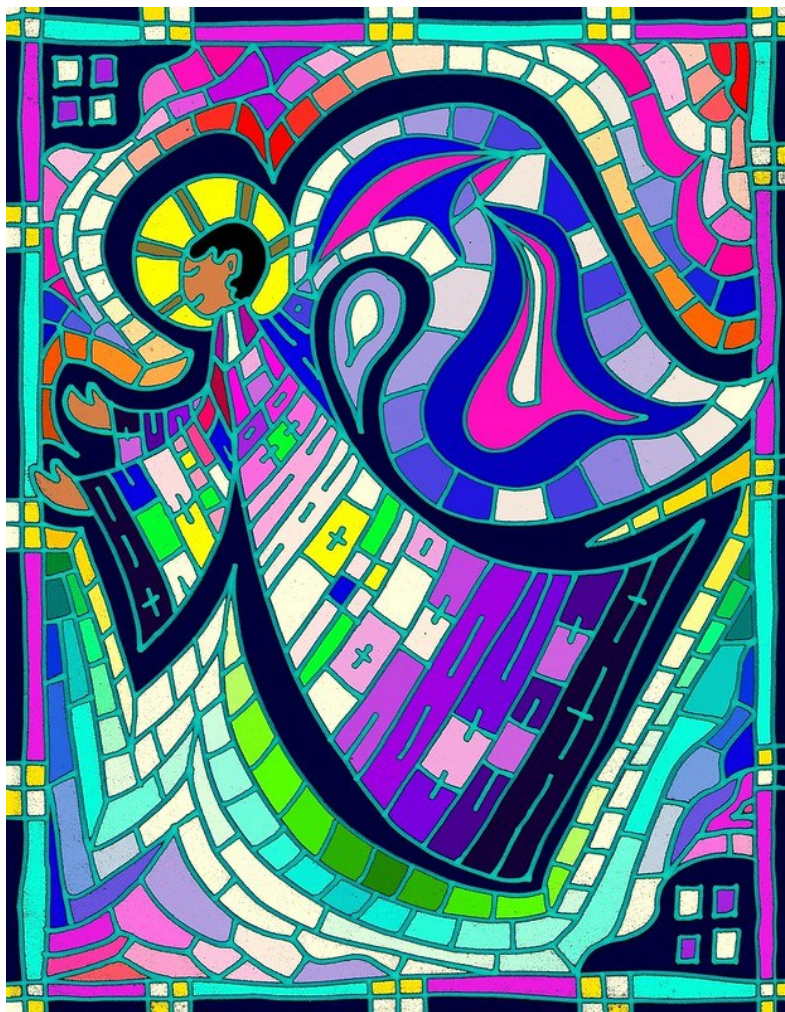


ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

11:00 A.M.

Chiming of the Hour

Voluntary

David Weigle

Wachet Auf— A. D. Miller
Proclamation

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

Derrick, Ashley, & Blakely Ragsdale

Unison Prayer

Let us pray:

Gracious God, on this Advent journey, may we wait with Mary's joyful anticipation as we prepare to welcome your Son, our Savior, into this broken and frightened world in need of redemption. Amen.

Introit

Suré Eloff

Maria Wiegenlied— Max Reger
The Virgin's Slumber Song

*Amid the roses Mary sits and rocks her Jesus child,
While amid the treetops sighs the breeze so warm and mild.
And soft and sweetly sings a bird upon the bough:
Ah, baby, dear one, slumber now!*

*Happy is Thy laughter, holy is Thy silent rest,
Lay Thy head in slumber, fondly on Thy Mother's breast?
Ah, baby, dear one, slumber now!*

—Text: Martin Boelitz

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

We have come to worship.

We have heard the story of Jesus Christ with joy and anticipation.

We have come to worship.

We open our hearts to prepare room for his coming.

We have come to worship.

We open our ears to hear the choirs of angels proclaim his holy birth.

(continued)

We have come to worship.

We open our lives to God's Holy Spirit.

We have come to worship.

**Through the grace of God's Holy Spirit,
we have come to worship Christ, the newborn King. Amen.**

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel — VENI EMMANUEL
(stanzas one and four)

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Melissa Orwig

We remember this day those

who crave your shining face,

who long for the light,

who need our power to drive out the darkness:

For those who live with depression or other mental illnesses.

Restore us, O God,

and make your face shine upon us that we might be saved.

For those who cannot bring themselves to forgive others.

For those who cannot forgive themselves.

Restore us, O God,

and make your face shine upon us that we might be saved.

For those who have lost loved ones in the past year.

For those who have lost physical or mental abilities.

For those who care for aging spouses or loved ones.

For those who have been living with cancer and other debilitating illnesses.

Restore us, O God,

and make your face shine upon us that we might be saved.

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud or post in the comments section.

Let us pray:

We ask that you would strengthen us as a congregation:

as we serve one another and those

with whom you called us into fellowship,

as we seek to bring hospitality and hope to our community,

as we discern where you might be leading us,

as we search for the truth of your word

and do our best to live it out in our lives,

as we wait, watch, and wonder in preparation for the coming of your son.

Restore us, O God,

and make your face shine upon us that we might be saved. Amen.

Advent Hymn

Worshippers

Be Not Afraid — ST. LOUIS

Be not a-fraid, a - midst re - vi - sion of the plans we made; Nor feel dis - placed, when
we are faced with hopes and goals de - layed; A - mid this chang - ing land - scape: dys -
func - tion and dis - ease, Em - brace a liv - ing hope and give our hearts to One who frees.

Scripture Lesson

Cathy Walling

Luke 1:26-45 [see insert]

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

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Young Mary Lived in Nazareth — BALLAD OF MARY
(stanzas one and two)

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ The Fear of Revision ”

Offertory

Brittany Jones

Christmas Lullaby - Songs for a New World — Jason Robert Brown

Blessing

Michael Gregg

Peace be with you.

Love be in you.

Mercy be among you.

Justice be around you.

Go out into the world

Reflecting God's presence

Resisting fear

Re-imagining your place in the ongoing incarnation of God's holy love.

Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

David Weigle

In Dulci Jubilo — Marcel Dupré
Good Christians All Rejoice

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Hymn Notes

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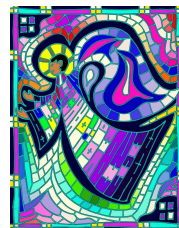
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Be Not Afraid

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 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.

JONATHAN M. GREGOIRE

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Praised for his “top-notch technique and musicianship” by the Dallas Morning News, Jonathan M. Gregoire is an imaginative keyboardist and advocate for the power music has to transform lives. Gregoire brings his passion for music, intuitive gifts for the healing powers of the arts, and warm charisma to his creative output. As a soloist, his engaging performances are praised for their “unfailing drive, energy, and expression,” with equal parts style and flair. As a collaborative artist, his elegance and facility at both the piano and the organ are further augmented by his sensitivity and innate ability to support and lead from the keyboard. He supports congregational and choral singing as the organist at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Plano, Texas. As an educator, Gregoire is driven by the belief that through education we promote understanding, and with understanding we can foster appreciation. With this belief, he founded and serves as the Executive Director of the Arts Foundation of St. Andrew, which is dedicated to “enriching spirituality through the power of the arts.” Additionally, he is the faculty accompanist for the Greenhill School in Addison and Plano West Senior High School, nurturing a love for music in the lives of the students and choirs he supports. For additional information, including recordings, please visit: jonathangregoire.com



Staff Love Gift Deadline Extended to December 18



During this Giving time of year let us not forget those who give so much to us all year. Our church staff willingly and lovingly provides many services for us throughout the year. As in the past, if you would like to express your personal appreciation, please mail your check to the Church Office or make your donation online by December 18. 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. *Charlotte Sewell, Deacon Chair*



Mourning Light

Wednesday, December 16, 6:30 pm — Zoom

A service of healing and wholeness for those who mourn during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Social Justice Team Candlelight Prayer Walk Friday, December 18 – 6:30 pm

You are invited to participate in the *Social Justice Team Candlelight Prayer Walk*, Friday, December 18, 6:30 pm.



Consider attending as a Sunday School Class or Care Group. Invite your friends and neighbors. Seating available for those with limited mobility.

Christmas Eve Missions Offering

We are beginning our Christmas Eve Missions Offering early this year! Please join us in giving to two very important organizations who are meeting the most basic needs of our beloved community this Christmas season. We will divide any missions offerings evenly between Hope Supply and North Dallas Shared Ministries. You can read more about these wonderful organizations below. To give to the Christmas Eve Missions Offering, choose this fund in the dropdown menu under “Giving” on the RLBC website, or mail or drop off a check with “Christmas Eve Missions Offering” written in the memo section.

Hope Supply Co.



Hope Supply meets the critical needs of homeless and at-risk children across North Texas by providing necessities including diapers, clothing, school supplies and toys. to enhance their lives. They provide diapers and other essentials to social service organizations, including homeless shelters, transitional living centers, school districts and state agencies. We currently have a

network of 70+ partner agencies, ensuring that our items are given directly to the families and children that need them the most. Right now, they have seen requests for their help increase by almost 300%.

North Dallas Shared Ministries

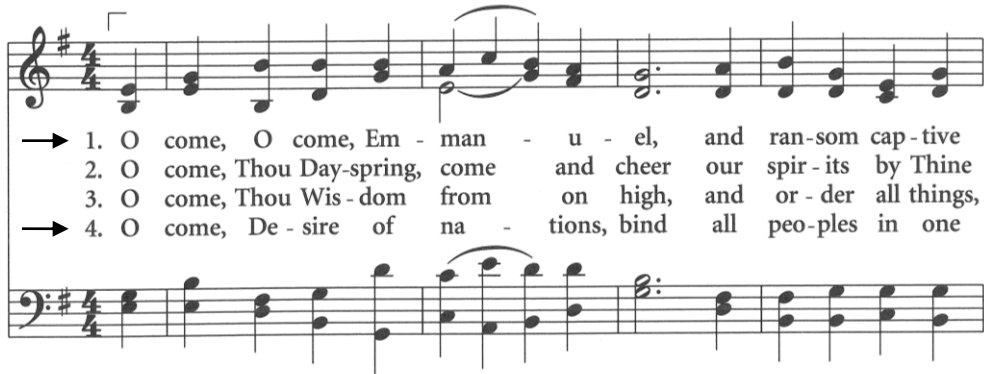
NDSM is an interfaith community of volunteers, partners and collaborators providing charitable assistance to persons in need. NDSM is one of the Missions to which we regularly give, but they are seeing higher than average need from their clients right now. According to Judy Rorrie, the Executive Director of North Dallas Shared Ministries, requests for food and financial assistance has increased sharply. Since April 27, a very small group of NDSM volunteers has reviewed 1,864 applications for financial assistance; to date in just under seven months, 644 Covid-19 related households have received \$480,643 in rent and/or utility assistance. The expectation is that the need for life-sustaining basic services will increase significantly as we begin the new year.



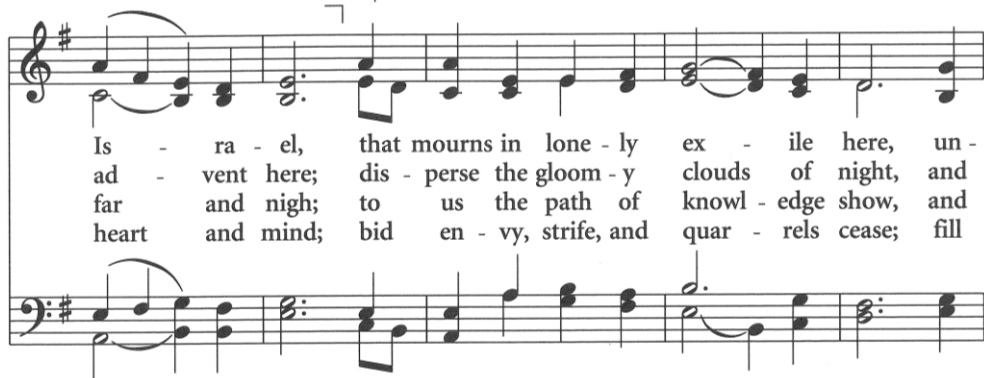
North Dallas Shared Ministries
Life - Health - Education



O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



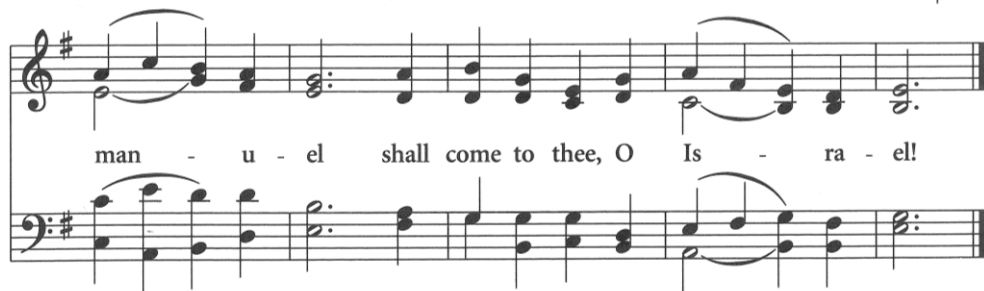
→ 1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by Thine
3. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things,
→ 4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un -
ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and
far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show, and
heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease; fill

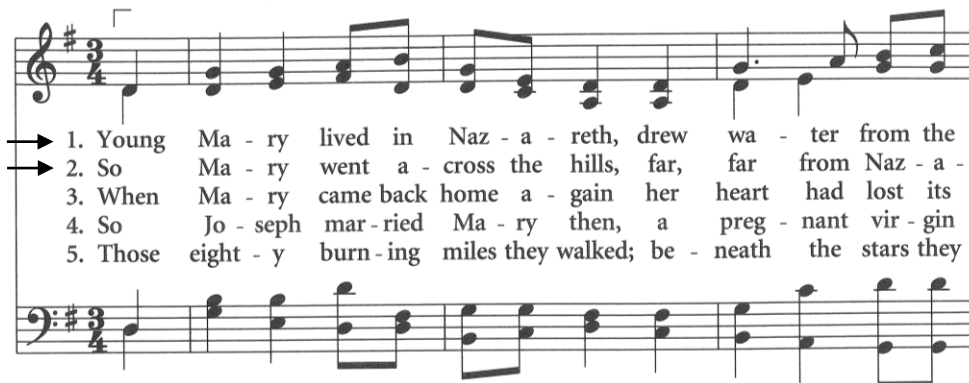


til the Son of God ap - pear.
death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
cause us in her ways to go.
all the world with heav - en's peace.

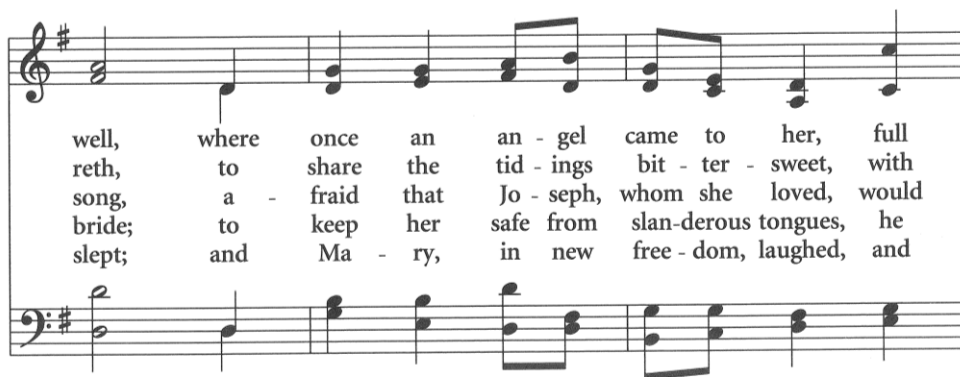


man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

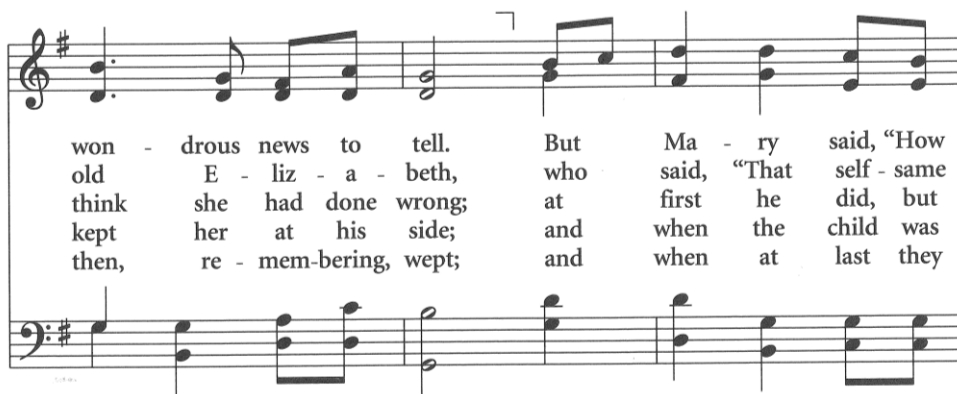
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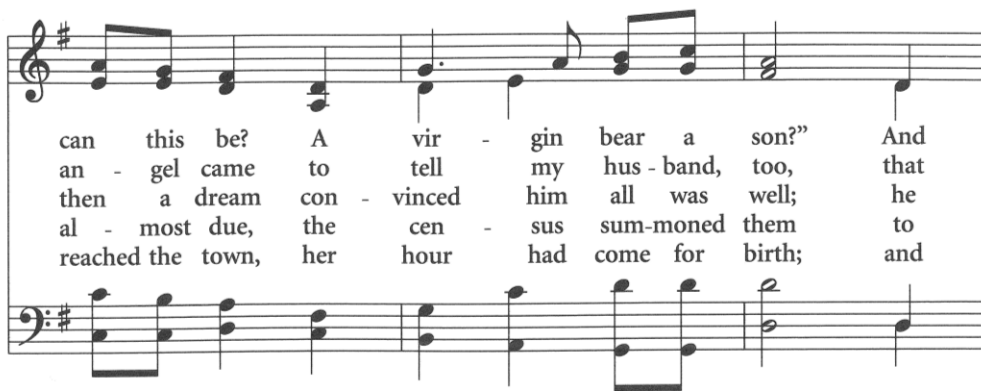
1. Young Ma - ry lived in Naz - a - reth, drew wa - ter from the
 2. So Ma - ry went a - cross the hills, far, far from Naz - a -
 3. When Ma - ry came back home a - gain her heart had lost its
 4. So Jo - seph mar - ried Ma - ry then, a preg - nant vir - gin
 5. Those eight - y burn - ing miles they walked; be - neath the stars they



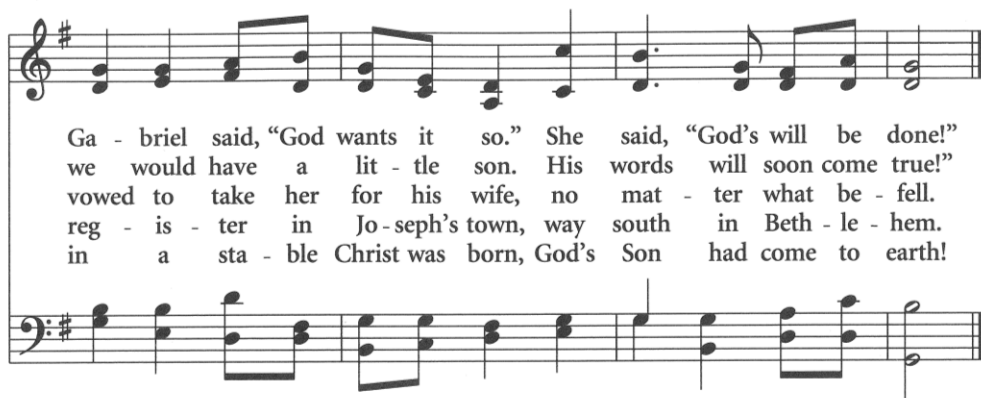
well, where once an an - gel came to her, full
 reth, to share the tid - ings bit - ter - sweet, with
 song, a - fraid that Jo - seph, whom she loved, would
 bride; to keep her safe from slan - derous tongues, he
 slept; and Ma - ry, in new free - dom, laughed, and



won - drous news to tell. But Ma - ry said, "How
 old E - liz - a - beth, who said, "That self - same
 think she had done wrong; at first he did, but
 kept her at his side; and when the child was
 then, re - mem - bering, wept; and when at last they



can this be? A vir - gin bear a son?" And
an - gel came to tell my hus - band, too, that
then a dream con - vinced him all was well; he
al - most due, the cen - sus sum - moned them to
reached the town, her hour had come for birth; and



Ga - briel said, "God wants it so." She said, "God's will be done!"
we would have a lit - tle son. His words will soon come true!"
vowed to take her for his wife, no mat - ter what be - fell.
reg - is - ter in Jo - seph's town, way south in Beth - le - hem.
in a sta - ble Christ was born, God's Son had come to earth!

The Scripture this morning is Luke 1:26-45

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry,

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

(NRSV)

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

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent**
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
- Tuesday** **December 15**
4:00 pm Advent Afternoons — Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel
- Wednesday** **December 16 – Mosaic**
6:30 pm Mourning Light — Zoom
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir — Zoom
- Friday** **December 18**
12:00 pm Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
6:30 pm SJT Candlelight Prayer Walk — Church Grounds
- Saturday** **December 19**
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm 3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **December 20 – Fourth 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 Baptist YouTube Channel
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

Schedule

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

Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the Prayer Request Form,
available on the website at royallane.org/prayer

Deacons on Call

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