



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

DECEMBER 1, 2024

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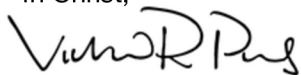
Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning. We are so glad you're here! Royal Lane Baptist Church is a diverse community of faith united in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Since 1952, our church has sought to be a beacon of light in the city of Dallas and beyond.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Victoria Robb Powers".

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

DECEMBER 1, 2024

THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

Beth Johnson

Welcome to the beginning of Advent, a season of anticipation and preparation as we ready our hearts for the coming of the Messiah. Today, we light the first candle and reflect on the name Wonderful Counselor. In this holy time, we are reminded that Christ comes to guide us with divine wisdom and unfailing love, offering hope and direction in a world often marked by confusion and uncertainty. As we enter this journey toward the manger, may we open ourselves to the counsel of the One who leads us in the way of peace and prepares us for the fullness of God's promise.

Voluntary

Jonah Hammett. horn & Jeanie Chuang

Mozart Horn Concerto No. 2

W. A. Mozart

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on the following page.*

☩ Call to Worship & Invocation

Kenna Curry, Harper Wooten & Congregation

Come, let us go in gladness to the house of God.

**Let us call on the many names of the Messiah,
who does awesome deeds we do not expect.**

To you, O God, we lift up our souls.

In you, we trust, O God.

Let your face shine, O God; save and restore us.

—based on Psalms 25, 122, 80: Isaiah 64

Let us pray:

Almighty God, in a world heavy with the threat of war, we come to celebrate the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. In a time characterized by greed and selfishness, we come to rejoice in Your selfless gift. In an age burdened by despair and lack of hope, we come to announce the advent of the Promised One. In a society self-defined by success, we come to encounter the Suffering Servant. In the midst of a people who have lost their direction, we come seeking the One who is the Way, the Truth, the Life. Amen.

☩ Processional Hymn 83

Congregation

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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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

Claire Keith

Isaiah 9:6-7

[Page 444 of the Hebrew Bible]

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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!**

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Tiffany, Alan, & Cayton Wright

Advent Hymn

Congregation

Great Counselor, We've Waited Long

PUER NOBIS

Great Coun - se - lor, we've wait - ed long, Op - pressed by
sys - tems harsh and wrong; Un - com - mon Wis - dom,
through our night, Bring light and jus - tice by your might.

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final double bar line at the end of the third line. The lyrics are aligned under the notes.

Unison Prayer

With this one light we pray:

God of the long wait, we take hope, knowing you are a God whose movement is not dependent on our ability to perceive it. Remind us that your wait in the womb of Mary was not time wasted but an intimate beginning in mystery, growth, and dependency. Let us wait in mystery, believing that those who think they are in control of this world are not, and that oppression will not prevail. Let us feel that even here you are moving, you are growing our way to life and healing. Protect us from despair as we wait for liberation. Amen.

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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 84

Congregation

The People Who in Darkness Walked

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

Offertory Prayer

Sophie McKinney

God of righteousness, you have saved us from the worst world can do and have promised to redeem the whole creation when Christ comes again. In faith and hope we offer our gifts of money and self, that we may be part of what you are doing in the world even now, as we watch for Christ's coming in glory. Amen.

Offertory

Choir

For Unto Us a Child Is Born from MESSIAH

G. F. Handel

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given,
and the government shall be upon His shoulder:
and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

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



Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“Wonderful Counselor”

Luke 1:52-53

Moment of Contemplation

Hymn 120

Congregation

Emmanuel

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Communion

All Believers, Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

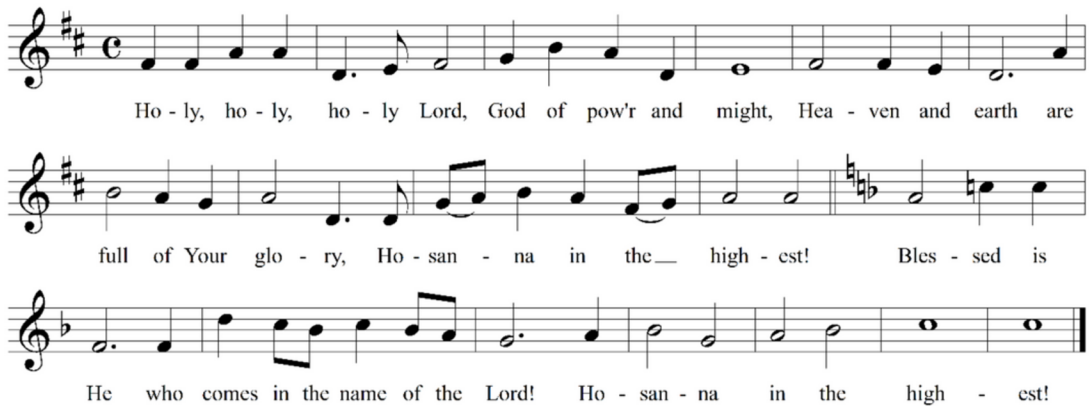
We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the God we love.

We freely give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Hea - ven and earth are
full of Your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bles - sed is
He who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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on the following page.*

Words of Institution

Response: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Following the choir, please move by way of the center aisle to partake
of communion and return via the outside aisles.
The Communion elements are gluten free.*

Comfort Ye and Every Valley from MESSIAH

G. F. Handel

J. T. Hauser

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people saith your God;
speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem;
and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished,
that her iniquity is pardoned.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted,
and every mountain and hill made low;
the crooked straight,
and the rough places plain.

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on the following page.*

Passing of the Peace

May God increase our love for one another and strengthen our hearts in holiness, as we greet one another in hope and in peace.

The peace of Christ be with you... **And also with you.**

Benediction

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Organ Dismissal

Jeanie Chuang

People Look East

Kristina Langlois

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.



Sunday, December 8

Join us next Sunday at 11:00 am for the annual “Hanging of the Green,” a service of of carols and celebration including *The Legend of the Poinsettia*, the *Coming of the Light* and the *Advent Wreath*, the *Hanging of the Garlands and Wreaths*.



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.



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*



Young Adult Friendsgiving

Sunday, December 1, 6:00 pm

Join us for a potluck style dinner. We will gather around the fire pit (weather permitting) at the home of Kenna Curry and share Thanksgiving stories. If we get rained out, we shall enjoy a movie night!



Lunch + Learn

Wednesday, December 4, 12:00 pm

(Lunch Line opens at 11:30 am)

"Keyboard and Carols" with Scott Ayers, Principal Pianist and Conductor, Turtle Creek Chorale.



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.



Meet the Artist

Saturday, December 7, 5:00 - 7:00 pm,

Box Gallery

Featuring the artwork of Marilee V. Haynes - Mixed Media, Gary McCoy - Photographer, & Jan Thomas - Mosaic Art Form.

See Coming Events on our website for more information.

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Great Counselor, We've Waited Long

2024 Advent Hymn, for Royal Lane Baptist Church, Dallas, TX,
and Harry Wooten, Minister of Music

Great Counselor, we've waited long,
oppressed by systems harsh and wrong;
Uncommon Wisdom, through our night,
bring light and justice by your might.

O, Mighty God, with awesome pow'r,
transform us in this crucial hour;
in faithful witness to your deeds,
we live in faith not bound by creeds.

O, Everlasting Father-God,
may we your children share abroad
that we no longer orphaned are;
salvation comes, led by a star.

O Prince of Peace, our Savior be;
restore creation's equity;
no pabulum peace, but true shalom
shall make our longing hearts your home.

O, hark, each herald-angel sings,
for unto us a child God brings;
from this time forth, forevermore,
we dwell in Christ, whom we adore!

Text: Michael Glenn Dell, November 2024

Tune: PUER NOBIS

Meter: LM (8.8.8.8)

WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*

Sunday, December 1 – First Sunday of Advent

12:15 pm: Stocking Assembly for Hope Supply — Vickrey Hall, Education Building

12:15 pm: Youth First Sunday Lunch — Gazebo Burger

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

8:00 pm: Education Division — Zoom

Tuesday, December 3

9:30 am: Communion & Contemplation — Narthex

Wednesday, December 4

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

Menu: Moussaka, Green Beans, Horiatiki, Dessert

Program: Scott Ayers, “*Keyboard and Carols*”

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

Thursday, December 5

6:00 pm: Advent Bible Study — Library

Saturday, December 7

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

5:00 pm: Meet the Artist — Box Gallery (*5:00 - 7:00 pm*)

Sunday, December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent

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

9:45 am: Children’s Christian Education — Christian Education Building

9:45 am: Youth Christian Education — 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

Young Theologians — Christian Education Building, Room 202

Children Fourth through Sixth Grade

12:15 pm: Racial Justice Team — Vickrey Hall

8:00 pm: Education Division — Zoom

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

Jack Mullinax & Margaret Darden

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