



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

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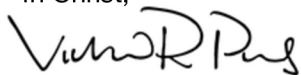
Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning. We are so glad you're here! Royal Lane Baptist Church is a diverse community of faith united in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Since 1952, our church has sought to be a beacon of light in the city of Dallas and beyond.

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-SIXTH 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 crisis, time seems to stand still and our faith can become battered by fear, rather than buoyed by trust. “How long, O God” sounds a familiar lament, but history remains in God’s good care. God’s promises will be fulfilled. God’s presence links past, present, and future in hope. How has faith sustained you through difficult times? What do you believe is most enduring in life?

Voluntary

Sanctuary Ringers

Fanfare for Bells

Mary G. McCleary

☦ **Call to Worship & Invocation**

Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation

Let us proclaim the source of our hope and strength.

Our lives belong to God, the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us rejoice in the foundation of our faith.

There is no rock like our God.

Let us put our trust in God alone.

No one shall deceive us.

Let us worship the source of our hope and strength.

We will worship the living God.

Let us pray:

Eternal God, help us to discern and hold fast to your presence in the midst of every changing circumstance, that we may live with hope and love with courage at all times. Amen.

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on the following page.*

Holy God and Holy Spirit

HYMN TO JOY



1. Ho - ly God and Ho - ly Spi - rit, Ho - ly Son of God made flesh;
 2. Ho - ly God, our ho - ly par - ent, we your child - ren seek your face.
 3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, give us com - fort when our lives seem hard to bear.
 4. Ho - ly Je - sus, our re - deem - er, thank you for your gift of life.



Hear the pray - ers of your peo - ple as we seek your right - eous - ness.
 Guide us through our dai - ly pat - terns with your lov - ing kind - em - brace.
 Fill us with an ea - ger out - look, off - 'ring help when called u - pon.
 Help us to be faith - ful ser - vants, with your guid - ance we will thrive.



Grant us grace, we hum - bly ask you, Let your light ful - fill our lives.
 As a par - ent of - fers guid - ance, So you show us how to live.
 In this world, let light shine through us, may your love and grace be known.
 When we em - u - late your kind - ness, oth - ers see you in our face.



When we ful - ly trust and love you, then we tru - ly learn to thrive.
 With your lov - ing hands you guide us, show - ing us how to sur - vive.
 If we tru - ly know and love you, we will ne - ver be a - lone.
 Let us wit - ness to your wis - dom, show - ing all the world your grace.

Words of Welcome

Rev. Harry Wooten

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

Alan Greider

Mark 13:1-8, 32-33

[Page 825 of the New Testament]

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

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

Beth Johnson

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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on the following page.*

The Solid Rock
SOLID ROCK

Call to Confession

Charlotte Sewell & Congregation

Through Jesus Christ, let us approach the throne of grace in full assurance of faith, for God has promised to be merciful.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

God of grace, all around us are wars, and rumors of wars, and we are afraid for ourselves and our world. We follow after false leaders and grasp for whatever security we can find. Forgive us, O God, for we are quick to forget that all of life is in your hands. Renew our hope, increase our courage, and keep us watchful for the signs of your just and peaceful reign that is to come; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

We now share silence together.

Promise of Forgiveness

Friends, may your hearts be in full assurance of God's amazing, unwavering, and everlasting grace.

**And may we always provoke one another to love and good deeds,
constantly encouraging one another.
Thanks be to God!**

Hymn

Congregation

In Times of Constant Struggle

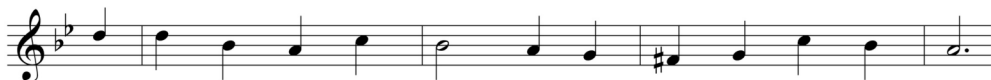
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1. In times of con - stant strug - gle, when doubt wears faith a - way,
2. When fear - some pow'rs sur - round us and threat - en to de - stroy,
3. In all life's chang - ing sea - sons, when shad - ows chal - lenge light,
4. The Chur - ch's pro - cla - ma - tion in - vites the world to be



We yearn to be a peo - ple who her - ald God's new day.
We know that God is with us, be - stow - ing last - ing joy.
We seek a ho - ly pres - ence to guide both day and night.
Dis - ci - ples of Christ Je - sus, who came to set us free.



We wit - ness through our liv - ing as we take up the cross
We wit - ness through our be - ing, and we are bold to claim:
We wit - ness through our dy - ing, de - spite the grief and pain,
We wit - ness through his ris - ing that death has lost its sting,



And join in seek - ing jus - tice with those who suf - fer loss.
God made us in Their im - age and calls us each by name.
Our trust that God is with us, and God's love will re - main.
And shar - ing in Christ's vic - t'ry, our hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

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on the following page.*

Prayers of the People

Rodney Macias & Congregation

Let us join our hearts and minds in prayer, saying,
God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Source of all wisdom, the nations are fraught with anxiety and fear,
and violence is all around us. Guide all peoples in the way of peace...

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of the covenant, our churches are torn by disputes and mistrust.
Soothe our angry spirits and reconcile us to your will...

God, 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:

**Keep us, O God, in the sure and certain hope of your providential care and guide us
in your ways of justice, peace, and love, until the day when we welcome Jesus
Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

These are Glad Tidings

Ken Medema, transcribed by Cathy Chamblee

To Celebrate the life and faith of Dr. Frederick Swann

J. T. Houser, soloist, Daniel Cline, percussion

These are glad tidings! This is good news!
God is our refuge: we shall not be moved!
Shake, all you mountains, deep in the sea!
God is our fortress and forever shall be!

There is a river streaming good news,
flowing through cities, past prisons and pews.
Soon will come morning. Hope soon will dawn.
God is our fortress and the river flows on!

Love melts our weapons, love burns our shields.
Swords are repurposed to plow battle fields.
Humbled to silence, be still and know:
God is our fortress and the river still flows

—Lyrics by Terry York
(Based on Psalm 46)

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on the following page.*

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles

“The One Who Endures to the End...”

Moment of Contemplation

Hymn 72

Day by Day

BLOTT EN DAG
(stanza 1)

Invitation to Generosity & Offertory Prayer

Scott Bryant

With glad and generous hearts, let us bring our offerings to God.

Hear now this prayer.

How can we thank you, O God, for all that you have done? You give us life; you give us hope; you give us your very self. Take our offerings—and our very selves—that your will may be done in our church, in our community, and throughout your wide and beautiful world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Offertory

Gabriel’s Oboe

Ennio Morricone

David Weigle

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



Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Coeli Enarrant
Robert Wetzler

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.



Poinsettia and Dedication Requests

Consider requesting poinsettias be placed in the Sanctuary of Royal Lane Baptist Church during the Advent/Christmas season in honor or memory of a loved one. Make your requests by Tuesday, November 26 so that your dedication can be included in the order of worship for the Hanging of the Green on December 8.

Order by:

- Submitting enclosed order form
- Ordering online at <https://royallane.org/give/poinsettia-dedications/>
- Pointing to the QR code.





Rev. Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles

Rev. Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles is a Professor of New Testament and Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. She helps people connect ancient traditions with contemporary life, equipping them with the skills and practices to confidently read biblical texts for themselves—free from hearsay and assumptions. She leads bold explorations into the subjects that matter most, creating a space where folks can ask real questions without fear or judgment and uncover new perspectives. Bringing the whole self—bodies and all

—into the process of seeking deeper knowledge and wisdom is essential for the healing and flourishing of all creation. Senses and emotions, along with our embodied intellect, are valuable sources of knowledge. Since God is a fan of Incarnation, humanity is in good company!

She serves as a Field Scholar for the Emory Center for Psychedelics and Spirituality and is an active member of the Transforming Chaplaincy Psychedelic Care Network. She is certified in Psychedelic Assisted Therapies and Research through the California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS). She enjoys speaking widely and writing for both academic and popular audiences. Her books include: *1 Corinthians: Searching the Depths of God* (2021), *Women in the Bible* (2020), *Reading John for Dear Life: A Spiritual Walk with the Fourth Gospel* (2016), *Engaging the Word: The New Testament and the Christian Believer* (2010); *Death and the Afterlife in the New Testament* (2006); and *Scripture Cannot Be Broken: The Social Function of the Use of Scripture in the Fourth Gospel* (2003). She is currently writing two books: *Psychedelics and Soul Care: What Christians Need to Know* (Eerdmans) and *The Agony, the Ecstasy, and the Ordinary: Experiencing God in the New Testament*.

As an ordained American Baptist minister, she has served in both congregational and hospice settings. She is a Navy brat and enjoys travel and triathlons.

WORSHIP *NOTES*

Hymn Notes

Holy God and Holy Spirit

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The Solid Rock

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Music: William B. Bradbury, 1863

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Day by Day

Text: Caroline F. Sandell-Berg, 1866

Music: Oscar Ahnfelt, 1872

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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.



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

ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Communion & Contemplation

November 19 9:30 am, Narthex

Start your day with our weekly communion and contemplation.



Lunch + Learn

Wednesday, November 20, 12:00 pm

(Lunch Line Opens at 11:30 am)

Virzola Law and Laurie Anderson, How Friendship Saves Us



Royal Friendsgiving

Saturday, November 23, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join your Royal Lane family on Saturday, November 23 for a Royal Friendsgiving at Sister Grove Farm. Bring your friends, family, and a favorite potluck dish to share. RSVP at <https://bit.ly/3ObilZw> or point to QR Code.



Stocking Stuffing for Hope Supply

Sunday, December 1, 12:15 pm

We invite you to stay after church to have lunch together and assemble the stockings for Hope Supply.

See Coming Events on our website for more information.

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WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*



Sunday, November 17

12:15 pm: Social Justice — Christian Education Building, Room 212

Tuesday, November 19

9:30 am: Communion & Contemplation — Narthex

Wednesday, November 20

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

Menu: TikTok Chicken Cobbler, Tossed Salad, Dessert

Program: Virzola Law & Laurie Anderson, *How Friendship Saves Us*

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

6:00 pm: Children's & Youth, Meet & Eat — 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, November 23

11:00 am: Royal Friendsgiving — Sister Grove Farm

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, November 24 – Reign of Christ Sunday

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

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

Rodney Macias & Charlotte Sewell

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*



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