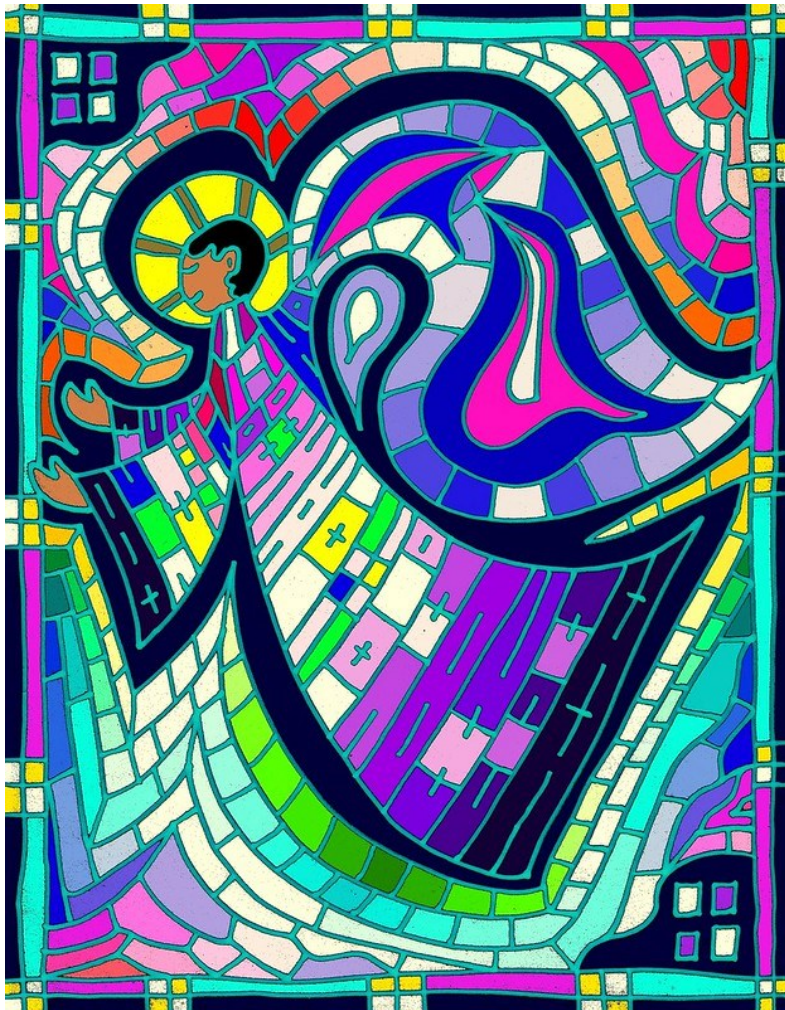


ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Worship of God
Second Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Green

December 6, 2020

11:00 A.M.

Chiming of the Hour

Voluntary

David Weigle

Gabriel's Message — Michael Bedford

Opening Sentences

Harry Wooten

Christmas is coming! The unwrapping of God's greatest gift is near.

Even in the midst of our fear and loneliness

God will take away the trees and garlands, and decorate our human hearts in hope and love.

Today we come together to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ.

*Our joyful and festive processional features many members of our Royal Lane Family
as they decorate their homes for this Advent and Christmas season.*

*Let us clear our minds and open our hearts to the coming of the Lord
as we consider the symbols of Advent.*

Joyful Virtual Processional

Members of Our Royal Lane Family

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

We come together to prepare for the birthday of Christ.

**We make ready our welcome for God's only Son,
Jesus of Nazareth.**

We celebrate this special and holy season of Advent,
the season of going toward the birth of Christ.

**We renew the special meaning of the Advent season,
the season of going toward new hope and eternal life.**

Let us clear our minds and open our hearts to the coming of the Lord.

**Let us also honor his birth by adorning our hearts and homes
and remembering the beauty of our Sanctuary.**

Let our songs and symbols represent our personal rededication
to the glory of God and the manifestation of love through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

People, Look East — BESANÇON

The Legend of the Poinsettia

Time for Young Disciples

Annaleigh

The Coming of the Light and the Advent Wreath

Bettie Meachum

Advent Hymn

Worshippers

Be Not Afraid — ST. LOUIS

Be not a-fraid of dis - ap - point - ment, fear - ing for the worst; This ho - ly birth re -
news the earth, re - fresh - ing those who thirst For jus - tice and for heal - ing of
bo - dy, mind and land; Bring con - fi - dence, re - store our sense of safe - ty in your hand.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Steven Gonzalez, Ana Jimenez & Analia Gonzalez
Steve, Socorro, & Scottie Gonzalez

Unison Prayer

Let us pray:

**The same voice that speaks over the waters
and calls us to follow and obey,
the same voice that promises, “I am your God, you are my people,”
the same voice that spoke, “This is my beloved Son”
now blesses the people with peace:
“So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”
The blessing of Almighty God — Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer—
is with you now and forevermore. Amen.**

The Garlands and Wreaths

Nate Green

Carol [see insert]

Worshippers

The Holly and The Ivy – traditional English melody

The Chrismons and Evergreen Trees

Shannon & Blake Miller

Carols [see inserts]

Worshippers

Evergreen and Ever-fragrant – STUTTGART

O Christmas Tree – O TANNENBAUM

Scripture Lesson

Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez

Luke 1:5-25 [see insert]

The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**

Solo

Brittany Jones

Some Children See Him — Alfred Burt, arranged by Joseph Martin

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ The Fear of Disappointment ”

Offertory

Combined Choirs (2019)

Birthday Carol — David Willcocks

Rejoice today with one accord, *Alleluia*, This is the birthday of our Lord. *Alleluia*.

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!

Shepherds abiding in the field, *Alleluia*, To them God's glory was reveal'd, *Alleluia*.

And to the shepherd's sore afraid, *Alleluia*, And angel said, "Be not dismayed," *Alleluia*.

'Tidings of joy to you I bring,' *Alleluia*, 'Today is born a heav'nly King,' *Alleluia*.

'And ye shall find in manger laid,' *Alleluia*, 'The babe in swaddling clothes arrayed.' *Alleluia*.

A host of angels fill'd the sky, *Alleluia*, Thus singing praise to God on high: *Alleluia*.

Now join we all the angel-throng, *Alleluia*, And let our voices swell the song: *Alleluia*.

Blessing

Michael Gregg & Worshipers

And now may God, Creator of light and trees and flowers, grant us peace. As we consider the decorations of our homes and hearts, may we also live lives of worship, decorated with God's forever things . . .

forever love,

forever life,

forever green.

In the name of God's love and light; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

He Whom Shepherd Men Came Praising — Paul Manz

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Hymn Notes

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Jo Ferguson
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Hope & Blake
Sheila Bright
by Holy Bohannan

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*by Children of Anna &
Glenn Brown*

Sheila Bright
The McKinney Family
The Page Family
by The Gill Family

The Hammett Family – Jeff, Jennifer,
Jonah, & Jacob
The Keith Family – Phil, Kelley,
Claire, & Owen
by Paulette & Harold Harrison

Harry Wooten
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Ben Meachum
Aubrey, Adam, Mary Katherine, &
Mac Connatser
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by Charlotte Sewell & Brian Watson

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Jacquie Wooten
Harper Wooten
Turner Wooten
Harrison Wooten
Brittany & Nathan Jones
Blair Wooten
by Harry & Nancy Wooten

Be Not Afraid

Advent – 2020



It feels as if 2020 has been a year filled with fear. Yet, messengers throughout the Bible sought to comfort the people of God by telling them to not be afraid. It was a word that those looking for a Messiah and birthing Divine Love needed to hear. And we need to hear it too. The theme for this Advent Season at Royal Lane is “Be Not Afraid.” Maybe God is telling us this year, as we wait with trepidation and anticipation, to offer up our fears to the divine and to hear God’s comfort in the angel voices: “Do not be afraid.”

December 6 – Advent II – 11:00 am — Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Hanging of the Green

“The Fear of Disappointment”

A virtual expression of Hanging of the Green featuring video clips of Royal Laners decorating their homes, clips from past Hanging of the Green services, and narrations presented by RLBC worship leaders.

December 13 – Advent III – Worship – 11:00 am — Royal Lane YouTube Channel

“The Fear of Revision”

December 16 – Mourning Light – 6:30 pm — Zoom

“The Fear of Holiday Grief”

This moving and poignant service will be experienced on Zoom this year. 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 placed on the Chrismon Tree.

December 20 – Advent IV – Worship – 11:00 am — Royal Lane YouTube Channel

“The Fear of Ruined Reputation”

This morning we are joined by the Classic Brass Quintet as we sing carols of the season.

December 24 – Christmas Eve – 6:00 pm — Royal Lane YouTube Channel

“The Fear of Change”

The service this year will feature choral music from the virtual combined choirs of Royal Lane and University Park UMC as they present the first movement of the GLORIA by Vivaldi, and lovely settings of *Away in a Manger* and *Silent Night*. Soloists and readers from RLBC will also lead us in worship. The Gregg Family with baby Ford will light our Christ Candle.

Advent Afternoons Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Each Tuesday afternoon of Advent at 4:00 pm we will present organist Jonathan Gregoire playing a brief mini concert on our Royal Lane, Dan Garland pipe organ, Opus 50. Jonathan will feature Advent music and speak about the pieces and their connection to our Advent season.



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People, Look East

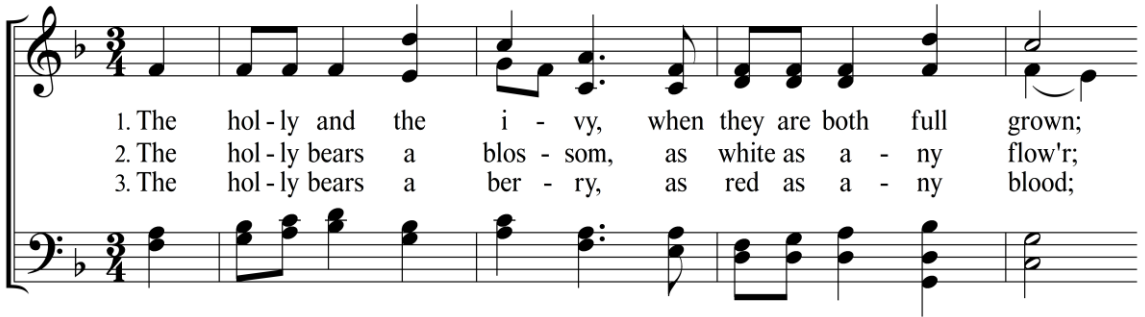
1. Peo - ple, look east, the time is near of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
3. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

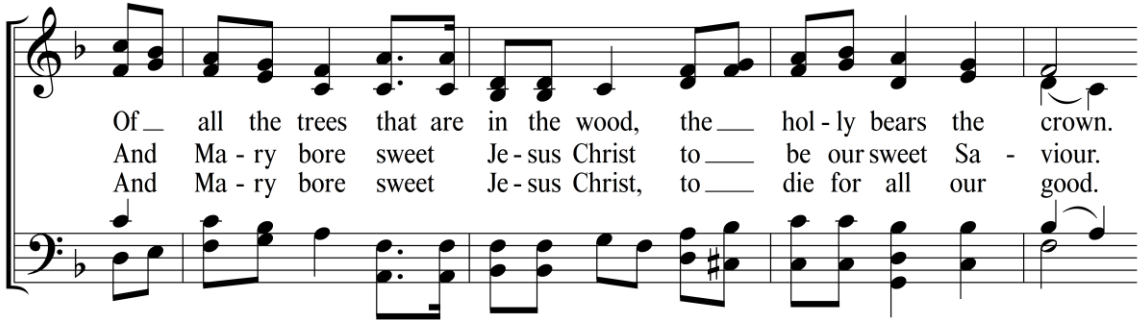
a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east and sing to - day: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east and sing to - day: Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east and sing to - day: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

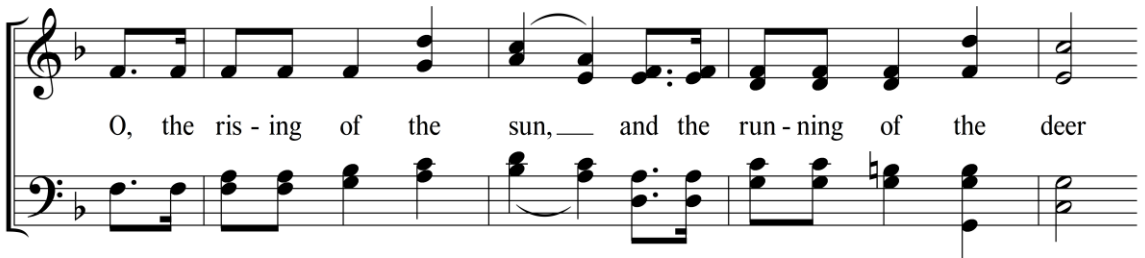
The Holly and the Ivy



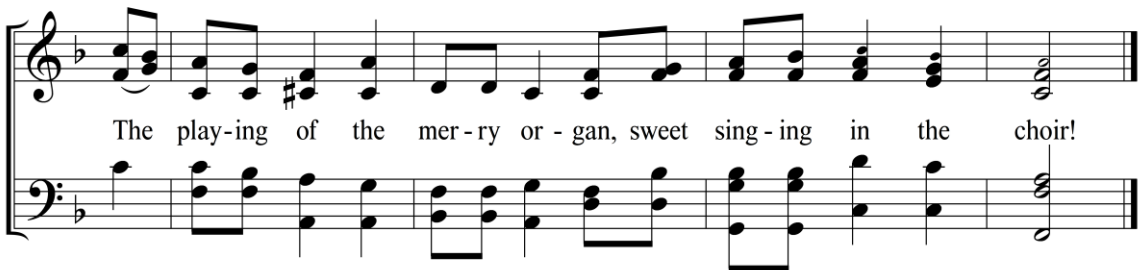
1. The hol - ly and the i - vy, when they are both full grown;
2. The hol - ly bears a blos - som, as white as a - ny flow'r;
3. The hol - ly bears a ber - ry, as red as a - ny blood;



Of_ all the trees that are in the wood, the_ hol - ly bears the crown.
And Ma - ry bore sweet Je - sus Christ to_ be our sweet Sa - viour.
And Ma - ry bore sweet Je - sus Christ, to_ die for all our good.



O, the ris - ing of the sun, — and the run - ning of the deer



The play - ing of the mer - ry or - gan, sweet sing - ing in the choir!

Evergreen and Ever-fragrant

1. Ev - er - green and ev - er - fra - grant sym - bol of e - ter - ni - ty,
2. Light of lights to all de - scend - ing, white of per - fect pur - i - ty,
3. Star and creche and her - ald an - gel tell of love and mys - ter - y,
4. Cross of sac - ri - fice and suff - ring, crown of life and vic - to - ry,

tell - ing of the Christ with - in us, stands the won - drous Chris - mon tree.
gold of maj - es - ty and glo - ry crown the ra - diant Chris - mon tree.
cel - e - brate the Christ a - mong us, wel - comed by the Chris - mon tree.
Je - sus Christ our Lord re - veal - ing: hon - ored through the Chris - mon tree.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Evergreen and Ever-fragrant". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

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O Christmas Tree



1. O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, your
2. *O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, you*
3. O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, in



branch - es are up - lift - ed, You seem to say that
shine like stars a - bove us; And with your beau - ty
plain - ness you were grow - ing un - til we came and



on this day our world's su - preme - ly gift - ed. The
si - lent say, "How great - ly God must love us!" You
brought you here and set your branch - es glow - ing. Your



shin - ing of your can - dles bright, re - minds us Light has
show us him who with God's face, brought to our hearts the
liv - ing beau - ty helps us see how clothed with Christ our



come to - night. O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, you
gift of grace. O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, you
lives can be. O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, you



lift our eyes to hea - ven.
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The Scripture this morning is Luke 1:5-25

⁵In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. ⁷But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. ⁸Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, ⁹he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. ¹⁰Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. ¹¹Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. ¹³But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. ¹⁴You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." ¹⁸Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." ¹⁹The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to

bring you this good news.²⁰ But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.”²¹ Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary.²² When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak.²³ When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.²⁴ After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said,²⁵ “This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.”

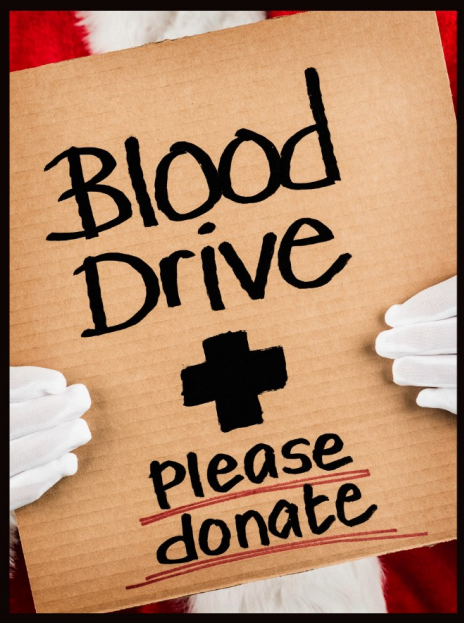
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Holy Wisdom, Holy Word... **Thanks be to God.**

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Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent / Hanging of the Green**
12:00 pm Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom
3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
6:30 pm Middle School Sunday School — Zoom
- Tuesday** **December 8**
9:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive — Vickrey Hall (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)
 Schedule Your Appointment – redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive
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4:00 pm Advent Afternoons — Royal Lane YouTube Channel
- Wednesday** **December 9**
6:15 pm IN FOCUS – Beloved Community - Interfaith Conversations
 Royal Lane YouTube Channel
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir — Zoom
- Friday** **December 11**
12:00 pm Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
- Saturday** **December 12**
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm 3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent**
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Zoom
10:00 am 4-6-Year-Old Sunday School — Zoom
10:00 am Women’s Share & Prayer — Zoom
11:00 am Morning Worship — Livestream
 Royal Lane YouTube Channel
 Following Worship – Chat with the Pastor — Zoom
12:00 pm Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom
3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
6:30 pm Middle School Sunday School — Zoom
7:30 pm Deacons Meeting — Zoom

IN FOCUS – Beloved Community: Interfaith Conversations

The Education Committee invites you to join us Wednesday, December 9, at 6:15 pm, for our November IN FOCUS. Beloved Community: Interfaith Conversations.

Schedule

All In-Person activities have been suspended until further notice.
See the website for information and resources.

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Deacons on Call

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