



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 28, 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.

We're grateful you're 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

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.

 = *please rise in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music

Jeanie Chuang

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

9am - Arranged by Stephen Nielsen

11am - Arranged by Mark Hayes

(Please consider these opening sentences during gathering music.)

In the hush of this moment,
we are reminded that Jesus often spoke in stories.
Stories that seem so ordinary at first:
a man walking a road,
a woman sweeping her house,
a beggar resting by a gate.

But these stories have a way of working on us.
They turn us toward God,
and they turn us toward one another.
They will not let us pass by too quickly.

Today we are invited into one such story.
It is not meant to be comfortable.
It is meant to open our eyes.
To help us see what we might otherwise ignore.

So let us listen
with openness,
with honesty,
with hearts ready for Jesus to speak.

Call to Worship & Invocation

Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation

God is our refuge and our fortress.

In God, we place our trust.

When we are weary,

God lifts us up on wings like eagles.

Come before the Lord with joy and longing.

God is our hope and our salvation.

– Psalm 91

Let us pray:

**Generous Spirit, you call us to share our riches
with the poor and disadvantaged,
lest we follow self-interest
to our ruin and destruction.**

**Teach us to bestow your blessings
on those in need,
lest we be trapped by selfish desire.
Set our hearts on the riches of good works,
rather than the allure of earthly treasures.**

**Help us take hold of the life that really is life.
Amen.**

God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle

HOLY MANNA



1. God, whose pur - pose is to kin - dle: Now ig - nite us with Your fire;
 2. God, who in Your ho - ly gos - pel, Wills that we should tru - ly live,
 3. God, who still a sword de - liv - ers Rath - er than a plac - id peace,



While the earth a - waits Your burn - ing, With Your pas - sion us in - spire.
 Make us sense our share of fail - ure, Our tran - quil - i - ty for - give.
 With Your sharp - ened Word dis - turb us, From com - pla - cency re - lease!



O - ver - come our sin - ful calm - ness, Rouse us with re - demp - tive shame;
 Teach us cour - age as we strug - gle In all lib - er - at - ing strife;
 Save us now from sat - is - fac - tion, When we pri - vate - ly are free,



Bap - tize with Your fi - ery Spir - it, Crown our lives with tongues of flame.
 Lift the small - ness of our vi - sion By Your own a - bun - dant life.
 Yet are un - dis - turb - ed in spir - it By an - oth - er's mis - er - y.

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 scanning the QR code.



Scripture Lesson

Luke 16:19-31

9am - Christin Lavery

11am - Cheryl Robinson

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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

11am - Rev. Beth Johnson

During the 11am service, 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.

Outside My Gate, Outside My Door

O WALY WALY

(stanzas 1-4)



1. Out - side my gate, out - side my door, is some-one
2. Is there a child who longs for care? An old - er
3. Out - side our church, is some-one near who cries in
4. Some gates are made of wood or stone, And some are
5. As we look out, Christ, may we see our com-mon,



there who's lost or poor? Is some-one there I do not
friend who needs a prayer? Some-one who seeks a help - ing
pain, who lives in fear? Is some-one close who has no
made of sin a - lone. Some doors are made of greed and
shared hu - ma - ni - ty. May we kneel down and serve you



see— that I walk by— who has a need?
hand? A re - fu - gee new to this land?
way to buy the food she needs this day?
pride; they al - so keep the poor out - side.
more out - side our gate, out - side our door.

Offertory Prayer

God who gives life
to all things,
and richly provides us
with everything,
use these,
our offerings,
to take hold of,
and show us,
the life that really is. Amen.

9am - Charlotte Sewell

11am - Kelley Keith

Offertory

9am - In the Garden

11am - May Jesus Christ be Praised

Jeanie Chuang

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



Call to Confession

Trusting in the mercy of God,
let us confess our sins,
that grace might bridge,
and we might cross,
the great chasm between us.

9am - Mara Bim & Congregation

11am - Mel Beller & Congregation

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Dressed in fine linen,
we feast sumptuously every day,
while others long
to satisfy their hunger.
We have Moses and the prophets,
yet we remain
unconvinced,
waiting for some human warning.
Forgive us.
In your mercy,
convince and comfort us,
and lead us to righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

We now silently confess our sins together.

Promise of Forgiveness

Through Christ we are carried away by the angels,
comforted by Father Abraham,
our hunger – satisfied,
our agony – cooled,
and our sins – forgiven.

Believe the good news:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Choir

Poor Man Lazrus

Arranged by Jester Hairston

Poor man Lazrus sick and disabled,
He had to eat crumbs from the rich man's table,
Dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue,
'Cause I'm tormented in the flame.

Rich man Divies he lived so well,
And when he died he went straight to hell,
Dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue,
'Cause I'm tormented in the flame.

I love to shout, I love to sing,
I love to praise my heavenly King,
Dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue,
'Cause I'm tormented in the flame.

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Moment of Contemplation

 Hymn of Response

Congregation

Outside My Gate, Outside My Door

O WALY WALY

(stanza 5)

As we look out, Christ, may we see
our common, shared humanity.

May we kneel down and serve you more
outside our gate, outside our door.

 Benediction

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Closing Music

Jeanie Chuang

Let All Things Now Living

Arranged by Robert Wetzler



*At the close of the service, we will be resetting the room for Lunch and Learn.
Please join in helping, if you are able.*

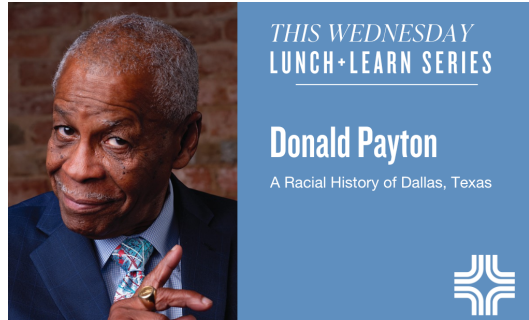
ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Pumpkin Patch

September-October, Pumpkin Patch

The pumpkins are here and we need your help! Sign up to help sell pumpkins and raise money to support our church. Serving together in the pumpkin patch is a lot of fun, and a great way to get to know our community. No heavy lifting required! Follow the QR code to sign up.



Lunch + Learn

*Wednesday, October 1, 12:00pm, Vickrey Hall
(Lunch Line opens at 11:30am)*

Join us in welcoming Texas historian and former Dallas County Historical Commissioner, Donald Payton, to our Lunch and Learn series! Donald will help us discuss a racial history of Dallas.



Service Opportunity

Saturday, October 4, 9:00am

Join us from 9am-12pm for Royal Lane's first "Do Something Saturday." There will be several service opportunities to choose from for all ages and activity levels.



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 5, 4:00pm

Bring your furry, scaly, hairy, or feathered friends to the Blessing of the Animals. Celebrate all creatures, great and small.

See Coming Events on our website for more information.

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WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*

Sunday, September 28

1:00 pm: Pumpkin Patch Open! — Pumpkin Patch

Monday, September 29

8:00 am: Weekly Prayer Vigil — Outside Dallas ICE Office (8101 N Stemmons Fwy)

7:30 pm: Young Adult Mondays — Harris Youth Cottage

Wednesday, October 1

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

Program: Donald Payton, "A Racial History of Dallas, Texas"

4:00 pm: Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 212 (1:00 - 2:45 pm)

6:00 pm: Justice & Advocacy Book Study — Library

6:15 pm: Youth Gathering — Youth Cottage

7:15 pm: Choir — Vickrey Hall

Saturday, October 4

9:00 am: Do Something Saturday — Royal Lane Baptist Church

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, October 5

9:00 am: Morning Worship — Vickrey Hall

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

9:45 am: New Pre-K Sunday School Class — Childcare Room

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

9:45 am: Youth Christian Education — Harris Youth Cottage

11:00 am: Morning Worship — Vickrey Hall & Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Godly Play (following Time for Young Disciples) — Godly Play Room

Children 3-year through Third Grade

4:00 pm: Blessing of the Animals — Royal Lane Baptist Church

**TRUNK
or
TREAT**

Sunday, Oct 19 | 4:30pm | @ Royal Lane

sign up to volunteer today!



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Hymn Notes

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Arranged by Stephen Nielsen
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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle

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Traditional Welsh Melody

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Please help provide meals for our kids and youth on Wednesdays or breakfasts on Sunday mornings! This act of hospitality will help us to create a welcoming environment for our young people. We would love for you to stay or you can simply drop it off.



sign up here:

HOW TO *CONNECT*

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

Prayer Requests

We invite you to submit prayer requests by filling out the prayer request form on the website at royallane.org/prayer or by scanning the QR code.

Deacons on Call

Charlotte Sewell & Kelley Keith

REQUEST

PRAYER



GIVING AT ROYAL LANE

We encourage you to support the missions and ministries of our church. Text “GIVE” to 214-609-1200 or scan the QR code. Follow the prompts to complete the process. Standard text message rates may apply. You can also donate online at royallane.org/give.

ONLINE

GIVING



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