

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



Benedictus

The Worship of God

First Sunday of Advent

Hanging of the Green

December 3, 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

*Christmas is coming! The unwrapping of God's greatest gift is near.
God will take away the trees and garlands and decorate our human hearts in hope.
Today we come together to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ.
Today we make ready our welcome for the babe born in Bethlehem.
Let us clear our minds and open our hearts to the coming of the Lord.
We honor this birth by adorning our sanctuary with the symbols of Advent.*

Voluntary

Savior of the Nations, Come — J. S. Bach

David Weigle

✠Call to Worship

We come together to prepare for the birth of Jesus.

**We make ready our welcome for God's only Son,
Jesus of Nazareth.**

We celebrate this special and holy season of Advent,
the season of going toward the coming of Christ.

**We renew the special meaning of the Advent season,
the season of going toward new hope and eternal life.**

Let us clear our minds and open our hearts to the coming of the Lord.

Let us also honor his birth by adorning our sanctuary.

**Let our songs and symbols represent our personal rededication
to the glory of God and the manifestation of love through Jesus Christ.**

Congregation

✠Processional Hymn [see insert]

The Hanging of the Green — CIRCLE OF LOVE

Congregation

Words of Welcome

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

*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.*

The Legend of the Poinsettia

Time for Young Disciples

Beth Johnson

The Coming of the Light and the Advent Wreath

Kelley Keith

Lighting of the Window Candles

West Side

Leslie Cechan
Darlene Carpenter
Cynthia Kupres
Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez
Peggy Gooch

East Side

Bettie Meachum
Marilyn Munro
Betty Garrett
Scott & Marge Bryant
Lauren Miller

Advent Hymn

Worshippers

Sing the Songs of Christmas — JEFFERSON



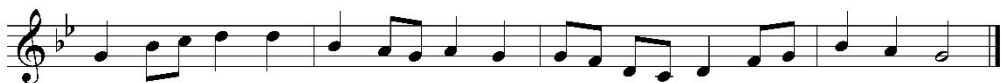
1. Sing the Song of Zech-a - ri - ah, sung to John who shows the way;



Her - ald to the world's Mes-si - ah, preach - ing of the pro-mised day;



Hear the one whose ex - hor - ta - tion star - tles us in dark of night;



Hear the call to pre - pa - ra - tion, as in hope we wait for Light.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Lamberth Family

Unison Prayer

Let us pray,

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way for the kingdom of heaven is near. Bless us as we light the candle on this wreath. Baptize us with the fire of your spirit, that we may be a light shining in the darkness welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

The Garlands and Wreaths

Garland Hamic

Carol [see insert]

Congregation

The Holly and The Ivy — traditional English melody

Hanging of the Garlands & Wreaths

RLBC Youth

Lee & Liza Carter

Bryan & Lisa Chastain

Phil & Kelley Keith

Richard & Christin Lavery

The Chrismons and Evergreen Trees

Dan Thompson

Carols [see inserts]

Congregation

(Please come forward during the singing of the Carols to place Chrismons and bows on the trees.)

Evergreen and Ever-fragrant — STUTTGART

O Christmas Tree — O TANNENBAUM

Scripture Lesson

Benjamin P.

Luke 1:68-79 [Pew Bible page 832 of the New Testament]

⁶⁸“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. ⁷²Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, ⁷³the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, ⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

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!**

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“ The Song of Zechariah ”

Sung Response

Choir

Benedictus from “The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace” — Karl Jenkins

Patricio Gutierrez, cello

Latin

English

Benedictus que venit in nomine Domini

Blessed is He who comes in name of Lord.

Hosanna in excelsis

Hosanna to God in the highest!

Offertory Prayer

Nancy Ferrell

God of righteousness, you have saved us from the worst the world can do and have promised to redeem the whole creation when Christ comes again. In faith and hope we offer our gifts of money and self, that we may be part of what you are doing in the world even now, as we watch for Christ’s coming in glory. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

Sleepers Awake — J. S. Bach

*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

Let us pray:

And now may God, Creator of light and trees and flowers, grant us peace.

As we have decorated this place of worship,

may we also live lives of worship,

decorated with God's forever things . . .

forever love,

forever life,

forever . . . green.

In the name of God's love and light.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Sleepers Awake — A. D. Miller

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



TEACH ME TO SING...

2023 Royal Lane Baptist Church
Advent Devotional

Copies of the 2023 Advent Devotions are available to download or read online at royallane.org/advent-2023. (Print copies are available in the narthex or the church office.)



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Hymn Notes

The Hanging of the Green

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Sing the Songs of Christmas

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The Holly and The Ivy

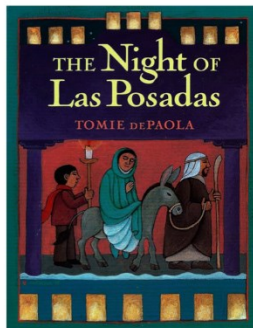
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O Christmas Tree

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Parents Night Out

Friday, Dec 15
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Kids Experiential Fun Night
learning about
The Night of Las Posadas

The Hanging of the Green

CIRCLE OF LOVE

in honor of members of the Royal Lane Baptist Church Altar Guild - David Doom, Lyn and Gordon Brown, Daryl Willey, Advent, 2010

Allegretto grazioso ♩. = 76-82

DANNY WESLEY RAY (ASCAP)



1. With - in its boughs, the light, — like stars, that ho - ly night, — il -
2. Each *chris-mon* hang - ing there — be - comes an *Ad-vent* prayer. — The
3. The an - gel's sil - ver wings, — the gold - en bell that rings, — The
4. The God of heav'n and earth — be - came, through hu - man birth, — the



lu - mi - nates — the fra - grant pine, ex - pres - sion of — our God's de - sign.
can - dles, pink — and pur - ple, tell how Love comes in — our hearts to dwell.
po - in - set - tles, red and white, re - tell the leg - end with de - light.
seed of Da - vid's roy - al line, Christ Je - sus, King — and Lord di - vine.



The sto - ry of God's liv - ing cir - cle of love. —



— The sea - son's tree of life, our fest - ive ev - er - green - a



sign of God's e - ter - nal love, re - demp - tion's gift sent from a - bove, Good



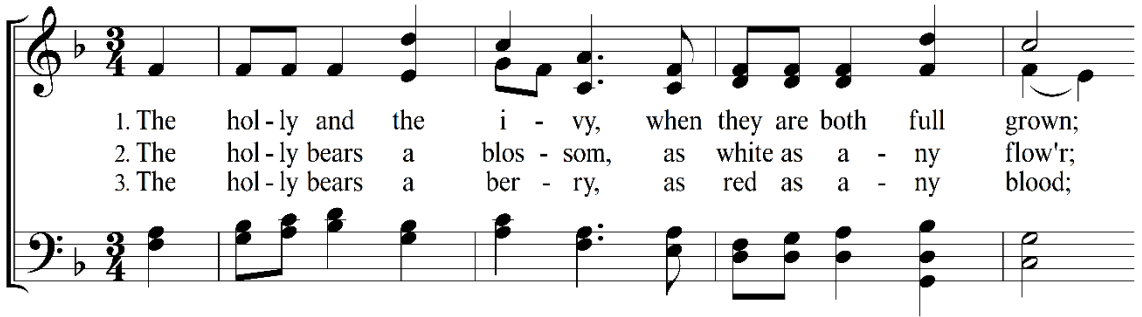
News of Je - sus, our Friend, — with no be - gin - ning, no end. — Come



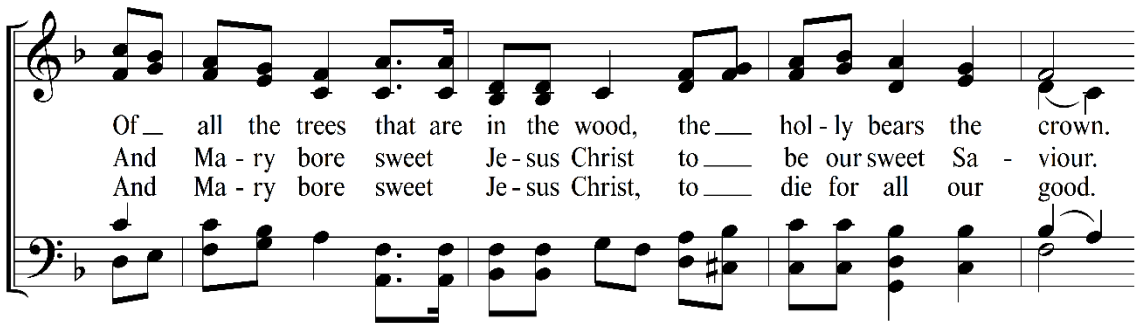
join our Ad - vent scene - the hang - ing of — the green. —

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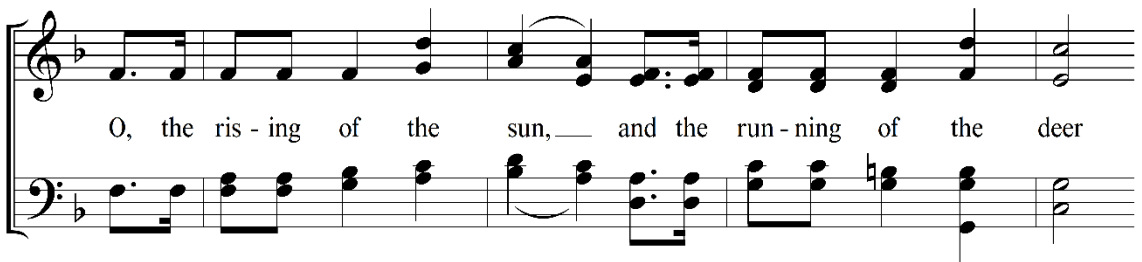
The Holly and the Ivy



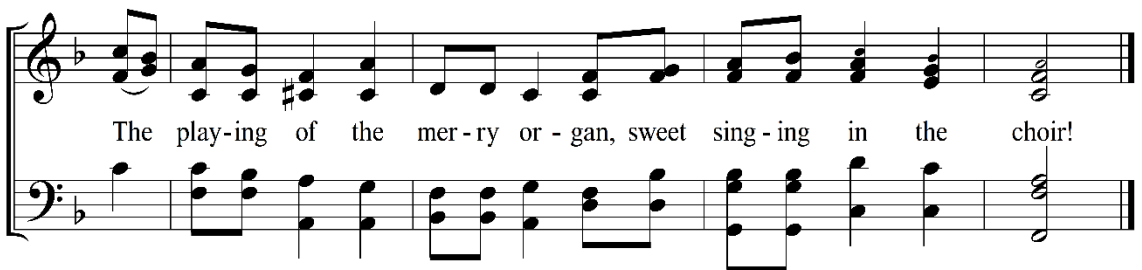
1. The hol - ly and the i - vy, when they are both full grown;
2. The hol - ly bears a blos - som, as white as a - ny flow'r;
3. The hol - ly bears a ber - ry, as red as a - ny blood;



Of all the trees that are in the wood, the hol - ly bears the crown.
And Ma - ry bore sweet Je - sus Christ to be our sweet Sa - viour.
And Ma - ry bore sweet Je - sus Christ, to die for all our good.



O, the ris - ing of the sun, and the run - ning of the deer



The play - ing of the mer - ry or - gan, sweet sing - ing in the choir!

Evergreen and Ever-fragrant

1. Ev - er - green and ev - er - fra - grant sym - bol of e - ter - ni - ty,
2. Light of lights to all de - scend - ing, white of per - fect pur - i - ty,
3. Star and creche and her - ald an - gel tell of love and mys - ter - y,
4. Cross of sac - ri - fice and suff - ring, crown of life and vic - to - ry,

tell - ing of the Christ with - in us, stands the won - drous Chris - mon tree.
gold of maj - es - ty and glo - ry crown the ra - diant Chris - mon tree.
cel - e - brate the Christ a - mong us, wel - come by the Chris - mon tree.
Je - sus Christ our Lord re - veal - ing: hon - ored through the Chris - mon tree.



O Christmas Tree



1. O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, your
2. *O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, you*
3. O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, in



branch - es are up - lift - ed, You seem to say that
shine like stars a - bove us; And with your beau - ty
plain - ness you were grow - ing un - til we came and



on this day our world's su - preme - ly gift - ed. The
si - lent say, "How great - ly God must love us!" You
brought you here and set your branch - es glow - ing. Your



shin - ing of your can - dles bright, re - minds us Light has
show us him who with God's face, brought to our hearts the
liv - ing beau - ty helps us see how clothed with Christ our



come to - night. O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, you
gift of grace. O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, you
lives can be. O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, you



lift our eyes to hea - ven.
lift our eyes to hea - ven.
lift our eyes to hea - ven.

Poinsettia Dedications

Given in Memory of:

Dan Bohannon

by Shirley Bohannon

Joanne Patton

by Bill Brown &

Matthew Johnson

Linnie & Marion Carpenter

Evelyn Meredith

by Rick & Kay Carpenter

Mother & Daddy

My Dear Husband

by Madge Cruse

Patricia Crutcher

by Rick Crutcher

Lynn Darden

Margaret & Sam Furr

by Margaret Darden

Max Edgar

by Sam Eppler

Brianna B. Jordan

by Nancy K. Ferrell

Ed & Nell Thomas

I.E. (Gene) Garrett

Otis & Emily Lou Kerley

by Betty E. Garrett

Gerry Gunnin

by Barbara Gunnin

Olan & Pharis Hanes

by Angela Hanes & Family

Anna Marie & Bruce Lowe

by Paulette & Harold Harrison

Steve Dolloff

by Harry Hunter

Wendall & Opal James

Alvie & Pauline Cook

Calvin James

by Shirley James

Marie Coble

Warren L. Coble

by Cynthia Kupres

Tom Tomlin

Ann Charlesworth

Lori Kuykendall

Nick Godfrey

by Christin & Richard Lavery

Tina Clune, sister of Ruth May

Thomas & Jacqueline Ledgerwood,
parents of Donna Ledgerwood

Bill & Ryvers May,

parents of Ruth May

Thomas Ledgerwood Jr.,

brother of Donna Ledgerwood

by Donna Ledgerwood &

Ruth May

Doug Martin

Donna & Billie Wood

Ozzie & Jack Anderson

by Donna Wood-Martin &

Scott Martin

Roy & Allie Moore and sons
Lorraine & Zackey Meachum
Gene Sprout
Pauline Salazar
Richard Seib

by Bettie Meachum

Zackey & Lorraine Meachum
Roy & Ruth Moore and Charles, Harold,
Billy, George, and Scott
Mary Katherine & John Roberts
by Wayne Meachum

Donald E. Meier
by Patsy Meier

Jim Merry & William Hannon
by Barbara Merry

Myrtie & Norman Miller,
parents & grandparents
Truett Miller, brother & uncle
Josey Calhoun, cousin
by Karen & Lauren Miller

J.S. & Mireya Rhodes
by Steven Rhodes

Jim Sewell
Frank & Jean Whitaker
by Anne Sewell

Terry L. Simmons
by Karen Simmons

Raymond L. Vickrey
Edgar B. Francis, Nadine Francis
Irian & Bernice Vickrey
Bill & Elsie Graham
by Sharon Vickrey

Mark Walker
Mary L. Walker
Roy Luckett
Snowflake
*by Jamie &
Melissa Walker-Luckett*

Anna Walling
Kathy Peck
Linda Myre
by Cathy Walling

Dennis Hartley Waters
*by Lisa Waters,
Rebecca Sparling, Erin Waters*

Everett & Shirley Manning &
Mark S. Brandon
by Marcy Waters

Jim Sewell
Ruth Logan
Bill Logan
*by Charlotte Sewell &
Brian Watson*

Marian White's father, and
Shirley & Gene White,
grandparents of Ryan White
Bill Dalton & Anita McCluney
by the White-Carmen Family

Orville & Elnora Wisdom
Linda & Charles Spear
William Logan Irby
by Garey Wisdom

Duane D. Young, Sr.
by DeeDee Young

Poinsettia Dedications

Given in Honor of:

Holly, Clay, Faith, Shelby & Blake
by Shirley Bohannon

My Treasured Royal Lane Family
by Sheryl Gambill

Our Grandchildren:
Porter Scott Soames
Ellie Jane Soames
Aidy Carol Fine
Eli Roy Fine
Victoria Powers and her family
*by Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez
& Scott Gonzalez*

The Hammett Family – Jeff,
Jennifer, Jonah & Jacob
The Keith Family – Phil, Kelley,
Claire & Owen
by Paulette & Harold Harrison

Percy Parrish Family
by Martha & Kathy Hatcher

Rick & Vickie Green
by Shirley James

Summer Jones
Bruce Luedke
by Mike Jones

John Phillips
by Rita Kirk

Jackie Martin
*by Donna Wood-Martin &
Scott Martin*

Kurt Meachum & Family
Aubrey Connatser & Family
Royal Lane Ministers & Staff
by Bettie Meachum

Kurt & Amy Meachum, Allie,
Kendall & Ben
Aubrey & Adam Connatser,
M.K. & Mac
Suzanne Duvall
Rhea Hobson
by Wayne Meachum

Our Children
Deacons of Royal Lane
Royal Lane Music Ministry
Royal Lane Ministers & Staff
by Jack & Maryanne Pfeffer

The entire Sewell/Watson Family
by Anne Sewell

James C. Walker
Zadie F. Lockett
The Stewarts
The Seymours
Rev. Victoria Robb Powers & Family
Joey & Rosa Belgard
*by Jamie &
Melissa Walker-Lockett*



Anne Sewell
Donna Sewell
Sue Watson
Bob Watson
Grace Watson
Emma Watson
Sadie Watson

*by Charlotte Sewell &
Brian Watson*

Brad Carter
Linda Hueston
Questers Sunday School Class
by Garey Widom

Brittany & Nathan Jones
Barrett, Jacquie, Harper, Turner,
and Harrison Wooten

Blair Wooten
Harry Sr. & Nancy Wooten
Polly Smith
by Harry & Debi Wooten

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Brittany & Nathan Jones
Barrett & Jacquie Wooten, Harper,
Turner, & Harrison
Blair Wooten
by Harry Sr. & Nancy Wooten

Study for Wednesday Evening “The Song of Zechariah” with Jonathan Greer

Join Royal Lane member and Brite student, Jonathan Greer, and our Senior Pastor Victoria Robb Powers this Wednesday night. Following dinner, Jonathan will lead a conversation with Victoria about today’s Sunday morning sermon.

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8

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.asp



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

Advent & Christmas– 2023

The Songs of Christmas

December 3 – Advent I – Benedictus

Hanging of the Green

Sermon: “The Song of Zechariah”

Anthem: *Benedictus* from “The Armed Man: A 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*)





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



Staff Love Gift – Donations due today, December 3



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

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.



Schedule for the Week

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

12:00 pm Missions, Stocking Stuffing — Vickrey Hall (for a light lunch)
 Christian Education Building, Rooms 201, 202 & 203

8:00 pm Education Division — Zoom

Wednesday December 6

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

5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall

 Beef Stroganoff, Wild Rice, Broccoli, Salad, Dessert

6:00 pm Midweek Gathering & Study — Vickrey Hall & Zoom

6:00 pm Children's Gathering — Godly Play Room

6:30 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable

7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary

Saturday December 9

2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Deacons Meeting — Vickrey Hall

9:30 am Foundations Class Christmas Brunch

 Vickrey Hall, Christian Education Building, Room 212

9:30 am Children & Youth Committee — Library

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

10:55 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 Racial Justice Team — Vickrey Hall

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 – Dan Thompson & Kelley Keith

Safety Shepherd – Joey Belgard

When WE Give: we can bring joy to children & youth at Healing Hands Ministries.

October 2023 Financials

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

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

Text “GIVE” to 214-609-1200. Follow the prompts to complete the process.

Standard text message rates may apply.

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