

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Reign of Christ Sunday

November 26, 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

May our eyes light up with hope. May we gain in inner sight. May God give us a spirit of wisdom as we come to know God. May this time of worship fill us with a sense of the greatness of the power of God.

Voluntary

Garey Wisdom & David Weigle

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come — arranged by Joel Raney

✠ Call to Worship & Invocation

Congregation

Make a joyful noise, a noise of service and love.

Praise God with lives of compassion.

Sing with acts of kindness.

Glorify God with acts of mercy.

Praise God with works of justice.

Praise God with overflowing love.

—Based on Psalm 100

Let us pray:

God of majesty, you love us with an everlasting love and show us the way to justice and peace. In Jesus Christ you have reconciled the whole world to you and claimed us as your own, that we may live as his body on earth and, with all the saints, enter into your glory on the last day. Amen.

✠ Hymn 246

Congregation

The Church's One Foundation — AURELIA

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

Rodney Macias

Ephesians 1:15-23 [Pew Bible page 949 of the New Testament]

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

You Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd — PICARDY

Call to Confession

Kay Carpenter & Congregation

With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.

We now share silence together.

Promise of Forgiveness

There is overwhelming greatness in God's power and grace. God's steadfast love lasts forever, offering grace upon grace and mercy upon mercy.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn 392

Congregation

Open Our Eyes — OPEN OUR EYES

Prayers of the People

Amanda Tyler & Congregation

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Holy God, from Christ we receive our call to feed, clothe, and welcome. Direct your church to respond to his call with faithfulness and generous love.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Christ, the rock of our salvation, we are brought into union with all of creation. With mountains, seas, dry lands, and animals of the field, we seek your guidance and protection.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Christ we know merciful judgment. Guide rulers of every nation in ways of humble leadership and wise decision-making. Allow aid to come to all who are underserved and care to any who are neglected.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

(continued)

In Christ we feel the depth of your love and care toward us. Nourish all who hunger, connect any who are isolated, and surround all who experience rejection or abuse.

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

Let us pray:

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

Look at the World — John Rutter

Look at the world: ev'rything all around. Look at the world, and marvel ev'ry day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, So many miracles along our way.

*Praise to thee, O lord, for all creation, Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing, All things come of thee.*

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, Valley and flowing river, field and plain:

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
Everything grows, everything has a season, Till it is gathered to the Father's fold;

Ev'ry good gift, all that we need and cherish Comes from the Lord in token of his love;
We are his hands, stewards of his bounty; His is the earth, and his the heav'ns above:

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“ Christ the King? ”

✠Hymn 41

Congregation

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy — WELLESLEY

Offertory Prayer

Cathy Walling

Almighty God, we give you thanks and praise for your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Accept our offering in union with Christ's offering for us. Confirm in us the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, that we may testify to the sovereignty of his love. Through Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Offertory

Jonah Hammett & David Weigle

Nocturno Opus 7 for Horn — Franz Strauss

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

Fanfare to Christ the King — arranged by Charles Callahan

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Christ the King

Hymn Notes

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You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



1. You, Lord, are both lamb and shep - herd.
 2. *Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,*
 3. You, who walkeach day be - side us,
 4. *Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!*

You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!

You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry.

of the way you took and gave.
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
Wor - thy still your peace and strife.

You, the ev - er - last - ing in - - - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - - - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - - - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - - - stant;

you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

Wednesday Evening **Eventful Advent**



Scriptures for Next Sunday
Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37

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



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

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.

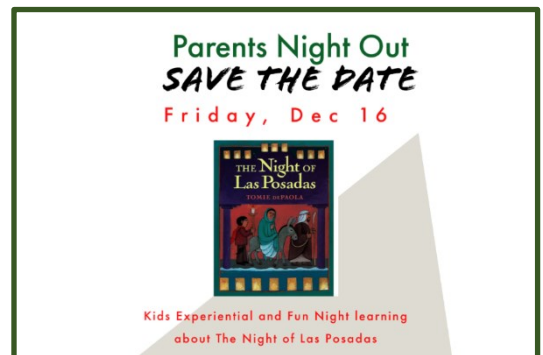
Be sure your contribution is clearly marked “Staff Love Gift” or select the fund “Staff Love Gift” from the Giving option on the Royal Lane website.

Tex Quesada, Deacon Chair

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.**



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*)



Schedule for the Week

Wednesday November 29

3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 201 (3:30 - 5:30 pm)

5:30 pm Eventful Advent — Vickrey Hall

Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall

Menu: Chicken Fingers, Macaroni & Cheese, Salad, Dessert

7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary

Saturday December 2

2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

2:00 pm Artist Reception, Sandra Freeman — Box Gallery (2:00 – 5:00 pm)

Sunday December 3 – First Sunday of Advent / Hanging of the Green

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

12:15 pm Missions: Stocking Stuffing

Light Lunch served in Vickrey Hall

Stocking Stuffing — Christian Education Building

5:00 pm Education Division — Zoom

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

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 – Rodney Macias & Charlotte Sewell

Safety Shepherd – Paulette Harrison

When WE Give: we support the many ministries of RLBC!

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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