



# ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



*WELCOME TO WORSHIP*

OCTOBER 13, 2024

# WELCOME

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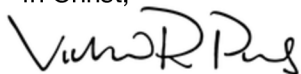
Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning. We are so glad you're here! Royal Lane Baptist Church is a diverse community of faith united in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Since 1952, our church has sought to be a beacon of light in the city of Dallas and beyond.

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,



Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

OCTOBER 13, 2024

# THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**

TWENTY-FIRST 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

Called to be one with Christ, called to be one with each other, called to be one in ministry, we gather in the unity of God's Holy Spirit, who calls us here.

## Voluntary

*David Weigle*

### Trumpet in Dialogue

Louis-Nicolas Clarémbault

## ☦ Call to Worship & Invocation

*Terry Berrier & Congregation*

Let us gather in this space.

**We gather from many places.**

Let us center ourselves for worship.

**We are one in the Spirit**

**with joy in our hearts.**

Let us receive God's blessing.

**God's blessing is ours.**

**We are God's beloved! Amen!**

Let us pray:

**Breath of God, renew us in this time of worship. Help us set aside thoughts that trouble us. Help us pause the challenges of the world that taught us. Pour your spirit within each one of us, that we may be re-spirited in this hour by your prayer and your grace. Amen.**

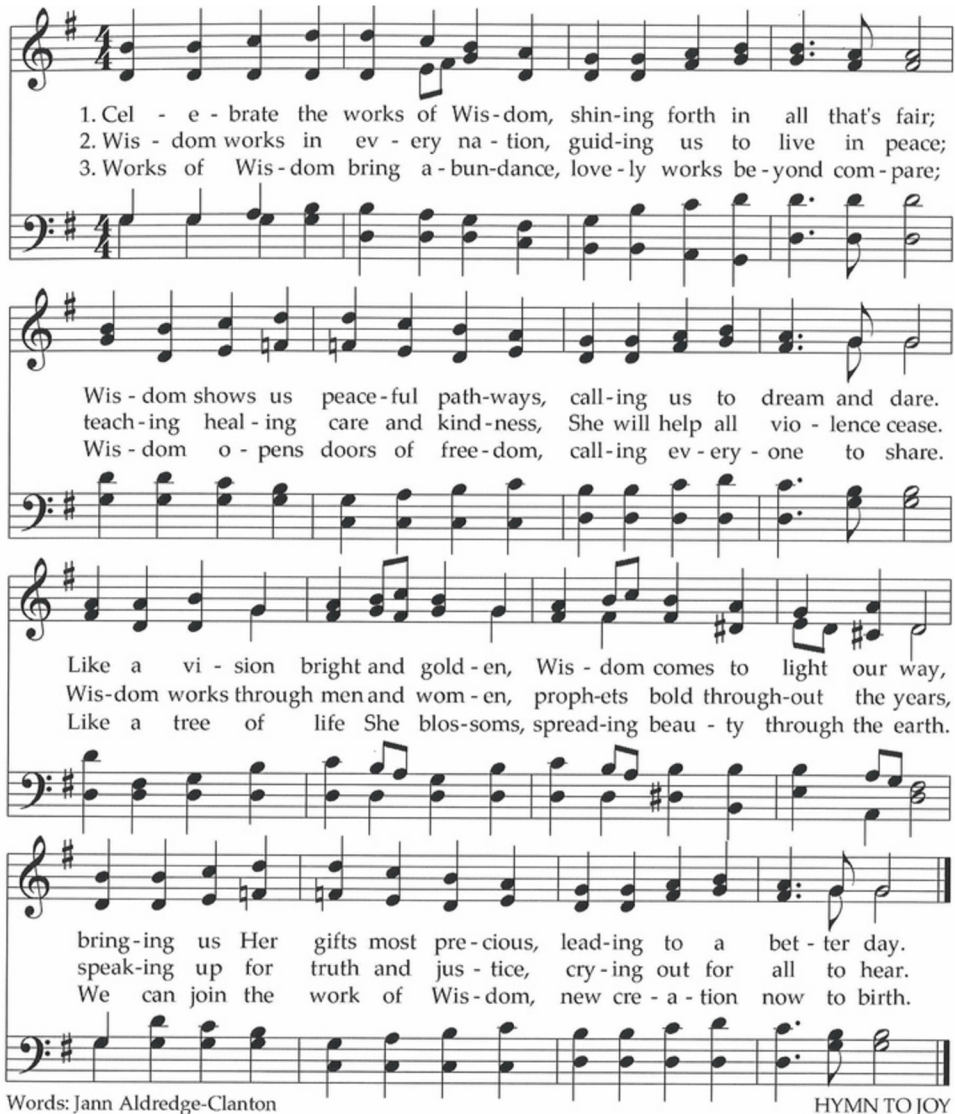
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# Celebrate the Works of Wisdom

## HYMN TO JOY



1. Cel - e - brate the works of Wis - dom, shin - ing forth in all that's fair;  
 2. Wis - dom works in ev - ery na - tion, guid - ing us to live in peace;  
 3. Works of Wis - dom bring a - bun - dance, love - ly works be - yond com - pare;

Wis - dom shows us peace - ful path - ways, call - ing us to dream and dare.  
 teach - ing heal - ing care and kind - ness, She will help all vio - lence cease.  
 Wis - dom o - pens doors of free - dom, call - ing ev - ery - one to share.

Like a vi - sion bright and gold - en, Wis - dom comes to light our way,  
 Wis - dom works through men and wom - en, proph - ets bold through - out the years,  
 Like a tree of life She blos - soms, spread - ing beau - ty through the earth.

bring - ing us Her gifts most pre - cious, lead - ing to a bet - ter day.  
 speak - ing up for truth and jus - tice, cry - ing out for all to hear.  
 We can join the work of Wis - dom, new cre - a - tion now to birth.

Words: Jann Aldredge-Clanton

HYMN TO JOY

*In memory and celebration of the life of Jan Aldredge-Clanton.*

*May 3, 1946 - September 20, 2024.*



## Words of Welcome

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](http://royallane.org/register) or with the QR code.*

*Phil Keith*



## Scripture Lesson

*David Doom*

### **Acts 1:9-14**

*[Page 884 of the New Testament]*

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

*Kenna Curry*

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

Children Grades 4 through 6, are invited to Young Theologians

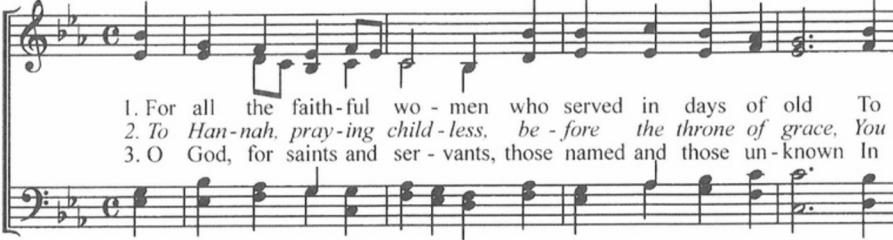
*You may collect your children following the service in the Christian Education Building.*

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# For All the Faithful Women

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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.

## Call to Confession

*Dan Thompson & Congregation*

We who have promised our loyalty to Jesus Christ pause now to examine our faithfulness to the way he showed us. We who have been gifted with the Holy Spirit within and among us ask ourselves whether others can see that gift in us. Is God reigning among us, or have we chosen to pursue other gods, chosen to devote our time and energy and attention to lesser matters?

## The Confession of Sin

Life-giving God, we receive your blessing,

**but we don't always feel worthy to receive it.**

Your call often confuses us

**and your love seems too generous.**

We worship and pray,

**yet we still count the times we fall short of what you expect of us.**

Your mercy is abundant,

**but we hesitate to open our hearts to receive it.**

Let us pray,

**Get our attention and draw us closer to you, that we may know the relief of your assurance. As we pray to you, hear our prayers. Amen.**

*We now share silence together.*

## Promise of Forgiveness

God hears our faithful prayers and looks upon us with eyes filled with compassion. Christ advocates on our behalf; through him, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

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# Hymn

# Congregation

## Through Devastating Storms

LEONI

Through de - va - sta - ting storme, through times of heat and drought,  
 We're al - ways want - ing more; we spend and build and buy.  
 Cre - a - tor, - by your grace, you give the gift of life-  
 There's no time left to wait! May we be bold to give.

through fire and flood, cre - a - tion mourns and so cries out.  
 To meet our wants, we hurt the poor- till man - y die.  
 You en - tered in - to time and space in Je - sus Christ.  
 May we plant trees and ad - vo - cate and gent - ly live-

As hot and cold ex - tremes cause o - ver - whelm - ing need,  
 The world that we have built is one we can't sus - stain,  
 Your Spir - it makes us strong to tend and heal and lift-  
 God, as we love the earth and love each oth - er, too,

the earth bears wit - ness to the cost of hu - man greed.  
 and all a - round us, God's cre - a - tion cries in pain.  
 and helps us see cre - a - tion as a sac - red gift.  
 may we bring hope and heal - ing to this world with you.

## Prayers of the People

*Kelley Keith & Congregation*

O God of mercy, look with pity upon all those who have been left homeless, bereft, in shock, in the wake of these mighty acts of nature.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Holy God, who fed your people in the wilderness, whose loving kindness is everlasting, lift the burdens of all who are weary from the search for food and refresh those who are parched from thirst.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

O Source of all consolation, comfort with the sure sense of your presence all who feel forsaken, whose hope is dried up.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, you sent your son Jesus to bring sight to the blind, hearing and healing to all who asked. Open our ears to all cries of affliction, and through us provide healing and help.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

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:

**Merciful God, you ask us to cleanse our hearts, to loose the bonds of oppression, and to repair the ruins. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, that we might pour ourselves out for the victims of disaster so that they, too, will know your generous healing power. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

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## Anthem

*Choir*

### Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me

arranged by K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;  
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;  
And, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;  
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;  
And, with actions lovingly, Speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;  
Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee;  
Separate from sin, I would And cherish all things good,  
And whatever I can be Give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;  
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;  
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;  
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

## Sermon

*Rev. Dr. Meredith Stone*

“Where are All the Women?”

## Moment of Contemplation



**Hymn 71**

### Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*(stanzas 1 and 2)*



## Offertory Prayer

*Sharon Vickrey*

Endless source of life, pour your blessing upon the gifts we bring before you. Bless our giving in your abundance for the restoration of all people. Through our offering, may those who feel forgotten find a home. With the joy of your grace filling our hearts, we pray. Amen.

## Offertory

### Fantasie in C Major

César Frank

*David Weigle*

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



## Benediction

*Rev. Dr. Meredith Stone*

## Organ Dismissal

*David Weigle*

### Recessional

Robert Cundick

*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 *GUEST PREACHER*

Meredith Stone serves as Executive Director of Baptist Women in Ministry, a nation-wide organization that supports Baptist women pursuing ministry, and advocates for the full affirmation of women in ministry in Baptist life. She is an ordained minister and has previously served as Associate Dean for Academics and Assistant Professor of Scripture & Ministry at Logsdon Seminary of Hardin-Simmons University, in congregational ministry, and with other Baptist organizations. Meredith received both her Bachelors and Masters degrees from Hardin-Simmons University, and earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Biblical Interpretation from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University. Meredith is the author of *Empire and Gender in LXX Esther* (SBL Press, 2018), along with other academic publications and popular writing related to women in ministry and religious gender justice. Meredith's advocacy for women among Baptists has been featured in national news outlets such as CNN, The New York Times, The Washington Post, USA Today, NPR, and Religion News Service. She lives in Waco, Texas, with her husband James and their children.



## BOOK LAUNCH



Book Launch with Amanda Tyler  
Sunday, October 20, 4:00 pm

Reception to follow

**Register at:**

<https://bit.ly/4dnXEUr>

A red poster for a book launch. At the top, the title "HOW TO END CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM" is in large white capital letters. To the right is a circular portrait of Amanda Tyler, a woman with dark hair, smiling. Below the title, it says "A Conversation with Amanda Tyler". The date and time "October 20th, 4:00pm" and the location "Royal Lane Baptist Church" are listed. A "Register Today" button is present. At the bottom, it says "In partnership with:" followed by the logos for "FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of Los Angeles" and a circular logo with "CNU" and "2020". On the right side, there is a small image of the book cover for "How to End Christian Nationalism" by Amanda Tyler, which features her portrait and the text "LEAD ORGANIZER OF CHRISTIANS AGAINST CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM".

# WORSHIP *NOTES*

## Hymn Notes

### **Celebrate the Works of Wisdom**

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### **For All the Faithful Women**

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### **Through Devastating Storms**

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### **Be Thou My Vision**

Text: Traditional Irish, tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905,  
vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1912  
Music: Traditional Irish melody; harm. David Allen,  
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## **We Remember . . .**



On Sunday, November 3, 2024, we will honor the saints of Royal Lane Baptist Church who have passed away since November 5 of 2023. If you have a family member or loved one you would like to honor in this service, please leave a message with the church office, 214-361-2809, by Tuesday, October 29 for listing in the Order of Worship. Include name, date of death, and your relationship to this person. We have gathered many names for this list. Please check with the church office to make sure we have included your family member or loved one.

You may also submit your remembrance requests by email to [bmerry@royallane.org](mailto:bmerry@royallane.org) or [ddoom@royallane.org](mailto:ddoom@royallane.org) in the church office.

## **Hurricane Helene Relief**

In late September, Hurricane Helene ravaged Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas and was referred to as a “once in a generation storm.” The Alliance of Baptists offers a link in their giving module to allow you to contribute to this fund. Point to the QR code to contribute to this fund or give at <https://allianceofbaptists.org/give/>. Checks may be mailed to Alliance of Baptists, 180 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27605

If using the online form, scroll to the bottom of the giving page to indicate that your gift is for “Hurricane Helene Relief from Royal Lane Baptist/RLBC” to allow for your gift to be tracked.





# ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



## Red Cross Blood Drive

*October 15, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Vickrey Hall*

As we reach peak hurricane season in the Atlantic this month, tropical weather may further threaten the blood supply. Sign Up Today - <https://rcblood.org/3U47uUC>



## Communion & Contemplation

*October 15, 9:30 am, Narthex*

A weekly time of communion and contemplation is offered on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Narthex.



## Lunch + Learn

*October 16, 12:00 pm, Vickrey Hall*

*(Lunch line opens at 11:30 am)*

Casey Shobe, Senior Rector, Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. *The Spiritual Practice of Pilgrimage*



## Fall Festival

*October 27, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, East Parking Lot*

Come be a part of the annual Royal Lane Fall Festival! Volunteers needed to help setup/clean-up, run games, bring candy, bring cookies or open up their trunk and pass out candy (candy provided).

Contact Kelley Keith or Lisa Chastain.

SignUp at <https://bit.ly/3zPWL9t>



*See Coming Events on our website for more information.*

**ROYALLANE.ORG**

# WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*



## **Sunday, October 13 – Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

12:00 pm: Church Conference — Sanctuary

12:15 pm: Building Task Force Listening Sessions — Sanctuary & Vickrey Hall

12:15 pm: Racial Justice Team — Christian Education Building, Room 205

## **Tuesday, October 15**

9:00 am: Red Cross Blood Drive — Vickrey Hall (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)

9:30 am: Communion & Contemplation — Narthex

7:00 pm: Building Task Force Listening Sessions — Sanctuary & Vickrey Hall

## **Wednesday, October 16**

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

Menu: Pasta Bolognese, Salad

Program: Casey Strobe, Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

*The Spiritual Practice of Pilgrimage*

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

6:30 pm: Youth Gathering — Youth Portable

7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

## **Thursday, October 17**

8:00 pm: Building Task Force Listening Session — Zoom

## **Saturday, October 19**

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

## **Sunday, October 20 – Twenty-second 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: Social Justice Christian Education Building, Room 212

4:00 pm: Book Launch: A Conversation with Amanda Tyler — Sanctuary

"How to End Christian Nationalism"

# HOW TO *CONNECT*

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## 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](http://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](http://royallane.org/prayer). Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.

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*REQUEST  
PRAYER*



## Deacons on Call

Dan Thompson & Kelley Keith

# *GIVING* AT ROYAL LANE

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**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](http://royallane.org/give).

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*ONLINE  
GIVING*



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## ROYAL LANE STAFF

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship  
Beth Johnson, Minister to Children, Youth, & Families  
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