



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

JANUARY 5, 2025

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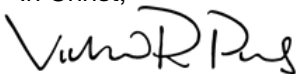
Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning. We are so glad you're here! Royal Lane Baptist Church is a diverse community of faith united in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Since 1952, our church has sought to be a beacon of light in the city of Dallas and beyond.

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, appearing to read "Victoria Robb Powers".

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

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THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**

EPIPHANY SUNDAY



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

The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.

Voluntary

Allegro from “Christmas Concerto”
by Arcangelo Corelli

David Weigle

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on the following page.*

Call to Worship & Invocation

Kenna Curry & Congregation

Arise, shine; for your light has come.

The glory of God has risen among us.

We are awake; we are alive!

Praise God for deliverance and blessings.

Lift up your eyes to see all around you.

Let your hearts rejoice, and be radiant with hope.

May justice water the earth like a shower;

let righteousness and peace abound.

Receive again the promises of the gospel.

Participate in the mystery of Jesus Christ.

God's ways are being revealed to us today.

Our church proclaims the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Let us pray:

Radiant Morning Star, you are both guidance and mystery. Visit our rest with disturbing dreams, and our journeys with strange companions. Grace us with the hospitality to open our hearts and homes to visitors filled with unfamiliar wisdom bearing profound and unusual gifts. Amen.

Hymn 150

Congregation

As With Gladness Men of Old

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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

Alan Wright

Matthew 2:1-12

[Page 783 of the New Testament]

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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.

Call to Confession

Scott Bryant & Congregation

In the light of Christ, we see the shadows of our world and of our hearts.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

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on the following page.*

Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Promise of Forgiveness

This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.

Thanks be to God.

✠ Hymn 151

Congregation

We Three Kings

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✠ Offertory Prayer

Cathy Walling

Glorious God, you led three men of wisdom to seek Jesus, your Holy Child, born of Mary. Overjoyed in the presence of his radiant light, the men knelt down at the infant's crib and offered him precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We, too, offer our gifts in gratitude, reverence, and thanksgiving for the birth of your child, whom you called to lead the world into fullness of life. Receive and bless this offering as a joyful sign of the boundless love and abundant life we are called to share in Christ. **Amen.**

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



Solo

Brittany Jones and David Weigle

This Little Light of Mine

Arranged by Ken Berg

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I'm going to let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm going to let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All through the night, I'm going to let it shine.

All through the night, I'm going to let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“When Troubled”

Moment of Contemplation

Our Savior's Infant Cries We Heard

ST AGNES

(stanzas 1 & 2 choir)

(stanzas 3 & 4 congregation)



1. Our Sav - ior's in - fant cries were heard and met by hu - man love
2. By trust - ing Christ to hu - man care, God blessed for - ev - er - more
3. Who - ev - er calms a child by night, or guides a youth by day,
4. For Christ, who was a ref - u - gee from Her - od and his sword,



Be - fore he preached one sav - ing word or prayed to God a - bove.
The care of chil - dren ev - 'ry - where, the bruised, the lost, the poor.
Serves Him whose birth by lan - tern light was on a bed of hay.
Is seek - ing now, thro' us to be our chil - dren's friend and Lord.

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Communion

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

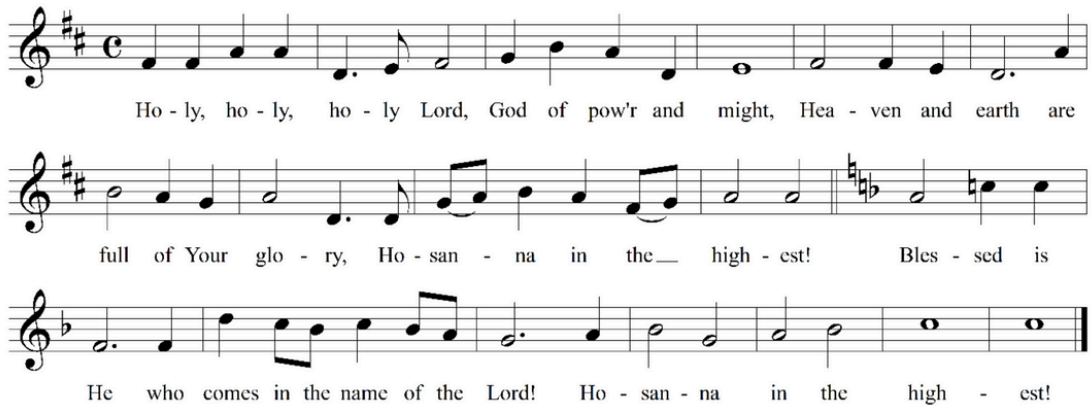
We lift them up to God.

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!

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.*

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on the following page.*

Passing of the Peace

May peace prosper among us until the moon is no more. May we share signs of peace and love to sustain us in this New Year.

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

Sung Response

Congregation

God of Swirling Galaxy

by Nathan Russel



Benediction

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Arranged by John A. Behnke

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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ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Lunch + Learn

Wednesday, January 8, 12:00pm

(Lunch Line opens at 11:30am)

Our Lunch and Learn series starts up again next Wednesday. We'll be joined by Garrett Vickrey for "The Art and Joy of Preaching."



Royal Welcome Class

Sunday, January 19, 10:00am, Library

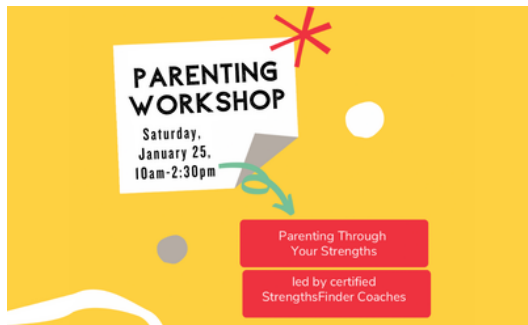
Open to all visitors! Come learn more about us, hear from our pastors, ask questions, etc. Coffee and pastries provided.



Young Adult Gift Exchange

Sunday, January 12, 5:00pm

Our rescheduled YA Gift Exchange will take place next week! Bring a gift and your favorite Christmas cookies (spending limit of \$20). Text or email Kenna for address or more details.



Parenting Strengths Workshop

Saturday, January 25, 10:00am, Vickrey Hall

Mark your calendars for this workshop, where we will explore how your strengths shape your parenting style, influence your relationship with your children, and impact their growth. A \$10 fee covers snacks, coffee, and lunch. Join us!

Register at <https://bit.ly/41Q8NLo>



See Coming Events on our website for more information.

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WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*

Sunday, January 5

12:15 pm: Youth First Sunday Lunch

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

8:00 pm: Education Division — Zoom

Tuesday, January 7

9:30 am: Communion & Contemplation — Narthex

Wednesday, January 8

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

Menu: Chicken Spaghetti, Tossed Salad with Ranch Dressing, Dessert

Program: Garrett Vickrey, “The Art and Joy of Preaching”

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

6:00 pm: Children’s Activity — Godly Play Room

6:15 pm: Youth Gathering — Youth Cottage

7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

Thursday, January 9

11:00 am: Memorial Service for Rosa Barrientos — Sanctuary

Reception following — Vickrey Hall

Saturday, January 11

11:00 am: Memorial Service for Dorothy (Dot) Johnson — Sanctuary

Reception following — Vickrey Hall

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, January 12

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

Children’s Christian Education — Christian Education Building

Youth Christian Education — Youth Cottage

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

Recognition and Thank You to Barbara Merry

At the conclusion of our worship service on Sunday, January 12th, we will honor Barbara for her time at Royal Lane. There will be a reception following the service in Vickrey Hall.

A basket for cards of appreciation will be placed at the reception to send Barbara with our warm wishes.



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>



Stewardship Update



We are getting so much closer to meeting our 2025 pledge goal. We are at 86% of the dollar amount goal we set. If you haven't made your pledge yet, please consider doing so as we enter the New Year!

HOW TO *CONNECT*

Event Details

See the Weekly Newsletter 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

Leslie Cechan and Cathy Walling

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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