



ROYAL LANE
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A Different Kind of Christmas

As we enter this Advent season, I have been reflecting on what this time of year has meant to me over the chapters of my life so far.

Though I find myself grasping for the childhood wonder of my youth, I often fail at sustaining that feeling of magic that used to feel so accessible. Though I catch glimpses of it through the eyes of my young children, the complexities of “real life” and the busyness that comes with this season weigh more heavily.

For many of us, our sense of joy becomes crowded out by stress, loss, or unexpected changes. We are bombarded by the demands of our jobs, our families, even our own emotions. Life doesn’t seem to slow down during the holidays for us like it used to and all we want (all I want) sometimes, is a little bit of peace. While Advent means many things to each of us, I cannot help but return to one of the most basic Christian images again and again – one of an unexpected baby born in an unexpected place to an unexpected couple.

That singular image is a seed of hope when all else seems to be falling apart. This year, my prayer is that we let that image work on us. Advent is a season where we can recognize that though life may not proceed as we planned, we might just find hope and transformation where we least expect it.

Warmth and peace this season,

Tori Jones

Ministries and Communications Coordinator

Special Church Conference

A special church conference will be held **Sunday, December 15th** following worship to approve two items. The Deacons are recommending the congregation approve and affirm the ordination of Beth Johnson and are presenting Kenna Curry and Mara Bim as candidates to begin the ordination process at Royal Lane.

Our January church conference will be held **Sunday, January 26, 2025**, following joining Sunday during worship and all church lunch in Vickrey Hall.

Kelley Keith, Deacon Chair

A ROYAL *WELCOME*



Let's welcome our newest members:

Mara Bim, Brad & Kirsten Eason, Ziah Huddleston, Shirley O'Reilly,
Haley Simental & Maddie Wiltse





Hope Supply was so excited to receive the stockings you all lovingly made. Thank you to all who donated time and toys to help our most vulnerable children feel loved this Christmas!



Red Cross Blood Drive

We are hosting a blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross from 9am-3pm on Tuesday, December 10th. A diverse blood supply is important to meet the needs of patients of all backgrounds - scan the QR code to register!



The Royal Lane Library

Did you hear Royal Lane is updating their library? Well, now there is a way for you to help! Scan the QR code or search "Royal Lane Baptist Church" in Amazon Registries to find our Library wish list! If you see any books on the list you would be willing to donate, please do so. We are excited to fill our shelves with books that better reflect who Royal Lane is! Link: <https://amzn.to/3YmIR8b>

UPCOMING *EVENTS*



Sunday, December 8 – Advent II, Hanging of the Green

- 9:45 am: Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
- 9:45 am: New Sunday School Class — Library
- 11:00 am: Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
- 12:15 pm: Racial Justice Team — Vickrey Hall

Tuesday, December 10

- 9:00 am: Blood Drive — Vickrey Hall (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)
- 9:30 am: Contemplation and Communion — Narthex

Wednesday, December 11

- 12:00 pm: Lunch + Learn — Vickrey Hall & Zoom (Lunch line opens at 11:30 am)
Menu: Smoked Sausage, Roasted Vegetables, Salad, Dessert
Program: Glen Hummel & SimonSez Brass, “Sounds of the Season”
- 1:30 pm: Holy Rollers — Room 212 (1:30 - 3:30 pm)
- 6:30 pm: Youth Gathering — Youth Portable
- 7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

Thursday, December 12

- 6:00 pm: Advent Bible Study — Library

Friday, December 13

- 5:30 pm: Posada y Piñata & Holiday Parents Night Out — Vickrey Hall

Sunday, December 15 – Advent III, Joining Sunday

- 9:45 am: Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
- 11:00 am: Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
Godly Play (following Time for Young Disciples) — Godly Play Room
Children 3-years of age through Third Grade
- 12:00 pm: Special Church Conference — Sanctuary
- 12:15 pm: Social Justice, Room 212

Tuesday, December 17

- 9:30 am: Contemplation and Communion — Narthex

UPCOMING *EVENTS*



Wednesday, December 18

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

Menu: Baked Fish, Rice, Peas, Salad, Dessert

Program: Alison Read, “Holiday Harp”

1:30 pm: Holy Rollers — Room 212 (1:30 - 3:30 pm)

6:00 pm: Mourning Light Service — Sanctuary (childcare provided)

7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

CHURCH WIDE PRAYER LIST

Rosa Barrientos

Jean Stokes Bilson, aunt of Cookie Stokes

Scott Bryant

Lynda Smith Collier

Father of Chris Crook

Hal Johnson

Helen Kirk, aunt of Joey Belgard

Brian Layne, friend of H.A. Robb

Donna Ledgerwood

Mehran, friend of Jordan Weilage

Karen Miller on the death of her daughter, Lauren

Blaine Ruddle, grandson of Cookie Stoke’s sister, Kristene Ruddle

Niece and family of Duanne Stockton

Carol Tabor

Chelsea & Sam Turpen

David Weigle, on the death of his mother, Willie May (Tommy) Weigle

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LUNCH + LEARN

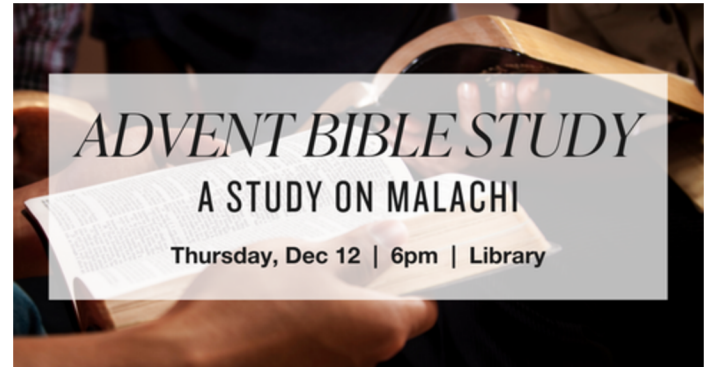


Lunch + Learn

Wednesday, December 11, 12:00 pm

Glen Hummel and SimonSez Brass, Dallas Brass Ensemble presents *Sounds of the Season*. Lunch line opens at 11:30 am.

BIBLE STUDY



Advent Bible Study

Thursday, December 12th, 6:00 pm, Library

The Advent Bible Study, led by Kenna Curry, will be a book study on Malachi. The ancient compilers of the Bible place Malachi as the last book of the Old Testament because they felt it prepared the way for the Gospels.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT



Posada y Piñata Family Event

Friday, December 13, 5:30 pm, Vickrey Hall

Parents night out, a re-enactment by the children of RLBC of Mary and Joseph's search for lodging in Bethlehem, and the traditional breaking of the Piñata. (*childcare provided*)

MOURNING LIGHT



Mourning Light

Wednesday, December 18th, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

The Mourning Light service is for all those who are struggling this Christmas. Whether you've lost someone to death or estrangement, are dealing with an illness or a life change, are unemployed or worried about finances, you are welcome as we seek comfort, and peace.



DEACONS OF THE WEEK

December 1 - 7

Jack Mullinax
Margaret Darden

December 8 - 14

Adam Visconti
Jeanie Chuang

SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

December 8

Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

December 15

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

IN THE BOX GALLERY



"THE REUNION" ARTISTS RECEPTION

Saturday, December 7: 5-7pm

**Marilee V Haynes
Gary McCoy
Jan Thomas**

Exhibit dates:
October 5 - January 3

*The Box Gallery is open by
appointment 10:00 am-
4:00pm on weekdays.*

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5	Mike Keith
5	Charlotte Sewell
7	Polly Lamberth
13	Gillian Simeon
14	David Soames
15	Kevin Hall
15	Janet Schultz
16	Jordan Simmons
16	Kate Thompson
16	Cayton Wright
17	Chris Cechan
17	Clint Cechan



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm
(214) 361-2809

JOIN THE COMMUNITY

Sunday Worship: 11:00 am
Wednesday Lunch + Learn: 12:00 pm
Christian Education: Saturday & Sunday

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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
Barbara Merry, Ministries Assistant
David Doom, Ministries Assistant
David Weigle, Organist
Kenna Curry, Pastoral Intern
Mike Hurder, Maintenance Director
Ellen Miers, Housekeeping
Ben Chamero, Livestream Technician
Brandon Green, Audio Technician
Brian Stinecipher, Audio Technician
Blake Vickrey, Audio Technician

