



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

JANUARY 19, 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 19, 2025

THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**

SECOND 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

How precious is the steadfast love of God.
All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.
Christ is the fountain of life.
In Christ we behold the Light of God.

Voluntary

We Shall Overcome
Arr by Jan Janca

David Weigle

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on the following page.*

☩ **Call to Worship & Invocation**

Kenna Curry & Congregation

The search continues. The call is out. God is looking for those who will represent.

Here I am, God, send me.

There are people crying. There are people dying. There are people who need hope.

Here I am, God, send me.

There is much depression, much despair, much pain.

Here I am, God, send me.

In this season of Epiphany, God is searching for those who will shine in their places.

We have heard your call. Speak, your servants are listening.

Let us pray:

Holy God, through signs of grace you reveal your glory to all the world. Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders you perform, that we may believe with our minds and trust in our hearts that you alone are Lord of all creation. Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

☩ **Hymn 58**

Congregation

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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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

Donna Wood-Martin

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

[Page 933 of the New Testament]

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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.

Hymn 692

Congregation

Let Truth and Mercy Find Here

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Covenant Prayer of Recommitment to Justice

Mara Richards Bim & Congregation

As we remember and honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we embrace his global vision of Beloved Community, in which all people can share in the wealth of the earth.

...for a world that honors standards of human decency which refuses to tolerate poverty, hunger, and homelessness.

...for the eradication of racism and all forms of discrimination, bigotry, and prejudice.

...that peace with justice will prevail over war and military conflict.

With all this in our hearts and on our minds, we come to you in prayer.

O God, who has created your children to be free, we attest in word and deed that you are our God and we are your people. From our earliest days as the people whom you intend to be free.

O God, you have called us from self-seeking bondage, comfort, complacency, and complaint, to freeing and redeeming action for justice everywhere in the world.

You are our freeing God.

and we would be your free and freeing people.

O God of Exodus and the Burning Bush, of the Prophets and of Jesus, we hear your powerful calling to be your servants in the service of all those who are hungry, the imprisoned, and the broken, for you made yourself one with those who seek justice, freedom, and peace. We share a vision, a promise, and a yearning for the day of your reign, O God.

You are our servant God, and we would be your serving people.

O God, Our Sustainer, search our hearts and reveal to us our sinfulness, all the ways that we contribute to injustice and to self-destroying bondage. Give us as living sacrifices for your will. We have heard your calling. Hear us now as we make our pledge.

✚ (As you are able, please rise in body or in spirit.)

Let us pray,

You are our God and we are your people. We pledge ourselves now to pursue relentlessly that living, breathing justice which transforms persons and peoples. To your will for justice we recommit ourselves and pledge ourselves, our funds, our actions. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

 Hymn 638

Congregation

Lift Every Voice and Sing
James Weldon Johnson, J. Rosamond Johnson

Sermon

Rev. Jonathan Greer

Moment of Contemplation

 Hymn 649

Congregation

Christ, You Call Us All to Service
IN BABILONE

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Invitation to Generosity & Offertory Prayer

Rodney Macias

God's thoughts toward us are more than the grains of sand. We cannot count the many and various ways that God works on our behalf. Let us show our appreciation by sharing with others.

Hear now this prayer.

Loving God, receive these our tokens of gratitude in thanks for all you do for us. May these offerings be used to spread your name, your power, and your glory throughout the earth. We pray in the name of your son, Jesus. Amen.

Offertory Anthem

Choir

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Allen Pote

Many Gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice.
Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.
O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.
In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.

O God, remind us we are not alone.

Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.

Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand
We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands.

Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul
Into the beauty of a rainbow, Give us life, Lord, make us whole.

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



 **Benediction**

Rev. Jonathan Greer

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Strange Fruit
Lewis Allan, Billie Holiday

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.



ROYAL LANE *GUEST PREACHER*



Rev. Jonathan Greer was recently ordained here at Royal Lane Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Brite Divinity School where he received a Master's in Divinity and a Certificate in Women and Gender Studies. Jonathan also holds a BM in Church Music and MM in Music History from Baylor University. His passion for justice led him to work with the Luke 4:18 Bail Fund through Faith in Texas. He is also a founding member of Vox Peregrini, which offers pilgrimage choral trips and gives scholarships to singers in Caring Professions.

REASON TO *CELEBRATE*

We are thrilled to announce that Royal Lane was recently chosen as a participant in Fellowship Southwest's new Thriving Congregations Immigration Ministry (TCIM) program. We have been long term ministry partners with Fellowship Southwest and are honored to be chosen to collaborate in this new way. The purpose of the TCIM program is to train churches to engage in compassionate ministry with migrants at border and non-border locations.

Fellowship Southwest will be working with our congregation to discern how our gifts can best serve the migrant community. They'll also be training us on how to best advocate for migrants in our midst. This program is funded by the Lily Foundation, and Royal Lane was awarded a grant of \$7,000 to help launch this new ministry in our church. More information will come in the weeks to follow.

We will be joined by FSW Executive Director, Stephen Reeves, at our January 29th Lunch + Learn. This will be a great time to ask questions together about faith, advocacy, and this new ministry. In the meantime, please join us in celebration.



COMMUNITY *ANNOUNCEMENTS*



Ordination of Beth Johnson

Though Beth serves faithfully as Royal Lane's Minister to Children, Youth, and Families, we will be formally ordaining her to the gospel ministry on February 1st at 4pm! Childcare during the service will be available and we hope to see you all there to celebrate this benchmark in Beth's ministry.



Upcoming Social Dinners

In February, Royal Lane will be hosting a series of Social Dinners – groups of 6-10 will share meals around DFW at the homes of our community members. Dinners will take place on Saturdays, February 15th and February 22nd. We would love to know if you can attend one or both weekends! Please scan the QR code to sign up and come share food and fellowship with us.



The Weekly Email

You may have noticed that our weekly email communications received an update! Now is the perfect time to check your email preferences if you'd like to receive weekly news from Royal Lane as well as articles written by a rotating cast of ordinands, ministers, and community members. We hope you'll subscribe!

WORSHIP *NOTES*



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Hymn Notes

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

Music: Welsh hymn tune, from John Roberts'

Canada y Cyssegr, 1839

Let Truth and Mercy Find Here

Words: Ken Medema, 2003

Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

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Music

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Words: James Weldon Johnson, 1921

Music: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

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Christ, You Call Us All to Service

Words: Joy F. Patterson, 1994

Music: Dutch melody, 18th cent.; arr. Julius Rontgen, 1906, alt.

Words © 1994 Hope Publishing Company

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Allen Pote

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ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Communion & Contemplation

Tuesday, January 21, 9:30am, Narthex
Want to stay spiritually in tune throughout the week? Communion and contemplation is a great way to infuse meditation into your routine. Join us in the Narthex on Tuesday morning for a short meditation prompt, communion, and conversation.



WEDNESDAY
LUNCH + LEARN SERIES

Rabbi Nancy Kasten

Israel and Palestine:
A Dual Narrative Approach



Lunch + Learn

Wednesday, January 22, 12:00pm, Vickrey Hall
(Lunch line opens at 11:30am)

Rabbi Nancy Kasten will join us for a timely and crucial conversation this Wednesday, January 22nd. Bring your questions for this interview on Israel and Palestine: A Dual Narrative Approach.



REGISTER NOW!
**PARENTING
WORKSHOP**

Parenting Strengths Workshop

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

It's the last week to register for this great workshop! Come explore how your strengths shape your parenting style, influence your relationship with your children, and impact their growth. Register at <https://bit.ly/41Q8NLo>



Church Conference & Lunch

Sunday, January 26th, 12:00pm, Vickrey Hall

Immediately following Worship next Sunday, we will gather in Vickrey Hall for our Church Conference and Community Lunch. Childcare will be provided and box lunches will be served!

See Coming Events on our website for more information.

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WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*



Monday, January 20

MLK Day: Church office closed

Tuesday, January 21

9:30 am: Communion & Contemplation — Narthex

Wednesday, January 22

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

Menu: Chile Verde, Chile con queso, Mexican Coleslaw, and Dessert

Program: Nancy Kasten, Israel and Palestine: A Dual Narrative Approach

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

6:15 pm: Youth Gathering — Harris Youth Cottage

7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

Saturday, January 25

10:00 am: Parenting Strengths Workshop — Vickrey Hall

Sunday, January 26

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 — Harris 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

12:00 pm: Church Conference and Community Lunch — Vickrey Hall

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 and 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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