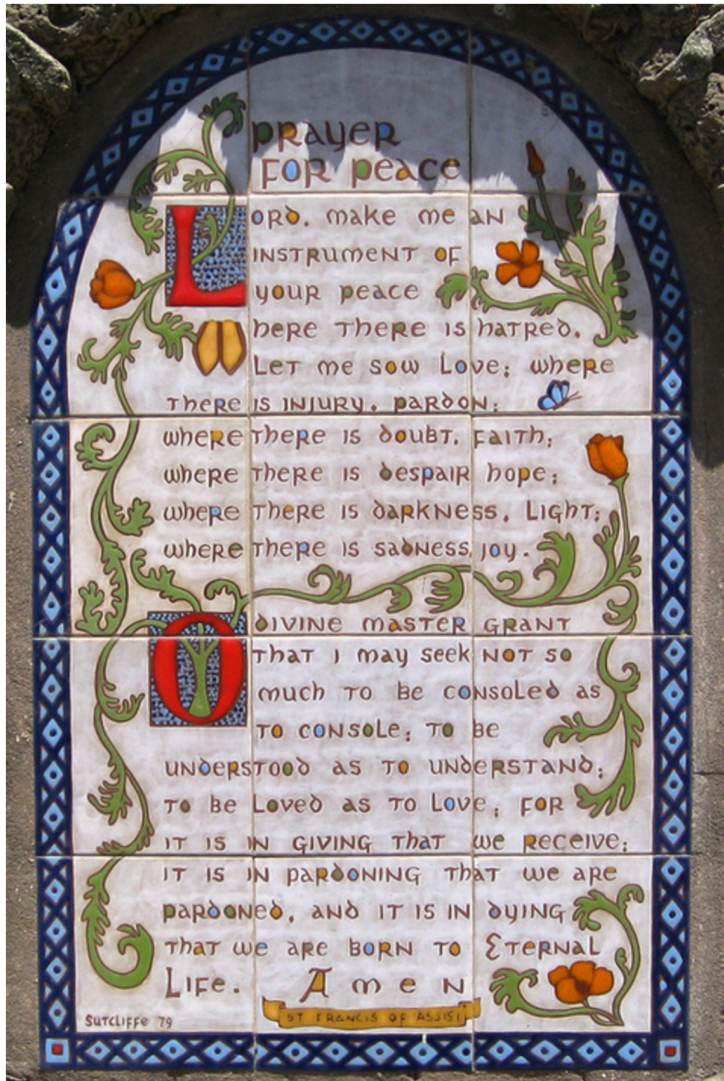




ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

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TO ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH



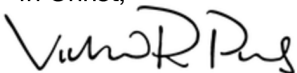
Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning. We are so glad you're here! Royal Lane Baptist Church is a diverse community of faith united in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Since 1952, our church has sought to be a beacon of light in the city of Dallas and beyond.

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".

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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

As we worship, may God set our hearts on fire with the desire to know God's will, and send us among the people of God to serve them in love. Free us from fear so that the Good News of Jesus may reach the world through us without hurt or hindrance. Give us hearts full of love, eyes to see the needs of others, and hands open to help.

Voluntary

Jeanie Chuang

Festival Piece on NICA EA
arranged by Jerry Westenkuhler

☪ **Call to Worship & Invocation**

Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation

We gather to pray.

We gather to praise.

May our prayers extend beyond ourselves.

May our praise rise to the heavens.

May our lives be salty with love.

May our prayers be reflections of peace.

Let us pray:

God of unquenchable fire and overflowing grace, cast out the demons that oppress us; take away the things that make us stumble. Lead us into your realm of life and season us with your peace, in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Order of Worship continues
on the following page.*

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

Words of Welcome

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

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

Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez

Mark 9:42-48

[Page 822 of the New Testament]

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched."

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

Barrett Wooten

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.

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

KINGSFOLD



1. Deep in the sha - dows of the past, far — out from set - tled lands,
2. While o - thers bowed to change-less gods they — met a mys - te - ry,
3. From Ex - o - dus to Pen - te - cost the — pro - mise changed and grew,
4. For — all the writ - ings that sur - vived for — lead - ers, long a - go,



some no - mads trav - eled with their God a - cross the de - sert sands.
in - vis - i - ble, with - out a name: "I — AM WHAT I — WILL BE;"
while some, re - mem - ber - ing the past, re - cord - ed what they knew,
who — sift - ed, cop - ied, and pre - served the — Bi - ble that — we know,



The — dawn - ing hope of hu - man - kind by — them was sensed and shown:
and — by their tents, a - round their fires in — sto - ry, — song and law,
or — with their let - ters and la - ments, their — proph - e - cy and praise,
give — thanks, and find its sto - ry yet our — pro - mise, — strength and call,



a — pro - mise call - ing — them a - head, a — fu - ture yet — un - known.
they — praised, re - mem - bered, hand - ed on a — past that pro - mised more.
re - cov - ered, kin - dled — and ex - pressed new — hope for chang - ing days.
the — mod - el of — e - merg - ing faith, a - live with hope for all.

*The Order of Worship continues
on the following page.*

Call to Confession

Kenna Curry & Congregation

Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so you may be healed.

Prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective. We seek that right relationship with God that empowers our prayers and our service.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

All powerful God, we confess our devious ways. Even when prayers for others are on our lips, we seek ways to secure our own advantage. We put our trust in things we can accumulate rather than aligning ourselves with your will and way. Our behavior creates enemies and multiplies divisions among your people. Then we want you on our side against those who are different from us. We confuse our preferences with your intentions. O God, we need healing, but we are afraid to lose the illusions of control that are so much a part of us. We fear the very changes that would give us integrity. Help us, gracious God. Amen.

We now share silence together.

Promise of Forgiveness

The snares that entrap us are broken. Our help is in the name of God, who made heaven and earth. Prayers of faith make a difference. They are powerful and effective.

We are changed in the hands of a loving God. We have much to give, beginning with the simplest of gifts, like a cup of cold water offered to one who is thirsty. Praise God, who is transforming us. Thanks be to God!

Hymn

Congregation

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY



1. O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still, a - bove the storms of
2. O Je - sus, you have pro - mised to all who fol - low you that where you are in



pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will; O speak to re - as - sure me, to
glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too; and, Je - sus, I have pro - mised to



has - ten or con - trol; O speak, and make me lis - ten, O guard - ian of my soul.
serve you to the end; O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend

*The Order of Worship continues
on the following page.*

Prayers of the People

Miranda Helm & Congregation

Scripture promises us that the prayers of God's people are powerful and effective. In this hope, we call on God's name, saying: Pour out your healing grace, O Lord; send forth your spirit to save us.

For those who are burdened by sin . . .

For nations, crumbling in conflict . . .

Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;

send forth your Spirit to save us.

For neighbors, divided by fear . . .

For the church, longing for renewal . . .

Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;

send forth your Spirit to save us.

For the earth, groaning for peace . . .

For those who are sick and suffering Lord . . .

Pour out your healing grace;

send forth your Spirit to save us.

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

We now share silence together.

(You may speak aloud the first name of those for whom you wish to pray.

Or consider silently praying the Prayer of Loving-Kindness:

May all sentient beings be safe.

May all sentient beings be peaceful.

May all sentient beings live with ease.)

Let us pray:

God of new life, raise us up in the power of the risen Lord so that we may lift our hearts again in songs of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

Come By Here

Kyle Pederson

*Come by here, my Lord, come by here.
Someone's prayin', Lord, come by here.
Someone's cryin', Lord, come by here.*

*In the morning, Lord, you are here.
In the evening, Lord, you are here.
In my waking, Lord, you are here.
In my sleeping, Lord, you are here.*

*In my pleading, waiting, caring, loving,
blessing, grieving, hoping, longing,
falling, hiding, rising, healing,
aching, laughing, praising, seeking,
finding, breathing, dying, Lord, you are here.*

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“Would You Rather?”

Moment of Contemplation

Choir

Come by Here - (Reprise)

*The Order of Worship continues
on the following page.*

Invitation to Generosity & Offertory Prayer

Alan Greider

The righteousness of God sets aside bias and jealousy as we welcome the opportunity to care for God's children. Listen to the winds of hope. Look for the light of wisdom. May this light remain steadfast as we seek ways to share our treasures, talents, and time.

Hear now this prayer.

Beloved One, with the work of our hands we create pathways of care. With open hearts, we welcome your abundant wisdom which invites us to share. May our gifts transform our communities into places of humility and generosity. Amen.

Offertory

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

Martha Mier

Jeanie Chuang

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



Benediction

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Organ Dismissal

Jeanie Chuang

Recessional

William Mathias

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.



Deacon Nominees

According to Article VIII, Section 1b of the By-Laws, the Member Resource Committee shall review and supplement such recommendations and shall nominate six (6) persons to serve on the Board of Deacons; such nominations to be published in the Sunday morning orders of worship the last Sunday in the month of September (9/29/24) and the first Sunday in the month of October (10/6/24). The church shall be called into special conference during the Sunday morning worship service of the second Sunday of the month of October (10/13/24) for the purpose of electing six (6) Deacons. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at said special conference, provided that any additional nominees have been contacted in advance and have theretofore agreed to serve if elected.

This year the Member Resource Committee presents the following six (6) nominees to serve three-year terms for outgoing deacons. All terms begin November 1, 2024.

Nominees to serve three-year terms:

Jeanie Chuang

Sharon Larkin

Garland Hamic

Blake Vickrey

Tommy Lambert

Cathy Walling

**Called Church Conference – Election of Deacons
October 13, 2024**

WORSHIP *NOTES*

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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.



BOOK LAUNCH

Register at:

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**HOW TO END
CHRISTIAN
NATIONALISM**

A Conversation with Amanda Tyler

October 20th, 4:00pm
Royal Lane Baptist Church

Register Today

*How to End
Christian
Nationalism*
Amanda Tyler
LEAD ORIGINATOR OF CHRISTIAN
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ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 6, 4:00 pm

Bring your furry, scaly, hairy, or feathered friends to the Blessing of the Animals. This event will take place in the Pumpkin Patch. Celebrate all creatures, great and small.



Abundant Lifers

Tuesday, October 8, 9:00 am, Vickrey Hall

Come have a cup of coffee and some casual time with each other and Pastor Victoria. No program, no agenda, just time together. Feel free to bring any questions.



Artist Reception - "The Reunion"

October 12, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Box Gallery

Featuring the artwork of Marilee V. Haynes, mixed media art; Gary McCoy, photographer, and Jan Thomas, mosaic art form.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 13, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

All who come to give blood Oct. 1-31 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. Plus, automatic entry for a chance to win one of three \$5,000 gift cards. See details at RedCrossBlood.org/Treat.

See Coming Events on our website for more information.

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WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*



Pumpkin Patch - Open through October 31

Sale Hours:

Sundays - 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Monday - Friday - 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturdays - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Tuesday, October 1

9:30 am: Communion & Contemplation — Narthex

Wednesday, October 2

12:00 pm: Lunch + Learn — Vickrey Hall & Zoom (*Lunch line opens at 11:30 am*)

Menu: Roasted Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Broccoli, Salad

Program: Anyra Cano, *Ministry with Migrants and the Latinx Experience*

1:30 pm: Holy Rollers — Vickrey Hall (1:30 - 3:30 pm)

6:00 pm: Children's & Youth Supper — Vickrey Hall

6:15 pm: Children's Choir — Christian Education Building, Room 202

6:30 pm: Youth Gathering — Youth Portable

7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

Saturday, October 5

1:00 pm: Memorial Service, Lauren Miller — Sanctuary & Columbarium

Reception — Vickrey Hall

Sunday, October 6 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 am: Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building & Library

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

9:45 am: Youth Sunday School Class — Youth Portable

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: Missions Division — Christian Education Building, Room 212

12:15 pm: Youth First Sunday Lunch — Gazebo Burger

7:00 pm: Education Division — Zoom

HOW TO *CONNECT*

Event Details

See the Weekly Mosaic 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 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.

*REQUEST
PRAYER*



Deacons on Call

Jack Mullinax & Margaret Darden

GIVING AT ROYAL LANE

When WE Give: we can reach out in support of global needs. Text “**GIVE**” to **214-609-1200**. Follow the prompts to complete the process. Standard text message rates may apply. Donate online at royallane.org/give.

*ONLINE
GIVING*



August 2024 Financials

YTD Actual

Revenues*	\$ 594,197
Expenses	\$ 672,239
Surplus (Deficit)*	(\$ 78,042)

**Includes annual pledges paid in full.*

ROYAL LANE STAFF

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers, Senior Pastor
Rev. Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship
Beth Johnson, Minister to Children, Youth, & Families
Barbara Merry, Ministries Assistant
David Doom, Ministries Assistant
David Weigle, Organist

Kenna Curry, Pastoral Intern
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