



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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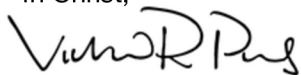
Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning. We are so glad you're here! Royal Lane Baptist Church is a diverse community of faith united in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Since 1952, our church has sought to be a beacon of light in the city of Dallas and beyond.

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-FIFTH 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 worship, we gather to express our unity with God and with each other. We are a community that spans the centuries bound together by a covenant whose signature is baptism. We inherited this covenant from those who bequeathed to us their faith and faithfulness. In our worship today, we renew our commitment to live in this covenant. As faithful disciples have done for years, let us worship God.

Voluntary

Fanfare and Flourishes
James Curnow

Classic Brass & David Weigle

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on the following page.*

Call to Worship & Invocation

Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation

Unless God builds the house,
the builders labor in vain.

**Build us into a spiritual house, O God,
and we will be a holy people.**

Unless God guards the city,
the guards keep watch in vain.

**Guard our hearts and minds,
that we may walk in your ways.**

Unless God is the center of our worship,
our words and praise are in vain.

**Here and now, Holy One,
may we taste eternity.**

Let us pray:

**O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy.
Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring
all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Ordinance of Christian Baptism

Harper Mae Wooten
Claire Elizabeth Keith
Sophie Marie McKinney

Baptismal Prayer

Congregation

**Merciful God, you call us by name, and promise to each of us your constant love.
Watch over your servants, Harper, Claire, and Sophie. Deepen their understanding of
the gospel, strengthen their commitment to follow the way of Christ, and keep them
in the faith and communion of your church. Increase their compassion for others,
send them into the world in witness to your love, and bring them to the fullness of
your peace and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

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

Jeff Hill

Matthew 13:31-35

[Page 795 of the New Testament]

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world."

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!**

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on the following page.*

Time for Young Disciples

Beth Johnson

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.

Hymn 32

Congregation

God Has Spoken by the Prophets

HYMN TO JOY

Prayers of the People

Garland Hamic & Congregation

We pray for the church and its leaders;

may we continue to be living witnesses for you.

We pray for the global community;

enable us to serve those in need and work for peace.

We pray for all those who are cheated and abused;

help us to be advocates for the powerless, that we might enact godly justice.

We pray for your creation;

make us good stewards, that many generations

will know the goodness of your gifts.

We pray for those who suffer;

make us agents of your restoration and healing.

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:

All these things we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

Our Great Redeemer's Praise

arranged by Anna Laura Page

O for a thousand tongues to sing our great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of our God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus, the name that calms my fears, that bids my sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

To God all glory, praise, and love be ever, ever giv'n;
to God all glory, praise, and love, by saints below and saints above;
to God all glory praise, the church on earth and heav'n.
We sing our great Redeemer's praise! Amen!

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“Faithful Imagination”

Moment of Contemplation

Pure Imagination

Anthony Newley / Leslie Bricusse

Brittany Jones, soloist

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Endless Possibilities, A Boundless Future

A testimony of stewardship

Haley Simental & Maddie Wiltse

✠ Offertory Prayer

Madge Cruse

Almighty God, whether we have given from abundance or from little, we humbly offer these gifts to you, and for the glory of your name, through your son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offertory

Classic Brass

Quintet
Richard Kamon

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



Blessing & Welcoming New Members

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Mara Bim
Brad and Kirsten Eason
Marenziah "Ziah" Huddleston
Shirley O'Reilly
Haley Simental and Maddie Wiltse

Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of Royal Lane Baptist Church?

New Members: We do.

Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life?

New Members: We will, with God's help.

To the members of Royal Lane Baptist Church, will you witness these promises and do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

All: We will.

 **Benediction**

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Closing Voluntary

Classic Brass & David Weigle

Festival Piece on “God of Grace”

Paul Manz, Opus 14, arr. Jonathan Crutchfield

Community Dinner & Church Conference following worship today in Vickrey Hall.
(childcare provided)

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.



WORSHIP *NOTES*

Classic Brass

Glen Hummel, Trumpet
Tyler Moore, Trumpet
Gerry Wood, Horn

Tim Owner, Trombone
Nate Frazier, Trombone
Daniel Cline, Percussion

Hymn Notes

O God Beyond All Praising

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God Has Spoken by the Prophets

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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*



Communion & Contemplation

Tuesday, November 12, 9:30 am, Narthex
Join us each week for contemplation and quiet as you begin your week.



Lunch + Learn

Wednesday, November 13, 12:00 pm
(Lunch line opens at 11:30- am)
Jonathan Greer, Beth Johnson, and Tori Jones. *The Road to Ordination.*



Gen X/Millennial Ladies

Saturday, November 16, 7:45 pm
Gather at Sangria y Cerveza, Plano, Texas, for fellowship and conversation.



Royal Friendsgiving

Saturday November 23, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Save the date and plan to join us at Sister Grove Farm for worship, communion, and fellowship. More information coming soon!

See Coming Events on our website for more information.

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Stockings for Hope Supply

The Missions Division invites you all to help fill stockings for children experiencing homelessness in Dallas. First, visit our Wish List Tree in the Narthex, pick an ornament, then shop from our Amazon wish list, or in person at your favorite store. If you wish to donate cash, we will shop for you! Give cash to Barbara Gunnin by November 17th, and bring your gifts to church by November 26th. Stay after worship Sunday December 1st to eat lunch together, and fill the stockings for the children served by Hope Supply.



You can access the wish list by searching “Stockings for Hope Supply” under Amazon registries, pointing to the QR code, or entering this link: <https://amzn.to/4e1dF2Z>

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 8. 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.

Kelley Keith, Deacon Chair

WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*



Sunday, November 10 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

12:15 pm: Community Lunch & Church Conference — Vickrey Hall (childcare provided)

Tuesday, November 12

9:30 am: Communion & Contemplation — Narthex

Wednesday, November 13

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

Menu: Shrimp Scampi, Pasta, Spinach Salad, Dessert

Program: Jonathan Greer, Beth Johnson, & Tori Jones

The Journey to Ordination

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

6:00 pm: Youth Friendsgiving Dinner — Pastor Victoria's house

7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

Thursday, November 14

11:00 am Memorial Service & Inurnment, Martha Box — Sanctuary & Columbarium

Reception — Vickrey Hall

Saturday, November 16

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

7:45 pm: Gen X/Millennial Ladies — Sangria y Cerveza, Plano, TX

Sunday, November 17 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am: Program Council — Vickrey Hall

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

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 Team — Christian Education Building, Room 212

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.

Deacons on Call

Jeff Hill & Garland Hamic

REQUEST
PRAYER



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
Mike Hurder, Maintenance Director
Ben Chamero, Livestream Technician
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