



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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The Mosaic

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Our Elders

On Monday night I attended an event with Barbara Brown Taylor at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church. If you've heard me preach, then you know how much I love Barbara Brown Taylor. While I took copious notes on Monday (I think I must have written down everything she said!), one thing stood out to me the most. Something she said has been shifting my perspective all week.

She read Genesis 1 aloud and then shared how we so often think God saved the very best for last, creating humans as the final cherry on top of the created world. This, of course, feeds our idea that humans are in control and that nature is subservient. On the sixth day of creation, God created the humans, but God also created the cattle and all the wild animals. She said, "I choose to see all the things that preceded me in the order of creation as my elders, of which I am a kid sister to them all."

Everything Barbara Brown Taylor says sounds like poetry, but this really stuck with me. I've been looking at nature, at animals, at my own dog differently than I did before. If I choose to see them as elders then they demand my respect and my attention, because elders have so much to teach us.

Monday and Tuesday of this week I hosted fall convocation at SMU. Terry Wildman, a Native American who has recently helped translate the New Testament into the First Nations Version, shared with me that there are rituals in which the rocks are referred to as the grandfathers of the earth, emphasizing Barbara Brown Taylor's point.

I invite you this week to shift your perspective toward the created world and consider all things that preceded you in the order of creation as your elders. What do they have to teach and offer you, I wonder?

Love you all,

Pastor Victoria

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for December 7 & 21, 2023.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

Advent – 2023

The Songs of Christmas

November 29 – Eventful Advent

An opportunity for children, youth, and families to create an experiential Advent box.
5:30 – 7:00 pm — Vickrey Hall

December 3 – Advent I – Benedictus

Hanging of the Green
Children's Choir: *How Far Is It to Bethlehem* arr. Robert Sterling
Sermon: "The Song of Zechariah"
Anthem: *Benedictus* from The Armed Mann Mass for Peace – Karl Jenkins

December 10 – Advent II – Magnificat

Sermon: "The Song of Mary"
Anthem: Magnificat – Taylor Davis
Magnificat Anima Mea
Shall I Rejoice – Terry York, text, Brittany Jones, soprano

December 17 – Advent III – Gloria

Sermon: "The Song of the Angels"
Anthem: *Angels Carol* – John Rutter
Guest Artist, Singer, Songwriter: Ken Medema

December 20 – Mourning Light/Advent IV – Nunc Dimittis

*Mourning Light: There will be opportunities to speak the names of those whom you mourn and remember.
A Candle will be lit in their memory and an ornament created to place on the Chrismon Tree.*

5:30 pm – Dinner — Vickrey Hall
6:00 – 7:00 pm — Sanctuary
Sermon: "The Song of Simeon"
Anthem: *Nunc Dimittis* – Charles V. Stanford, Chris Denney, bass

December 24 – Christmas Eve

10:55 am – Family Nativity Service — Sanctuary
6:00 pm – Carols, Candlelight, & Communion — Sanctuary (*childcare provided*)



Coming Events

Sunday	November 19 – Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 am	Program Council — Vickrey Hall
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am	Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable
10:10 am	Non-Traditional Class — Christian Education Building, Room 212
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel Godly Play: Following Time for Young Disciples — Godly Play Room
Wednesday	November 22
	No Wednesday Activities (Church office Closed November 22 – November 24)
Saturday	November 25
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
Sunday	November 26 – Reign of Christ Sunday
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am	Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable
10:10 am	Non-Traditional Class — Christian Education Building, Room 212
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel Godly Play: Following Time for Young Disciples — Godly Play Room
Wednesday	November 29
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 201 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm	Midweek Dinner & Eventful Advent — Vickrey Hall Menu: Chicken Fingers, Macaroni & Cheese, and Salad
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
Saturday	December 2
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
2:00 pm	Artist Reception, Sandra Freeman — Box Gallery, (2:00 – 5:00 pm)
Sunday	December 3 – First Sunday of Advent / Hanging of the Green
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am	Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable
10:10 am	Non-Traditional Class — Christian Education Building, Room 212
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel Godly Play: Following Time for Young Disciples — Godly Play Room Young Theologians: Following Time for Young Disciples — Room 202
12:15 pm	Stocking Stuffing — Lunch provided in Vickrey Hall, Stocking Stuffing — Christian Education Building
Wednesday	December 6
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 201 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm	Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall Menu: Beef Stroganoff, Wild Rice, Broccoli, Salad, Dessert
6:00 pm	Midweek Gathering & Study with Jonathan Greer — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
6:00 pm	Children's Gathering — Godly Play Room
6:30 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
Saturday	December 9
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom

The deadline for the order of service, the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.

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How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic, Weekend Update or Web Calendar for Links and details for In-Person, Livestream, Virtual or Zoom events — royallane.org/resources/events
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

It's Christmas Stocking Time Again!

HHM Health, Healing Hands Clinics, again needs our help in providing Christmas Stockings for children attending their clinics. This year the Missions Committee will have a Christmas tree with gift requests printed on mittens. Select a mitten, buy the gift and return the gift to the church by November 26. Requested gifts are much the same as in past years, socks, candy canes, hot wheels, etc. However, this year there will also be mittens on the tree with a dollar donation of \$10 or \$20. Cash or checks, written to RLBC, memo: Christmas Stocking, will be accepted and the Missions Committee will shop for you.

Stocking Stuffing Sunday will be December 3, after services. Lunch will be served in Vickrey Hall to volunteers. Mark your calendar to join the fun and fellowship as we fill stockings together.



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday April 20, 2024, from 8am-5pm

Women of the Church Spring Retreat

"Midwifing a Patriarchy-free Faith"

Speaker: Meredith Stone

Baptist Women in Ministry (BWIM)



We will spend a relaxing day at Sister Grove Farm and discover ways to support each other in ministry and life. Cost: \$50 to Royal Lane Baptist Church (includes breakfast and lunch)

Optional extension: overnight accommodations for either Friday and/or Saturday night can be made directly and paid separately through Sister Grove Farm. This will include a viewing of the new BWIM Documentary "Midwives of a Movement."

Registration for this day retreat will begin in the new year through the church office with a deadline of April 17, 2024. Overnight requests can be made now through Sarah Macias with a deadline of February 29, 2024. You can email Sarah at events@sistergrovefarm.com

Poinsettia Orders and Dedications

Poinsettia orders and dedications are due in the church office by Tuesday, **November 28** so that your dedication can be included in the order of worship for the *Hanging of the Green* on December 3. Please make your check payable to Royal Lane Baptist Church and designate in the memo section "Poinsettia".

**If paying online, be sure to submit your list
of dedications to the church office.**



Staff Love Gift



During this time of Thanksgiving, and as we look toward a Season of Giving, let us remember those who give so much to us all year. Our skilled and dedicated church staff lovingly provide many services of ministry for us throughout the year. As in the past, if you would like to express your gratitude, please mail your check to the Church Office or make your donation online by December 3. Be sure your contribution is clearly marked "Staff Love Gift" or select the fund "Staff Love Gift" from the Giving option on the Royal Lane website.

Tex Quesada, Deacon Chair

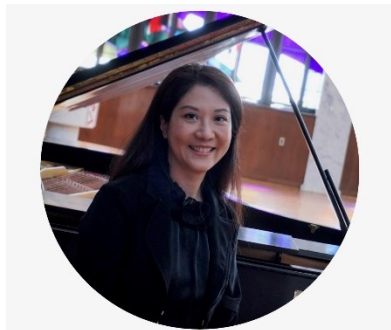
The November 12 Racial Justice Team Tour

The Racial Justice Team sponsored a tour of the Holocaust and Human Rights Museum. The group had an interesting and very informative private tour and docent for the Black Citizens in the age of Jim Crow, Special Exhibit. This was a growing experience for the 23 members who attended.



Welcome

Welcome new members Jeanie Chuang, Linda Johnson, Chappell & Jennifer Jordan, and Kendall Jordan who joined Royal Lane on November 5, 2023. Not pictured are Tommy & Jessica Lamberth who also joined on November 5.



Jeanie Chuang



Linda Johnson



Chappell & Jennifer Jordan



Kendall Jordan

Happy Birthday!

November

Laura Keller	16
Scott Martin	16
Larry Forth.....	17
Ruth May	17
Jayda Parrish.....	23
Shirley Bohannon	24
Joey Belgard	26
Sheryl Gambill.....	26
Anna Mays.....	27
Rita Kirk	28
Richard Lavery	29
Vickie Daniel.....	29

December

Joey Belgard	1
Sarah Fuller.....	1
Andres Chastain.....	2
Ben Helms	3
Connie Bechtol	4
Steven Gonzalez	4
Jonah Hammett	4
Derrick Ragsdale	4
DeeDee Young.....	4
Mike Keith.....	5
Charlotte Sewell	5
Brodie Keller	6



Deacons of the Week

November 19

Jack Mullinax
Margaret Darden

November 26

Rodney Macias
Charlotte Sewell

December 3

Dan Thompson
Kelley Keith

Midweek Program 6:00 p.m. Wednesday in Vickrey Hall

November 22

No Wednesday Activities

November 29

Eventful Advent

December 5

Expounding on
Sunday's Sermon with
Jonathan Greer

Join us for a Fellowship Meal
at 5:30 pm.

Announcements, Birthday Celebrations
and Prayer Concerns at 6:00 pm.

In the Box Gallery
October 1 – December 20, 2023
"Enhanced"



Sandra Freeman

Artist Reception: December 2,
2:00 – 5:00 PM

Scriptures of the Week

November 19

Judges 4:1-2
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Psalm 123

November 26

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1:15-23

Psalm 100

Matthew 25:31-46

December 3

Isaiah 64:1-9
1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Mark 13:24-37

September 2023 Financials

YTD Actual

Revenues*	\$ 578,696
Expenses	\$ 617,402
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 38,705)

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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/

Giving menu includes:

General Fund
The Lowe Scholarship Fund
Columbarium
Poinsettia Order



Nov
29



Eventful Advent

Kids and Youth Families:

Come Create An Experiential Advent Box Together

Wednesday, Nov 29
5:30-7:00





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Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm

Christian Education: Saturday & Sunday

Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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