



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OCTOBER 19, 2025

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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.

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

OCTOBER 19, 2025

THE *WORSHIP OF GOD*

NINETEENTH 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

9am - Oh, Worship the King

11am - Promised Land

(Please consider the opening sentences during gathering music.)

Come as you are, carrying what is unfinished -
the prayers half-formed, the hopes that waver,
the strength you're not sure you still have.

Here, the silence does not demand an answer.
It simply waits with you,
holding space for all that aches to be made right.

Listen closely: mercy has a rhythm of its own.
It moves through our doubt,
and hums quietly beneath the world's noise.

Call to Worship & Invocation

Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation

Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them
that they should always pray and not give up.

**We come to you, O God,
because you hear your chosen ones
who cry out to you day and night.**

Even an unjust judge finally granted justice
because a persistent widow kept bothering him.

How much more will our righteous and loving God grant us justice!

God will see that they get justice, and quickly.

**Therefore, with faith and persistence,
let us worship the God who hears and answers our prayers.**

Let us pray:

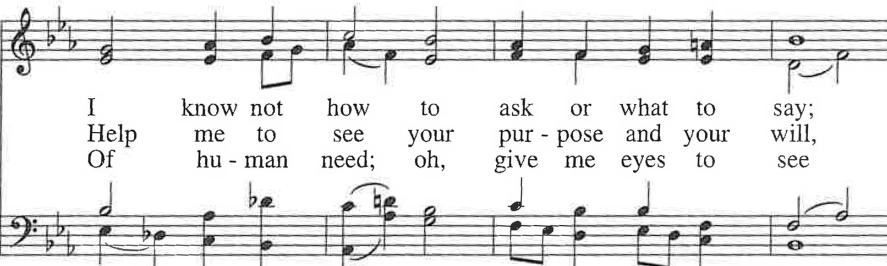
**Gracious and loving God,
we come to you today as the persistent widow,
asking, seeking, and knocking without giving up.
You have called us to pray without ceasing,
so we pray for your justice to be done
and your will to be made known.
We trust that you, the true and faithful judge,
will hear our cries and answer us in your time,
glorifying your name through it all.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.**

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

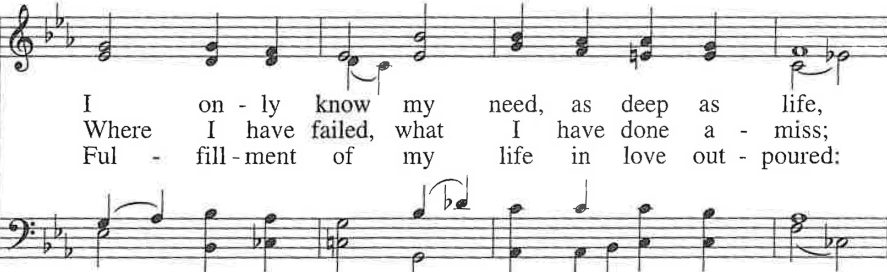
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1. E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ,
 2. Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
 3. Come with the strength I lack, bring vi - sion clear



I know not how to ask or what to say;
 Help me to see your pur - pose and your will,
 Of hu - man need; oh, give me eyes to see



I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
 Where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
 Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out - poured;



And on - ly you can teach me how to pray.
 Held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
 My life in you, O Christ; your love in me.

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

9am - Donna Wood-Martin

Luke 18:1-8

11am - Joey Belgard

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

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

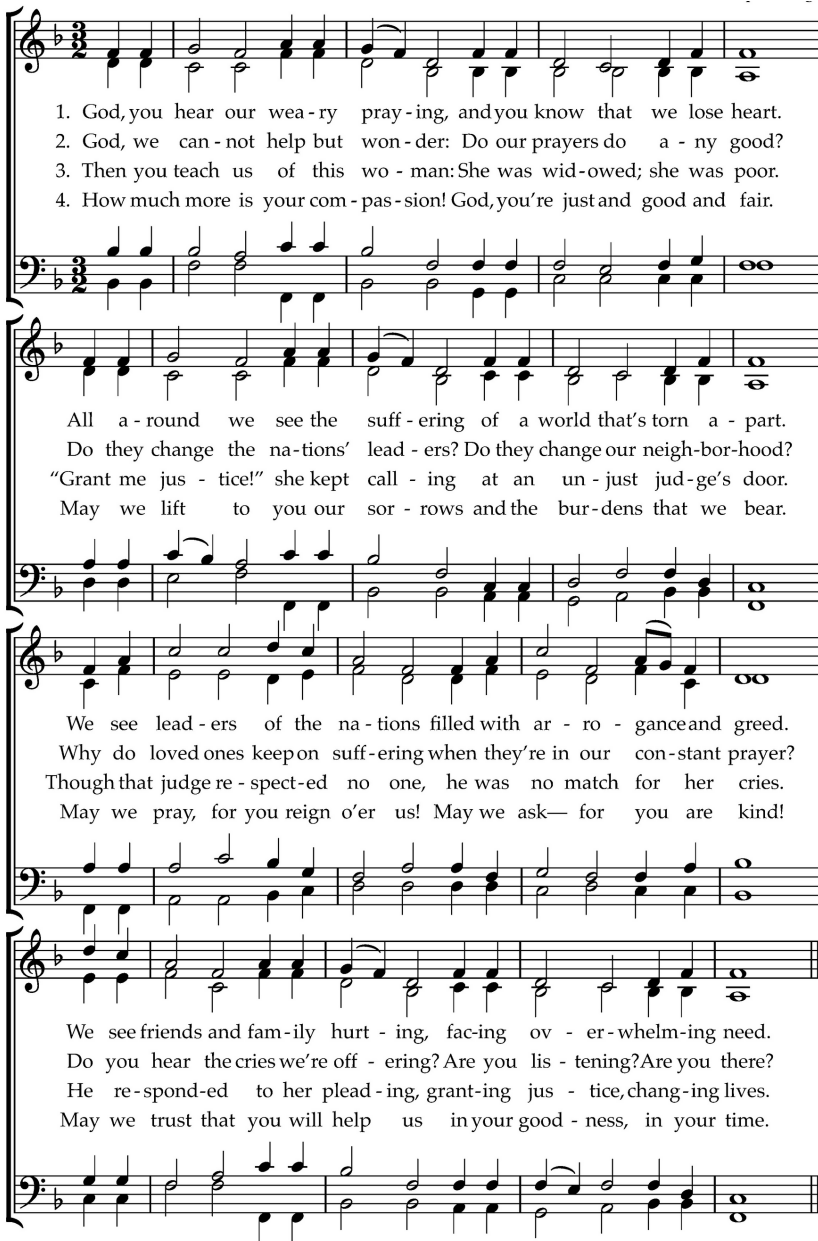
11am - Jan Quesada

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.

God, You Hear our Weary Praying

BEACH SPRING



1. God, you hear our wea-ry pray-ing, and you know that we lose heart.
 2. God, we can-not help but won-der: Do our prayers do a - ny good?
 3. Then you teach us of this wo - man: She was wid-owed; she was poor.
 4. How much more is your com - pas-sion! God, you're just and good and fair.

All a - round we see the suff - ering of a world that's torn a - part.
 Do they change the na-tions' lead - ers? Do they change our neigh-bor-hood?
 "Grant me jus - tice!" she kept call - ing at an un - just jud - ge's door.
 May we lift to you our sor - rows and the bur - dens that we bear.

We see lead - ers of the na - tions filled with ar - ro - gance and greed.
 Why do loved ones keep on suff - ering when they're in our con - stant prayer?
 Though that judge re - spect - ed no one, he was no match for her cries.
 May we pray, for you reign o'er us! May we ask— for you are kind!

We see friends and fam - ily hurt - ing, fac - ing ov - er - whelm - ing need.
 Do you hear the cries we're off - ering? Are you lis - tening? Are you there?
 He re - spond - ed to her plead - ing, grant - ing jus - tice, chang - ing lives.
 May we trust that you will help us in your good - ness, in your time.

Invitation to Generosity and Offertory Prayer

Bruce Luedke

Hear now this prayer.
Our God, who provides for our every need,
invites us to give of ourselves
as we work and wait for the coming reign of Christ.
Trusting in the Spirit to sustain us in all things,
let us share generously with those in need.

Eternal God,
may these gifts be signs of your grace,
and may our lives show forth the coming kingdom,
that when Christ comes again he will find faith on earth.

Amen.

Offertory

Jeanie Chuang

9am - The Old-Time Religion
11am - Shall We Gather at the River

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



Prayers of the People

Mara Bim & Congregation

God of Justice,
in Jesus Christ,
you teach us to pray always
and not to lose heart.
As so we come.

For your children who suffer under oppression and greed...
For your church that is torn asunder by mistrust and pride...
For those who have no water and those whose water is too dirty to drink...

We know that you hear us when we pray and desire to make us whole.

For those who go to bed hungry and wake each day in misery...
For those who struggle to believe and those who seek a blessing...
For those who are bound by anxiety or depression, loneliness or fear...

We know that you hear us when we pray and desire to make us whole.

For the sick and all who care for them and those who will die this night...

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud...

We now share silence together.

Let us pray:

**Loving God, all these prayers we offer with thanksgiving,
Through the power of your own Spirit.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord.
Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

Make Our Church One Joyful Choir

T.H. Troeger & Jonathan Crutchfield

Make our church one joyful choir
on this glad and festive day
and by song invoke the fire
that invites our hearts to pray.

*Shape us, Christ, to live and claim
all it means to bear your name.*

Bend us low by song and prayer,
low enough to lift the cross
and to take the weight and bear
love's uncounted final cost.

Lift us up by song and prayer
till the way we deal with loss
and our acts and words of care
trace the pattern of your cross.

Bend us, lift us, make us strong,
send us out with wind and fire,
so the world may hear the song
that we offer as your choir.

Sermon

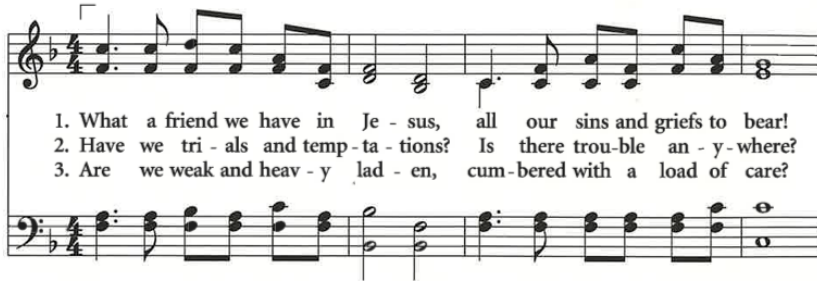
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Moment of Contemplation

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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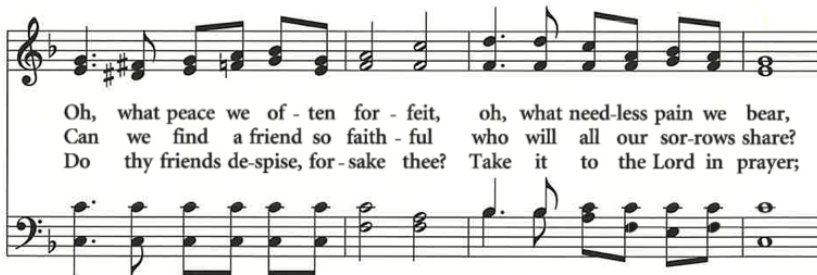
(stanzas one and three)



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
 in His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

 **Benediction**

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Closing Music

Jeanie Chuang

9am - Rain Down Your Love on Your People

11am - Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 19, 4:30pm

Come enjoy the fellowship and fun trunks, or host one yourself! Volunteer options include offering your car as a "trunk," handing out treats, setting up, cleaning up, and helping with a station. Follow the QR code to sign up.



**ROYAL
WELCOME CLASS**
for all visitors

Royal Welcome Class

Sunday, October 26, 10:00am, Library

New to Royal Lane? Have questions for us? This class is open to all visitors! Come ask questions, learn more about Royal Lane Baptist Church, and hear from our pastors. Coffee and pastries will be provided.



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**who is my
neighbor?**

Play Reading & Panel Discussion

Sunday, October 26, 5:00pm, Sanctuary

Join us for this program about the crisis facing our immigrant neighbors. A reading from the 2019 play *Crossing the Line* will be followed by a panel discussion. This play was written by our own Mara Richards Bim along with Tim Johnson.



Art Reception

Saturday, November 8, 5:30pm, Box Gallery

We invite you to a special art exhibit featuring works from the home of the late Steve and Martha Box, cherished longtime members of RLBC. Approximately half the pieces are original paintings by Martha Box herself! Refreshments will be served.

See Coming Events on our website for more information.

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WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*



Sunday, October 19

2:00 pm: Gaston Christian Center Open House — GCC (8515 Greenville Ave)

4:30 pm: Trunk or Treat — East Royal Lane Parking Lot

Monday, October 20

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 22

12:00 pm Vickrey Hall Early Voting (No Lunch + Learn) — Be sure to vote!

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

6:15 pm: Youth Gathering — Youth Cottage

7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

Saturday, October 25

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, October 26

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 — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel

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

Children 3-year through Third Grade

5:00 pm: *Crossing the Line* Play Reading — Sanctuary

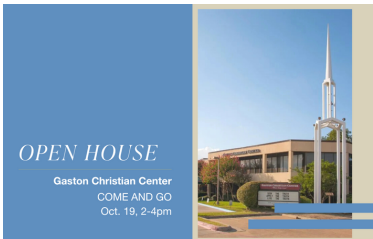
CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please be in prayer for the family and friends of Rev. James C. Walker, beloved father of Melissa Walker Luckett and father-in-law of Jamie Luckett. Rev. Walker passed away on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at the age of 88.

Due to James' love of higher education, in lieu of flowers, the family requests that

donations be made in his memory to the Lowe Scholarship Fund. You may donate to the fund by following the QR code. Be sure to use the drop-down menu under Fund and select "The Lowe Scholarship Fund."



Join us in supporting this "come and go" event this afternoon from 2-4pm. Gaston Christian Center is one of RLBC's ministry partners. GCC honors its mission and executes its vision by offering below market rental rates, all utilities paid, and free building maintenance to its nonprofits and ethnic church tenants. As a result, tenants keep their doors open and lights on while attending to

the needs of underserved families, immigrants, and refugee families.

At this event, you'll be able to tour the facility, meet their Board and Executive Director, and learn more about how GCC supports the community.

Annual Pumpkin Patch

Monday - Friday: 11am - 6pm
Saturdays: 9am - 6pm
Sundays: 1pm - 5pm
until October 31st



**sign up to
volunteer today!**



THE IRVING CHORALE

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Sanctuary Choir

presents

MUSIC *in my* MOUTH

A Ken Medema Choral Festival

featuring Ken Medema & Friends

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8
4PM**

**Royal Lane Baptist Church
6707 Royal Lane
Dallas, TX 75230**

Free admission (*donations graciously accepted*)

Harry Wooten, Artistic Director



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Ordination Ceremony
for
MARA BIM



SATURDAY

NOVEMBER

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2025

AT 3:00PM

AT ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH
Reception to follow in Vickrey Hall

WORSHIP *NOTES*



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Hymn Notes

Oh, Worship the King

Arranged by Ira B. Wilson
1941 Lorenz Publishing Co.

Promised Land

Arranged by Joseph Martin
1993 Malcolm Music/Shawnee Press

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

Words: Frank von Christierson, 1900
Music: William H. Monk 1823-1889
Hope Publishing Company

God, You Hear our Weary Praying

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2019
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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

Joey Belgard & Sharon Larkin

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.

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