



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OCTOBER 27, 2024

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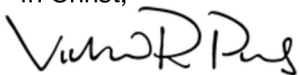
Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning. We are so glad you're here! Royal Lane Baptist Church is a diverse community of faith united in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Since 1952, our church has sought to be a beacon of light in the city of Dallas and beyond.

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

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THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**

TWENTY-THIRD 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

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus laments how often we turn away from God and from God's wisdom. Embrace the yoke of Christ's love. For Christ's yoke is easy and his burden is light.

Voluntary

David Weigle

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
Charles Callahan

Call to Worship & Invocation

Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation

Christ calls those who are weary and heavy laden.

In Christ, we find rest.

Christ calls us to bear his yoke and learn from him.

In Christ, we see God's ways.

Christ is gentle and humble in heart.

In Christ, we know God's love.

Come, for Christ calls us here.

Let us pray:

You have walked many miles with us, O God. You have comforted and strengthened us along the way. Keep us on your path, for we easily lose our way. As we learn to live in your ways, help us choose the cause of justice and righteousness. Amen.

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on the following page.*

Come, We Who Love God's Name

ST. THOMAS



1. Come, we who love God's name, and let our joys be known;
2. Let those re-fuse to sing who nev-er knew our God;
3. God's grace on earth is found, the seeds of glo-ry sown;
4. The hill of Zi-on yields a thou-sand sa-cred sweets
5. Then let our songs a-bound, and ev-'ry tear be dry;



To - ge - ther God's great love pro - claim, and thus sur - round the throne.
 But we our thanks and praise will bring for love so deep and broad.
 Ce - les - tial fruits on earth - ly ground from faith and hope have grown.
 Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets.
 We're trav - eling through Em - man - uel's ground, to great - er worlds on high.

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

Larry Forth

Matthew 11:28-30

[Page 792 of the New Testament]

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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.

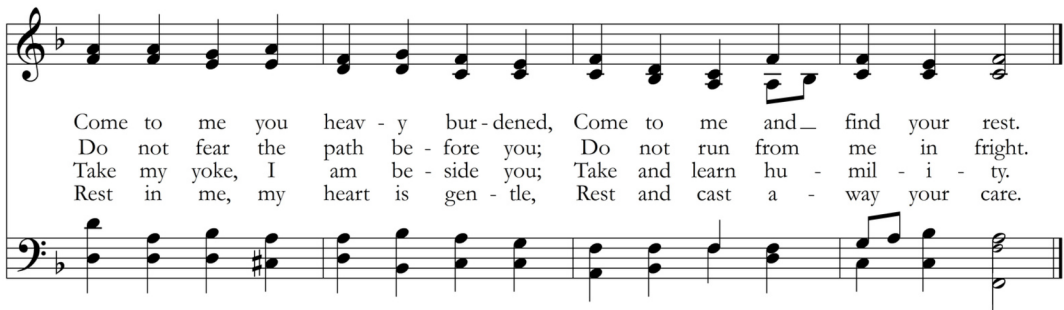
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Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

STUTTGART



1. Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler, Come to me with your dis - tress,
 2. Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y, Do not fear, my bur - den's light;
 3. Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; Take my yoke and come with me.
 4. Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler, Rest in me and do not fear.



Come to me you heav - y bur - dened, Come to me and find your rest.
 Do not fear the path be - fore you; Do not run from me in fright.
 Take my yoke, I am be - side you; Take and learn hu - mil - i - ty.
 Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle, Rest and cast a - way your care.

Call to Confession

Bruce Luedke & Congregation

God upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. Therefore let us confess our sin with every confidence that we will be lifted up.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Merciful God, we do not understand why we do the things we do. Forgive our foolish ways. Give us the strength and the courage to bear your yoke and to heed your call. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

We now share silence together.

Promise of Forgiveness

Christ rescues us from our foolish ways and from our misguided deeds. In Christ, we are made perfect, even in our imperfection.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn 471

Congregation

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
RESTORATION

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on the following page.*

Endless Possibilities, A Boundless Future *Jeff Liscum & Heidi Convery-Liscum*

A testimony of stewardship

⦿ Offertory Prayer

Patsy Meier

Generous God, may these gifts celebrate your name among the nations. May the lives we live celebrate your name for all time and all generations. Receive these offerings as signs of our praise, both now and forevermore. Amen.

Offertory

Choir

Come Unto Me

Mark Blankenship

Come unto me, all ye that labor and I will give you rest.

Come unto me, all ye that are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me:

For I am meek and lowly in heart:

And ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy, my burden is light.

Come unto me, all ye that labor, and I will give you rest.

—from *Matthew 11:28:30*

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



Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

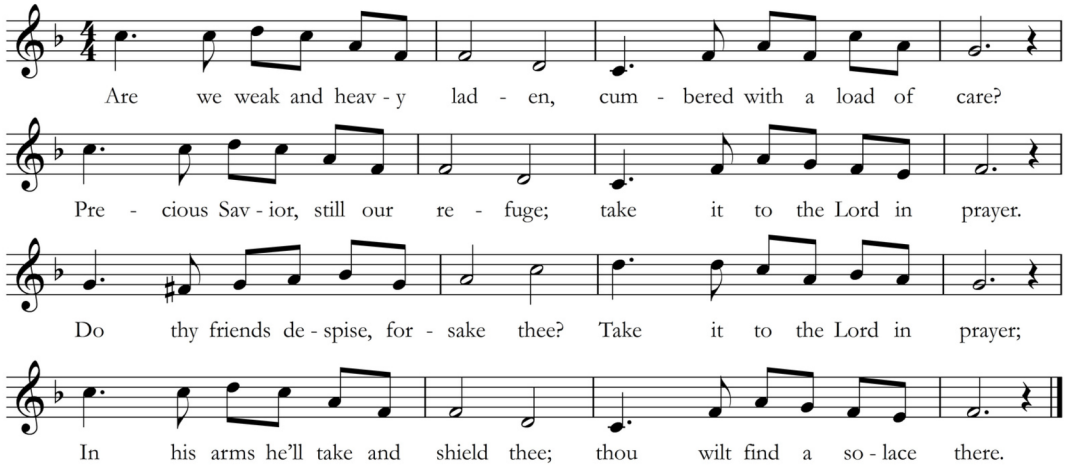
“All Who Are Weary”

Moment of Contemplation

Hymn 409

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE
(stanza 3)



Are we weak and heav-y lad-en, cum-bered with a load of care?

Pre-cious Sav-ior, still our re-fuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;

In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.

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Ordination of Deacons

Ordinands: Jeanie Chuang, Tommy Lamberth, Sharon Larkin

Presentation of Ordinands

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Statement of Purpose

Kelley Keith

Do you reaffirm your faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; do you seek the peace, unity and purity of the church; and do you, in accepting the office of deacon in this congregation, promise faithfully to perform all the duties pertaining to your calling?

Ordinands: We do, God being our helper.

Do you, the members of Royal Lane Baptist Church, receive these persons as deacons within the shared ministry of Christ's mission, and do you covenant to encourage and support them in the fulfillment of their responsibilities?

All: We do, God being our helper.

Induction & Words of Affirmation

Adam Visconti & Congregation

I now ask the congregation to join in a covenant of affirmation saying:

Reaffirming our faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, we gladly receive these as servant leaders in our life together. We covenant to support them with our prayers, encouragement, and respect. We celebrate with thanksgiving the shared responsibilities for Christ's ministry which is ours as the church. Praise be to God.

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Prayer of Blessing & Declaration

Jeff Hill & Congregation

Let us pray.

Gracious God, look with favor upon these who have been called and committed themselves to serve and lead in Christ's name. Pour out your Spirit upon them and upon this congregation. Grant these new Deacons courage, patience, wisdom, and vision; and strengthen us all in our witness to the world, and of service to others; in the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church, and in accordance with the actions of this congregation, I declare that you are now members of the diaconate of this church.

Thanks be to God!

Benediction

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Following the benediction, the newly ordained deacons will remain at the front to receive a word of blessing and encouragement.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Processional on “Lauda Anima”

Don Hustad

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.



Incoming Class of Deacons

Jeanie Chuang
Garland Hamic
Tommy Lamberth

Sharon Larkin
Blake Vickrey
Cathy Walling

2024-2025 Deacon Officers

Kelley Keith	Chair
Adam Visconti	Vice Chair
Jeff Hill	Secretary

WORSHIP *NOTES*

Hymn Notes

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Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Text: Joseph Hart, 1759
Music: William Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835
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What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1855
Music: Charles C. Converse, 1868
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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.



ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Fall Festival

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

Come to the Fall Festival at Royal Lane Baptist Church! Bounce House, DJ, Games, Crafts, Costume Parade, Trunk or Treat, and MORE! Please park in the lot behind Tiferet Israel (west end).



THIS WEDNESDAY
LUNCH+LEARN SERIES

Victoria Robb Powers

Looking Forward at Royal Lane



Lunch + Learn

November 6, 12:00 pm, Vickrey Hall

(Lunch line opens at 11:30 am)

Victoria Robb Powers, Looking Forward at Royal Lane.



*You are invited to the
ORDINATION of*

Jonathan Greer



Ordination of Jonathan Greer

November 9, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary

You are invited to the ordination of Jonathan Greer, and reception following in Vickrey Hall.



Community Lunch & Church Conference

Sunday, November 10, 12:15 pm, Vickrey Hall

Our regularly scheduled Church Conference will be conducted in Vickrey Hall following worship and accompanied by a community lunch. Childcare provided.

See Coming Events on our website for more information.

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WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*

Sunday, October 27 — Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

3:00 pm: Church-Wide Fall Festival — East Parking Lot (3:00 - 5:00 pm)

Tuesday, October 29

9:30 am: Communion & Contemplation — Narthex

Wednesday, October 30

1:30 pm: Holy Rollers — Library (1:30 - 3:30 pm)

6:30 pm: Youth Gathering

7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

Saturday, November 2

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, November 3 – All Saints Sunday

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

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

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

10:00 am: Royal Welcome Class — Library

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: Youth First Sunday Lunch — Gazebo Burger

12:15 pm: Missions — Christian Education Building, Room 212

8:00 pm: Education Division — Zoom



The Royal Lane Library

Did you hear Royal Lane is updating their library? Well, now there is a way for you to help! Scan the QR code or search “Royal Lane Baptist Church” in Amazon Registries to find our Library wish list! If you see any books on the list you would be willing to donate, please do so. We are excited to fill our shelves with books that better reflect who Royal Lane is!

Link: <https://amzn.to/3YmIR8b>

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

Patsy Meier & Barrett Wooten

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



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
Rosa Barrientos, Housekeeping
Mike Hurder, Maintenance Director
Ben Chamero, Livestream Technician
Brandon Green, Audio Technician
Blake Vickrey, Audio Technician



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