



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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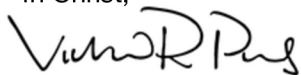
Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning. We are so glad you're here! Royal Lane Baptist Church is a diverse community of faith united in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Since 1952, our church has sought to be a beacon of light in the city of Dallas and beyond.

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**

SUNDAY OF GRATITUDE



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

Rejoice and give thanks! Today we remember the gifts and blessings that God showers in our lives. This is a season to trust God's providential care and to rest assured that we are held in Christ's gentle arms of love. In a world that instills fear and worry that nothing we have will ever be enough, we discover in Christ's arms that we have everything we need.

Voluntary

Jeanie Chuang

Choral Improvisation Op. 65

Nun danket alle Gott

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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on the following page.*

Call to Worship & Invocation

Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation

Be glad and rejoice, for God has done great things.

Our mouths are filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

A harvest of abundance surrounds us.

We will eat in plenty and be satisfied.

Praise God for all the bounty we enjoy.

Give thanks for every good and perfect gift.

We lay aside our worries and our fears.

God has dealt wondrously with us, and we rejoice.

Seek first God's realm of righteousness.

Let God reign in all your thoughts and relationships.

We know God is with us here.

We trust God to supply what we need.

Let us pray:

God of the living, with all your creatures great and small we sing your bounty and goodness, for in the harvest of land and ocean, in the cycles of the seasons, and the wonders of each creature, you reveal your generosity. Teach us the gratitude that dispels envy, that we may honor each gift as you cherish your creation, and praise you in all times and places. Amen.

Hymn 372

Congregation

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

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

Cathy Walling

Luke 17:11-19

[Page 852 of the New Testament]

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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.

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

Hymn 379

Congregation

Let All Things Now Living
ASH GROVE

Call to Confession

Mike Jones & Congregation

Jesus loves us and frees us from our sins; therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

O God, we long to come into your presence undistracted by our hectic lives. But instead, we fight our way in, amidst the clutter and stress. Our minds are full of worry. Our hearts are buffeted this way and that. Our souls are tired and sore. We rest in the assurance of Jesus. O God, you know our need. Grow our vision and nurture our trust until our worries fall away. Restore us in your grace that we may breathe again, through Christ and in his righteousness. Amen.

We now share silence together.

Promise of Forgiveness

Remember this day the gifts and blessings that God showers in our lives. This is a season to trust God's providential care and to rest assured in Christ's arms of love. In those arms, we have everything we need. Rejoice and give thanks!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn 376

Congregation

For the Fruit of All Creation AR HYD Y NOS

Prayers of the People

Kelley Keith & Congregation

God clothes the grass of the field and feeds the birds of the air. On behalf of the church and the world, we offer our prayers more from our need to be transformed by our awareness of them than from any need of God to be reminded of them.

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:

Free us from all fear and worry that, trusting in your goodness, we may always praise your mighty deeds and give you thanks for the bounty of your gifts. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Anthem

Choir

Let Your Faith Be Stronger Than Your Fear

Tom Trenney

Dan Thompson, soloist

In the deserts of your life, I'll not desert you.
I will make a way beside a flowing stream.
Through the valley, do not fear, for I am with you:
My rod and staff to comfort and redeem.

In the darkness of your life, I will not leave you.
In the shadow, I'm your light, your lamp, your sun.
I will be the star that shines above to guide you,
a light unto your path to lead you on.

Do not be afraid, I go before you.
Do not be afraid, I am by your side.
Be still and know that I am with you.
Let your faith be stronger than your fear.

When you're weary, when you're faint, I will be with you.
I will raise you up to soar on eagle's wings.
I will be the joy that seeks you through your sorrow.
Unending hope my resurrection brings.

When the storms assail, I will uphold you.
I will strengthen you; I'll be the help you need.
Though the waters rage and foam, fear not, I'm with you.
I am the way, the truth, the life, indeed!

“Gratitude”

Moment of Contemplation

Grateful

John Bucchion

Paul J. Williams, soloist

I've got a roof over my head, I've got a warm place to sleep.
Some nights I lie awake counting gifts instead of counting sheep.
I've got a heart that can hold love, I've got a mind that can think.
There may be times when I lose the light and let my spirits sink.
But I can't stay depressed when I remember how I'm blessed.

Grateful, grateful, truly grateful I am.

Grateful, grateful, truly blessed and duly grateful.

In a city of strangers I've got a fam'ly of friends.
No matter what rocks and brambles fill the way, I know that they will stay until the end.
I feel a hand holding my hand. It's not a hand you can see.
But on the road to the promised land, this hand will shepherd me.
Through delight and despair, holding tight and always there.

It's not that I don't want a lot, or hope for more or dream of more
But giving thanks for what I've got makes me so much happier than keepin' score.
In a world that can bring pain, I will still take each chance.
For I believe that whatever the terrain our feet can learn to dance.
Whatever stone life can sling, we can moan or we can sing...

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Offertory Prayer

David Doom

Gracious and abundant God, like the birds of the air, we can trust your provision. You take care of us. Like the lilies of the field, all that we have is yours. Every good thing is a gift from you. You take care of us. Bless us this day, and bless the gifts we bring, that in all we make and say and do, trust may grow, beauty may flourish, generosity may flow, and your name be praised. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Offertory

Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach, arranged by Virgil Fox

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

We Thank Thee, O God

Sinfonia from 29th Cantata

J. S. Bach

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*

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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.



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/3YmlR8b>

ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Family Advent Kick-Off Event

Sunday, December 1, 9:45 am

Start in the Education Building to make a family Advent Box.

10:15 am - Parents Experience Godly Play together. (Kids/youth will join for their Sunday School)



Stocking Assembly

Sunday, December 1, 12:15 pm

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



Young Adult Friendsgiving

Sunday, December 1, 6:00 pm

Join us for a potluck style dinner and gather around the fire pit (weather permitting) to share Thanksgiving stories. Please email or text Kenna Curry at kcurry@royallane.org for address and to sign up for a dish. (214) 808-3342.



Advent Bible Study

Thursday, December 5, 6:00 pm, Library

The Advent Bible Study, led by Kenna Curry, will be a book study on Malachi. The ancient compilers of the Bible placed Malachi as the last book of the Old Testament because they felt it prepared the way for the Gospels. This will be a three-week series.

See Coming Events on our website for more information.

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WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*



Tuesday, November 26

9:30 am: Communion & Contemplation — Narthex

Wednesday, November 27

No Wednesday Activities

Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29

Church office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Sunday, December 1 – First Sunday of Advent

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

9:45 am: Family Advent Kick Off Event

Build a Family Advent Box — Vickrey Hall & Christian Education Building

9:45 am: Children's & Youth Sunday School Class — Christian Education Building

10:15 am: Parents Experience Godly Play — Christian Education Building

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: Stocking Assembly for Hope Supply — Christian Education Building

6:00 pm: Young Adult Friendsgiving — Home of Kenna Curry

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

Dan Thompson & Kelley Keith

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



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

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