



# ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



*WELCOME TO WORSHIP*

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

# WELCOME

## TO ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH



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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Victoria" being the most prominent.

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

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# THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**



## PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

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

This morning we reflect on the story of Jesus' presentation in the temple. In this moment of fulfillment, we witness Simeon and Anna recognizing the light of salvation in the infant Jesus, reminding us of God's trustworthy promises and the Spirit's work among us. As we come together today, may we open our hearts to the God who brings light to the nations and invites us to behold the beauty of redemption.

### Voluntary

*David Weigle*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

by Johann Gottfried Walther

### ☦ Call to Worship & Invocation

*Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation*

Praise God from the highest heaven.

**The sun and moon and all the stars in the sky sing praises to our God.**

Praise God from the deepest valley.

**The mountains and hills and all the trees in the forest worship God on high.**

Praise God from the heart filled with song.

**The old and young and all the saints of God sing with songs of joy.**

Come! Let us worship the ruler of heaven and earth.

—Psalm 148

Let us pray:

**Light of the world, shine in our lives this day. As we gather to worship you this day, give us the eyes of Simeon and the faith of Anna, that we may see the promise of our salvation. As we come before you with hope and expectation, give us the spirit of your Son, that we too may grow in strength and increase in wisdom. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

# In His Temple Now Behold Him

REGENT SQUARE



1. In His tem - ple now be - hold Him; See the long - ex - pect - ed Lord!
2. In the arms of her who bore Him, Vir - gin pure, be - hold Him lie,
3. Je - sus, by your pre - sen - ta - tion, When they blessed you, weak and poor,
4. Prince and au - thor of sal - va - tion, Be your bound - less love our theme!



An - cient pro - phets had fore - told him; God has sent the — prom - ised word.  
While His a - ged saints a - dore Him, 'Ere in per - fect — faith they die:  
Make us see your great sal - va - tion, Seal us with your — prom - ise sure;  
Je - sus, praise to you be gi - ven By the world you — did re - deem,



Now to praise Him, His re - deem - ed Shall break forth with one ac - cord.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God most high!  
And pre - sent us in your glo - ry, To your Fa - ther cleansed and pure.  
With the Fa - ther and the Spir - it, God of maj - es - ty su - preme!

## 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](http://royallane.org/register) or with the QR code.*



## Scripture Lesson

Jamie Luckett

**Luke 2:22-40**

*[Page 833 of the New Testament in the pew Bible]*

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.*

## **Anthem**

*Children's Choir*

### **Small Deeds**

*by John D. Horman, words by Ruth Krehbiel Jacobs*

*Small deeds, done with great conviction;*

*Small deeds, each one wisely planned;*

*Small deeds, touched by truth and beauty;*

*Small deeds guided by the hand of God.*

I may never be like Noah and build a mighty ark,

But I can light one candle to drive away the dark.

I may never be like Moses – from Pharaoh's yoke be freed,

But I can lend a helping hand to those who are in need!

I may never be like Hannah and give to God my son,

But I can give the gift of love to people, one by one.

## **Call to Confession**

*Tiffany Wright & Congregation*

We now confess our sin as an offering

of our trust in God's love and forgiveness for us.

## **The Confession of Sin**

Let us pray:

**Father of mercy, Mother of holy love,**

**we yearn to turn to you,**

**as we seek to grow in your wisdom**

**and increase in your grace.**

**We long to crawl into your loving arms,**

**and your never-failing acceptance.**

**Strengthen the roots of our hope and faith,**

**that we may be heirs of your promise**

**all the days of our lives.**

*We now share silence together.*

## Promise of Forgiveness

Christ has clothed us  
with the garments of salvation.  
Christ has covered us with the robes of righteousness  
and the garb of holy love.  
As children of the living God,  
adopted into Christ's family of faith,  
let us rejoice in our glorious inheritance.

**Thanks be to God!**



**Hymn**

*Congregation*

## See Mary Setting Out at Dawn

**PUER NOBIS**

1. See Ma - ry set - ting out at dawn For Zi - on  
2. There faith - ful Ma - ry, meek, de - mure, Has come to  
3. When Ma - ry brings Mes - si - ah there, God an - swers  
4. Be - cause she brings the Sav - ior there Grey An - na  
5. All have some spe - cial part to play In God's e -

with \_\_\_\_\_ her six - week Son, And Jo - seph, tur - tle -  
be \_\_\_\_\_ ac - knowl - edged pure, Then ded - i - cates the  
Sim - con's life - long prayer share. For peace for him and  
has \_\_\_\_\_ a gift to share. Had she not prayed, "Your  
ter - nal plan who pray, "In heav'n, so here Your

doves in hand, To car - ry out the Lord's com - mand.  
Ho - ly One By whom God's will is done.  
ev - 'ry - one Who prays in faith, "Your will be done."  
will be done," Who would have met and known God's Son?  
will be done" At ev - 'ry ris - ing of the sun.



**Offertory Prayer**

*Margaret Darden*

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of your Son which blesses us throughout the year. As we present our offerings in gratitude and praise, we dedicate our labor, our industry, and our very lives to the building of your kingdom. May our gifts go forth to a world in need, as signs of your redemption and your hope. May we shine with your glory, that others may discover your saving love. In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen.**

## Offertory

Choir

# Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

by William M. Schoenfeld

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



## Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

## “Prisoners of Hope”

## Moment of Contemplation



## Hymn

### Lord of All Hopefulness

SLANE

1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,  
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, — Lord, at the break of the day.  
Your strength in our hearts, — Lord, at the noon of the day.  
Your love in our hearts, — Lord, at the eve of the day.  
Your peace in our hearts, — Lord, at the end of the day.

## Communion

*Rev. Victoria Robb Powers*

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

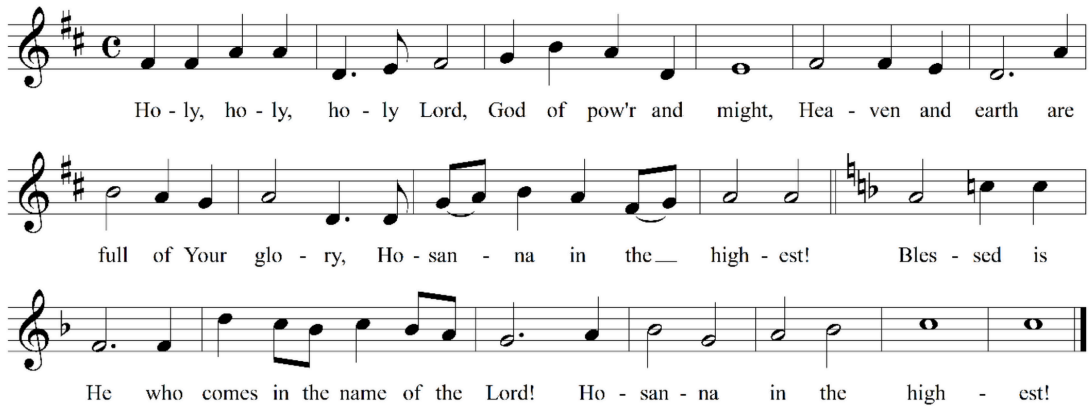
**We lift them up to God.**

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.

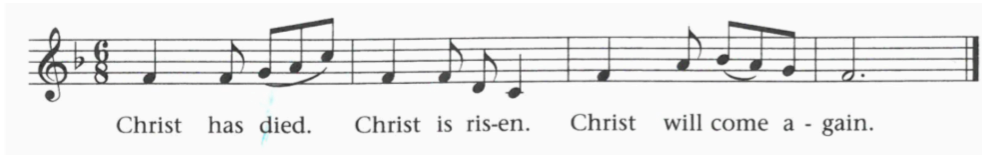
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.*



## **Passing of the Peace**

God's children, we share a bond deeper than the sea. Let us celebrate our inheritance, and exchange signs of peace with one another, as the family of God.  
The peace of Christ be with you... **And also with you.**

## **Sung Response**

*Congregation*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

*Rev. Victoria Robb Powers*

## **Organ Dismissal**

*David Weigle*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

by Paul Manz

*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*



## **Letter of Support for Bishop Budde**

At Church Conference last week, our community decided to send a letter of support to Bishop Mariann Budde for her prophetic sermon delivered Monday, January 20, 2025, following the presidential inauguration. If you would like to sign this letter, please follow the QR code and add your signature to the list no later than Monday morning, February 3, at 8am.



## **Advocacy Day**

This month is the start of the legislative session and we need your participation! Join us in traveling to the Texas Capitol on February 25 for Advocacy Day. We will start at First Baptist Church Austin for advocacy training with Fellowship Southwest and then meet with our legislators to address important issues pertaining to the health of our community. Follow the QR code to sign up with FSW.



ROYAL LANE × WILSHIRE

## **Upcoming Collaboration Services**

Wilshire Baptist Church and Royal Lane are banding together for a landmark occasion. On Feb. 16th & Feb. 23rd, our churches will swap venues to host worship. On the 16th, we will welcome Wilshire's Senior Pastor, Rev. Timothy Peoples, Minister of Music, Ariel Merivil, and the Wilshire Choir into our sanctuary to lead worship. On the 23rd, our worship team heads to Wilshire! Please attend each week at your regular location to support this ministry effort and foster this relationship with our sister Baptist church.

# WORSHIP *NOTES*



## Hymn Notes

### **In His Temple Now Behold Him**

Text: Henry J. Bye, 1825-1903, alt.

Music: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

### **See Mary Setting Out at Dawn**

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b.1919, © 1991, Concordia Publishing House

Tune: PUER NOBIS, LM; adapt. by Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

### **Lord of All Hopefulness**

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953), © 1931 Oxford University Press

Music: Irish melody; harm. Jack Schrader (1942-), Harm. © 1989 Hope Publishing Company

### **Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674, alt.

Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

### **Sanctus**

Music: Mark Snow, Used by permission.

# ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



## Lunch + Learn

*Wednesday, February 5, 12:00pm, Vickrey Hall  
(Lunch Line opens at 11:30am)*

On Wednesday, we will be joined by neurologic music therapist, Elizabeth Rose, for a program on Music as Therapy. Come take part in this conversation centered on the benefits and healing music has to offer.



## Women's Dinner

*Saturday, February 8, 7:45pm, Bavarian Grill*

The RLBC Gen X/Millennial Ladies will be meeting for food and fellowship on the evening of February 8th. Contact Jessica at [jessicalamberth@gmail.com](mailto:jessicalamberth@gmail.com) with any questions. Feel free to bring your friends along!



## Community Dinners

*Saturday February 15, 22. 6:00pm*

Community dinners are quickly approaching! These events are a great way to get to know the diverse members of Royal Lane. Dinners will take place from 6-8pm at a community member's home. Use the QR code to sign up for one or both weekends!



## Abundant Lifers Breakfast

*Tuesday, February 18, 10:00am, Vickrey Hall*

Abundant Lifers (our 60ish+ community) mark your calendars! Grab a friend and join Senior Pastor, Rev. Victoria Robb Powers for this informal time of food and fellowship. Breakfast will be provided in Vickrey Hall.

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*See Coming Events on our website for more information.*

**ROYALLANE.ORG**

# WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*

## **Sunday, February 2**

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

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

8:00 pm: Education Division Meeting — Zoom

## **Tuesday, February 4**

9:30 am: Communion & Contemplation — Library

## **Wednesday, February 5**

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

Menu: Chicken piccata, Broccoli, Salad, and Dessert

Program: Elizabeth Rose, Music as Therapy

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

## **Saturday, February 8**

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

## **Sunday, February 9**

8:00 am: Deacon's meeting — Vickrey Hall

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 — 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

Young Theologians — Christian Education Building, Room 202

Children Fourth through Sixth Grade

12:15 pm: Racial Justice Team — Vickrey Hall (*meeting open to all*)



# HOW TO *CONNECT*

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## Event Details

See the Weekly News & Journal or Web Calendar for Links and details for In-Person, Livestream, Virtual or Zoom events.

[royallane.org/resources/event](http://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](http://royallane.org/prayer). Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.

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*REQUEST  
PRAYER*



## Deacons on Call

Adam Visconti & Margaret Darden

# *GIVING* AT ROYAL LANE

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**When WE Give: inspired worship feeds our spirits!** 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](http://royallane.org/give).

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*ONLINE  
GIVING*



## December 2024 Financials

*YTD Actual*

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Revenues*	\$ 918,792
Expenses	\$ 984,587
Surplus (Deficit)*	(\$ 65,795)

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## ROYAL LANE STAFF

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship  
Beth Johnson, Minister to Children, Youth, & Families  
David Weigle, Organist  
David Doom, Ministries Assistant  
Tori Jones, Communications & Ministry Coordinator  
Kenna Curry, Pastoral Intern

Mike Hurder, Maintenance Director  
Eloisa Rodriguez, Housekeeping  
Ben Chamero, Livestream Technician  
Brandon Green, Audio Technician  
Brian Stinecipher, Audio Technician  
Blake Vickrey, Audio Technician



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