



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

JANUARY 12, 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, reading "Victoria Robb Powers".

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

JANUARY 12, 2025

THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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

*Living Christ,
this was your decisive moment.
Rising from the river of baptism
you began to discover
what it meant
to be committed
to the way of the servant.*

*In your moment
of seeing and hearing
the Spirit was preparing you for
your mission:
you made the choice
and took the risk
of obedience*

*and the rippling reflection of a cross
rose from Jordan.
In your baptism
you set the pattern for us;
help us to know, and discover,
what it means
to be committed
to the way of the servant.*

*May your Spirit
open our eyes
and ears
that we may become
partners of your mission;
and in obedience,
take up the cross and follow you.*

Voluntary

Like a River Glorious
Arr. by James Pethel

David Weigle

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on the following page.*

☪ **Call to Worship & Invocation**

Garland Hamic & Congregation

Jesus, you are the one who rises from the water and the tomb to offer new life to all.

We offer our life as a sign of our worship.

Jesus, you are the one who agrees to be baptized to be at one with us.

We offer our baptism as a sign of being with you.

Jesus, you are the one for whom the heavens open to allow the Spirit to descend.

We offer our ready heart as a sign of our open life.

Jesus, you are the one who is the Son so well loved that God's delight is in you.

We offer you our delight and joy as a sign of our everlasting love.

Word of God, speak for your servants are listening.

Spirit of creation and renewal, hover over our gathering this day, as you hovered over creation on that first day. Enter into our hearts and our lives, as you did at the day of our baptism. Descend on us like a dove as you did on Jesus' day of baptism, that we may hear again your words of love and adoption. Speak from the heavens into our minds, that we may perceive your words of guidance and wisdom. Amen.

☪ **Hymn 152**

Congregation

When Jesus Came to Jordan

COMPLAINER

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

Sarah King

Luke 3:15-17; 21-22

[Page 834 of the New Testament]

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with* the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'*

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.

Children Grades 4 through 6, are invited to Young Theologians

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

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on the following page.*

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

ABERYSTWYTH



1. Wild and lone the proph-et's voice Ech-oes through the des - ert still,
 2. "Bear the fruit re - pent-ance sows: Lives of jus - tice, truth, and love.
 3. With such preach-ing stark and bold John pro-claimed sal - va - tion near,




Call - ing us to make a choice, Bid - ding us to do God's will:
 Trust no oth - er claim than those; Set your heart on things a - bove.
 And his time-less warn-ings hold Words of hope to all who hear.




"Turn from sin and be bap-tized; Cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
 Soon the Lord will come in power, Burn - ing clean the thresh - ing floor;
 So we dare to jour-ney on, Led by faith through ways un - trod,




Quit-ting all the sins you prized, Yield your life to God's con - trol.
 Then will flames the chaff de - vour; Wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."
 Till we come at last like John To be - hold the Lamb of God.



Prayers of the People

Michele Stinecipher & Congregation

Children of God, our baptismal vows call us to compassion and mercy on behalf of those in need. We offer our prayers for the church and the world. Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud...

We now share silence together.

Let us pray:

Gracious God, you revealed your Son in the waters of the Jordan and anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim good news to all people. Sanctify us by the same Spirit, that we may proclaim the healing power of the gospel by acts of love in your name. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

Down to the River to Pray

Arr. by Mike Peasall

*As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown (robe and crown), good Lord show me the way.*

O sister, let's go down, let's go down come on down.

O sister let's go down, down to the river to pray.

O brothers, let's go down, let's go down come on down.

Come on brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

O fathers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

O fathers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

O mothers, let's go down, come on down, come on down.

Come on mothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

O sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

O sinners let's go down, down to the river to pray.

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Moment of Contemplation

Renewal of Baptism Vows

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers & Congregation

Jesus baptized in the river by John the Baptist became living water for us and embraces all of us. Jesus embraces those who are poor, oppressed, marginalized and all others who come seeking. Whether we have been baptized or not, remember it or not, we have opportunity today to claim and rejoice in the very real ways in which God comes to light in the church and in our lives. Through baptism, God declares that we are beloved children of God. God is well pleased. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to see, feel, and hear again the vows of Baptism.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Do you renew and affirm the promises made at your Baptism?

We do.

Do you recognize the call of God to be God's people always?

We do.

Do you embrace the way of Jesus in faith and ministry?

We do.

Do you accept the nurture of the Holy Spirit who renews your spirit each day?

We do.

Do you accept and embrace others who seek a liberating faith in God?

We do.

In renewing your baptismal vows, remember your Baptism as a mark of acceptance and welcome into the care of Christ's church where you may begin again your Christian faith and life.

 **Hymn 451**

Come, Be Baptized

Gary Alan Smith
(refrain only)

Offertory Prayer

Jeff Hill

O Gracious God, we thank you for the invitation to grow through giving, made possible by your outpouring spirit. May these gifts we bring be used to form ever-new blessings in this congregation and around the world. And may our lives be the instruments of love and joy you desire. Amen.

Offertory

Christe, aller Welt Trost

by J.S. Bach

David Weigle

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



Benediction

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

Arr. by Michael Burkhardt

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.



COMMUNITY *ANNOUNCEMENTS*



Honoring Barbara Merry

The reception honoring Barbara Merry's time as our Ministries Assistant has been postponed until further notice. We will update you as soon as a new date is set!



The Weekly Email

Our Weekly Mosaic email is going through some changes in an effort to communicate more clearly and effectively. We hope these changes will make its arrival in your inbox more consistent and its contents more applicable to your life! You can expect your first email next Wednesday at 8am.



Memorial Notices

The Memorial Service for Rosa Barrientos will take place tomorrow, Monday, January 13th at 11:00am. The service for Dot Johnson has been postponed.



The Royal Lane Library

We continue to update the Library here at Royal Lane. Scan the QR code or search "Royal Lane Baptist Church" in Amazon Registries to find our wish list! We are excited to fill our shelves with books that reflect who Royal Lane is!

Link: <https://amzn.to/3YmIR8b>



Southwestern Watercolor Society

Presents

Small Works

By SWS Members

**Hosted by Royal Lane Baptist Church
and the Box Gallery**

January 5-March 29, 2025

***“Art is not what you see, but what you
make others see.” Edgar Degas***

**Painting is a passion and a challenge and an
artistic journey. We welcome these artists
and you, the viewer, to be part of that
journey.**

WORSHIP *NOTES*



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Liturgy Notes

Chiming: *The Way of the Servant*

John Slow, in *Kneelers: Prayers from Three Nations*, Prayer Handbook
Advent 2001-2002, ed. Norman Hart (London United Reformed Church, 2001)
Resources and contributors

Call to Worship:

Jean McCallum, in *Read Mark and Pray: Prayer Handbook 1992*,
ed. Graham Cook

Hymn Notes

When Jesus Came to Jordan

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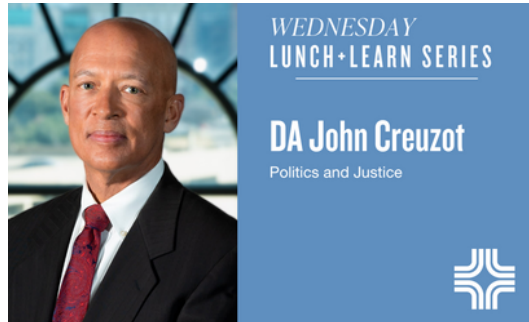
ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



YA Gift Exchange

Sunday, January 12, 5:00pm

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



Lunch + Learn

Wednesday, January 8, 12:00pm

(Lunch Line opens at 11:30am)

Our Lunch and Learn series continues this Wednesday. We'll be joined by DA John Creuzot for "Politics and Justice."



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.



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*



Tuesday, January 14

9:30 am: Communion & Contemplation — Narthex

Wednesday, January 15

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

Menu: Hot Roast Beef Sliders, Assorted Chips, Crudités with Green Goddess dip, Dessert

Program: DA John Creuzot, Politics and Justice

1:30 pm: Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 212 (1:30 - 3:30 pm)

6:15 pm: Children's Choir — Christian Education Building, Room 202

6:15 pm: Youth Gathering — Harris Youth Cottage

7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

Friday, January 17

5:30 pm: Young Adult Special Event: Maverick's Game

Saturday, January 18

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, January 19

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 Cottage

10:00 am: Royal Welcome Class — Library

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

Name & Name

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.

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GIVING*



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