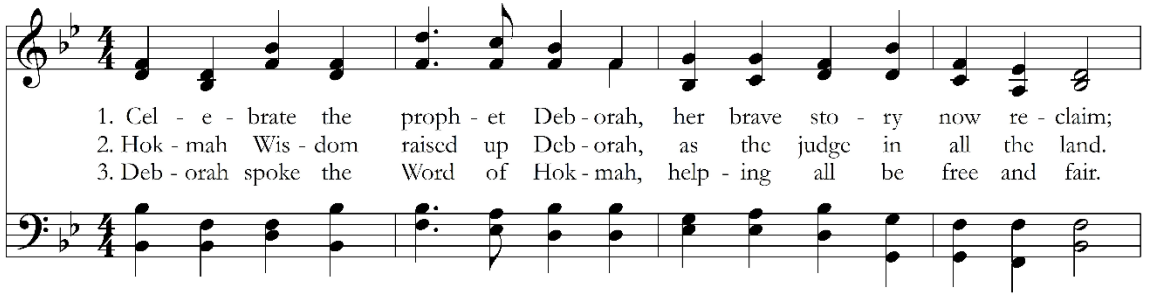
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Register Your Attendance

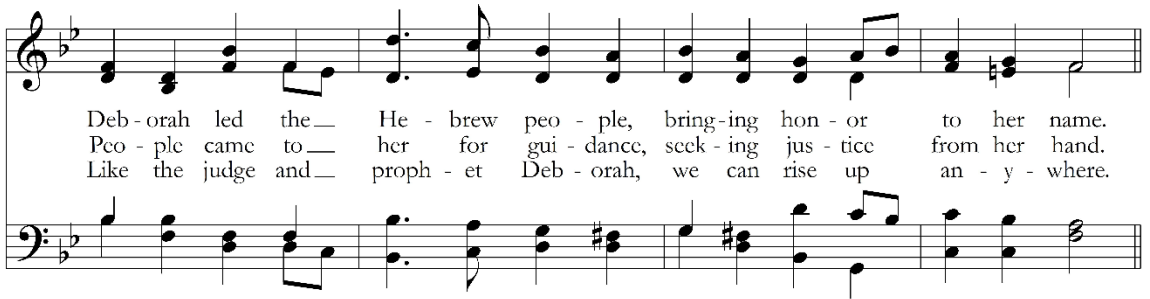
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Celebrate the Prophet Deborah



1. Cel - e - brate the proph - et Deb - orah, her brave sto - ry now re - claim;
2. Hok - mah Wis - dom raised up Deb - orah, as the judge in all the land.
3. Deb - orah spoke the Word of Hok - mah, help - ing all be free and fair.



Deb - orah led the He - brew peo - ple, bring - ing hon - or to her name.
Peo - ple came to her for gui - dancce, seek - ing jus - tice from her hand.
Like the judge and proph - et Deb - orah, we can rise up an - y - where.

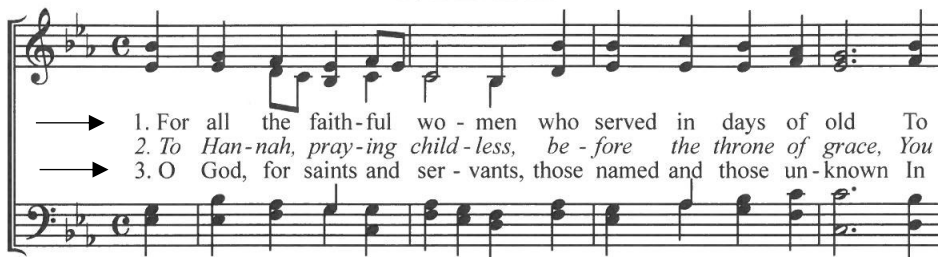
Refrain




Now a - wake and sing of Deb - orah, Sing of Deb - orah, wise and strong.

For All the Faithful Women

NYLAND



—> 1. For all the faith-ful wo - men who served in days of old To
—> 2. To Han-nah, pray-ing child-less, be - fore the throne of grace, You
—> 3. O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un-known In



you shall thanks be_ giv - en, to all their sto - ry told. They
gave a son and called him to serve be - fore your face. Grant
whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone, We



served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To
us her per - se - ver - ance; Lord, teach us how to pray And
of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise That



you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.
trust in your de - liv' - rance when dark - ness hides our way.
faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

No Wednesday Evening Activities

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46

For the Children!

Children's bulletins are included in activity packets for ages 3+ and 7+.
Don't miss the Secret Code to allow your child to unlock on-line games, in a safe environment, that supplement today's scripture at
games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx



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Staff Love Gift



During this time of Thanksgiving, and as we look toward a Season of Giving, let us remember those who give so much to us all year. Our skilled and dedicated church staff lovingly provide many services of ministry for us throughout the year. As in the past, if you would like to express your gratitude, please mail your check to the Church Office or make your donation online by December 3.

Be sure your contribution is clearly marked "Staff Love Gift" or select the fund "Staff Love Gift" from the Giving option on the Royal Lane website.

Tex Quesada, Deacon Chair



Eventful Advent

Kids and Youth Families:
Come Create An Experiential Advent Box Together

Wednesday, Nov 29
5:30-7:00

Advent – 2023

The Songs of Christmas

November 29 – Eventful Advent

An opportunity for children, youth, and families to create an experiential Advent box.
5:30 – 7:00 pm — Vickrey Hall

December 3 – Advent I – Benedictus

Hanging of the Green
Sermon: “The Song of Zechariah”
Anthem: *Benedictus* from The Armed Man Mass for Peace – Karl Jenkins

December 10 – Advent II – Magnificat

Sermon: “The Song of Mary”
Anthem: Magnificat – Taylor Davis
Magnificat Anima Mea
Shall I Rejoice – Terry York, text, Brittany Jones, soprano

December 17 – Advent III – Gloria

Sermon: “The Song of the Angels”
Anthem: *Angels Carol* – John Rutter
Guest Artist, Singer, Songwriter: Ken Medema

December 20 – Mourning Light/Advent IV – Nunc Dimittis

Mourning Light: There will be opportunities to speak the names of those whom you mourn and remember. A Candle will be lit in their memory and an ornament created to place on the Chrismon Tree.

5:30 pm – Dinner — Vickrey Hall
6:00 – 7:00 pm — Sanctuary
Sermon: “The Song of Simeon”
Anthem: *Nunc Dimittis* – Charles V. Stanford, Chris Denney, bass

December 24 – Christmas Eve

10:55 am – Family Nativity Service — Sanctuary
6:00 pm – Carols, Candlelight, & Communion — Sanctuary (*childcare provided*)



It's Christmas Stocking Time Again!

HHM Health, Healing Hands Clinics, again needs our help in providing Christmas Stockings for children attending their clinics. This year the Missions Committee will have a Christmas tree with gift requests printed on mittens. Select a mitten, buy the gift and return the gift to the church by November 26. Requested gifts are much the same as in past years, socks, candy canes, hot wheels, etc. However, this year there will also be mittens on the tree with a dollar donation of \$10 or \$20. Cash or checks, written to RLBC, memo: Christmas Stocking, will be accepted and the Missions Committee will shop for you.



Stocking Stuffing Sunday will be December 3, after services. Lunch will be served in Vickrey Hall to volunteers. Mark your calendar to join the fun and fellowship as we fill stockings together.

Poinsettia Orders and Dedications

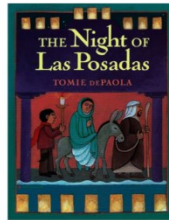
Poinsettia orders and dedications are due in the church office by Tuesday, **November 28** so that your dedication can be included in the order of worship for the *Hanging of the Green* on December 3. Please make your check payable to Royal Lane Baptist Church and designate in the memo section "Poinsettia".

**If paying online, be sure to submit your list
of dedications to the church office.**



Parents Night Out
SAVE THE DATE

Friday, Dec 16



Kids Experiential and Fun Night learning
about The Night of Las Posadas

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday April 20, 2024 from 8am-5pm

Women of the Church Spring Retreat

“Midwifing a Patriarchy-free Faith”

Speaker: Meredith Stone

Baptist Women in Ministry (BWIM)

We will spend a relaxing day at Sister Grove Farm and
discover ways to support each other in ministry and life.

Cost: \$50 to Royal Lane Baptist Church (includes breakfast and lunch)

Optional extension: overnight accommodations for either Friday and/or Saturday night can
be made directly and paid separately through Sister Grove Farm. This will include a viewing
of the new BWIM Documentary “Midwives of a Movement.”

Registration for this day retreat will begin in the new year through the church office
with a deadline of April 17, 2024.

Overnight requests can be made now through Sarah Macias
with a deadline of February 29, 2024.

You can email Sarah at events@sistergrovefarm.com.





Blood Drive
Royal Lane Baptist Church

Vickrey Hall
6707 Royal Lane
Dallas, TX 75230

Tuesday, December 12, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Point to QR Code to Make Your Reservation



Schedule for the Week

Wednesday November 22

No Wednesday Activities

Thursday November 23

Church Office Closed

Friday November 24

Church Office Closed

Saturday November 25

2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday November 26 – Reign of Christ Sunday

9:45 am Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building

9:45 am Children's SS Classes — Christian Education Building

9:45 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable

10:10 am Non-Traditional Class — Christian Education Building, Room 212

10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Godly Play (following Time for Young Disciples) — Godly Play Room

Children 3-year through Fifth Grade

The deadline for the Weekly Mosaic and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.

How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic or Web Calendar for Links and details for
In-Person, Livestream, Virtual or Zoom events — royallane.org/resources/events



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the Prayer Cards, available in the “pockets” on the back of each pew, to submit prayer requests or the Prayer Request Form, available on the website at royallane.org/prayer
Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.



Deacons on Call – Jack Mullinax & Margaret Darden

Safety Shepherd – Leslie Cechan

When WE Give: we seek to continue to be a catalyst for light and love in our city.

October 2023 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 661,934
Expenses	\$ 691,440
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ (29,508)

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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