

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Second Sunday of Advent*

### *Hanging of the Green*

December 5, 2021

10:55 A.M.

*Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Voluntary.*  
*Please use this as a time of quiet reflection and prayer,*  
*and to record your attendance at [royallane.org/register](http://royallane.org/register) (see QR located following postlude)*  
*To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.*  
*For the safety and protection of our children and those with compromised immune systems,*  
*masks are required in the building.*  
✠ – *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

#### Chiming of the Hour

*Christmas is coming! The unwrapping of God's greatest gift is near.*  
*God will take away the trees and garlands, and decorate our human hearts in hope.*  
*Today we come together to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ.*  
*Today we make ready our welcome for the babe born in Bethlehem.*  
*Let us clear our minds and open our hearts to the coming of the Lord.*  
*We honor this birth by adorning our sanctuary with the symbols of Advent.*

#### Voluntary

*O Tannenbaum* — arranged by Vince Guiraldi

David Weigle

#### ✠Call to Worship

We come together to prepare for the birth of Jesus.

**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 coming 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 sanctuary.**

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

Congregation

#### ✠Processional Hymn 79 [ see insert ]

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* — VENI EMMANUEL

Congregation

Words of Welcome

Harry Wooten

Christ be with you ... **and also with you!**

## *The Legend of the Poinsettia*

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

## *The Coming of the Light and the Advent Wreath*

Cookie Stokes

Lighting of the Window Candles & Presentation of Crèches  
Women of the Church

West Side  
Margaret Darden  
Melanie Ferguson  
Nancy Ferrell  
Barbara Gunnin  
Patsy Meier

East Side  
Christin Lavery  
Karen Miller  
Janet Schultz  
Anne Sewell  
Karen Simmons

Advent Hymn

Worshippers

*What, O What Then Shall We Do?* — GUITING POWER



2. Come to us, speak through the green - ing, 'til all con - flicts cease,



Through your mer - cy, in - ter - ven - ing with your calm - ing peace.



Light, shed an - swers to our ques - tion: What, O what then shall we do?!

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Kenna Curry & Jaime Clark-Soles

Unison Prayer

Let us pray:

**Almighty God in whose eternity our transient lives are held, whose will is our peace, who has come among us in great humility,**

**Make us wise**

**To wait for thee**

**To wish for thee**

**To watch for thee**

**Until the breaking of the day. Amen.**

—George Arthur Buttrick

## *The Garlands and Wreaths*

Nate Green

Hanging of the Garlands & Wreaths

RLBC Youth

Janina Washington & Scott Bryant

Christin & Richard Lavery

Lisa & Bryan Chastain

Kelley & Phil Keith

Carol [ see insert ]

Congregation

*The Holly and The Ivy* – traditional English melody

## *The Chrismons and Evergreen Trees*

Larry Forth

Carols [ see inserts ]

Congregation

*(Please come forward during the singing of the Carols to place Chrismons and bows on the trees.).*

*Evergreen and Ever-fragrant* – STUTTGART

*O Christmas Tree* – O TANNENBAUM

Scripture Lesson

Sadie W.

Luke 1:68-79 [ Pew Bible page 832 of the New Testament or see insert]

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!**

Sermon

Steve Graham

**“ We Do Peace ”**

Luke 3:1-14, Luke 1:78-79

†Hymn of Commitment 88 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Blest Be the God of Israel* — MERLE'S TUNE  
*If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,  
please refer to pew rack card – “How to Become a Member”*

Offertory Prayer

Terry Berrier

Immanuel, God with us, in gratitude for the mercy you showed our ancestors in faith, and in thanksgiving for your holy covenant with your people, we offer you these gifts and offerings. Amen.

Offertory

Choir

*Wexford Carol* — arranged by Elaine Hagenberg  
We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.  
See back cover for ways to give.

Presentation of Decisions

Steve Graham

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

*(continued)*

✠ Sending Forth

Steve Graham

Let us pray:

And now may God, Creator of light and trees and flowers, grant us peace.

**As we have decorated this place of worship,**

**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.

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*Comfort, Comfort, Now My People* — Jerry Westenkuehler

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## Staff Love Gift – Deadline Today!



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 provides many services for us throughout the year. If you would like to express your gratitude, please place a check in the offering plate or and make your donation online. 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. You may also contact Janet Schultz in the church office tomorrow, December 6, to pay by credit card.

*Terry Berrier, Deacon Chair*

# Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



Hints for registering your attendance at worship.

1. Check the spelling of your name.
2. Be sure the email is your preferred email.
3. Provide the name of each attendee separately rather than combining two names as a single entry. Attendance registration allows you to “Add Another Worship Attendee” for every member of your family/group.
4. Registering as a guest? Welcome!

What happens when we receive incorrect spellings, emails or a combination of two names on one entry line? Our member/visitor database e360 creates a new “person” for each registration and adds it to the database.

Help us keep our member/visitor database clean and useful to you and the staff of RLBC.

## Hymn Notes

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

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**What, O What Then Shall We Do?**

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**O Christmas Tree**

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**Blest Be the God of Israel**

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# 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

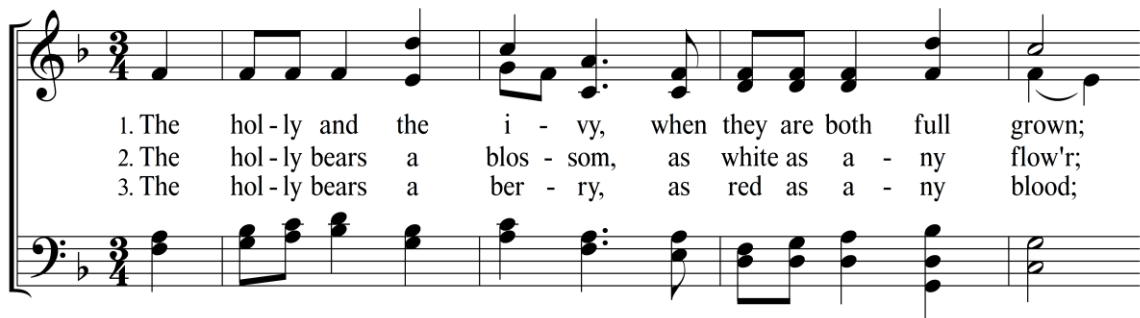
Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un -  
ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and  
far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show, and  
heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease; fill

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.

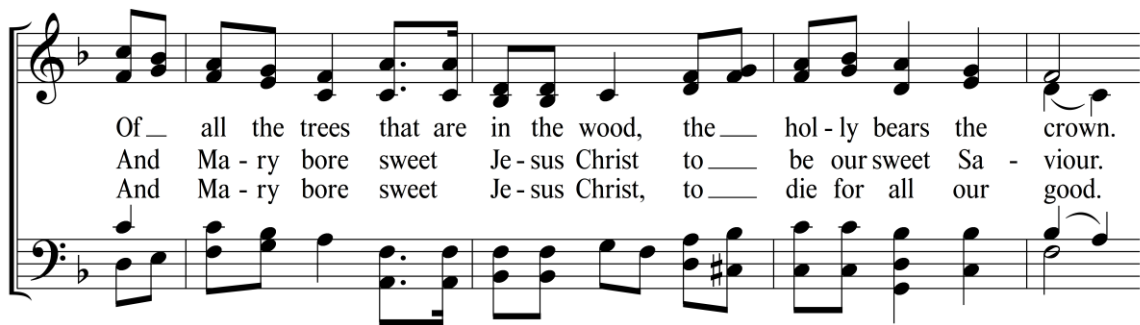
man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!



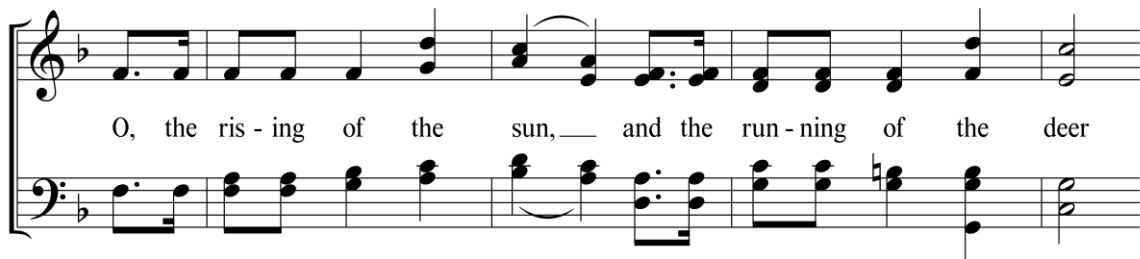
# The Holly and the Ivy



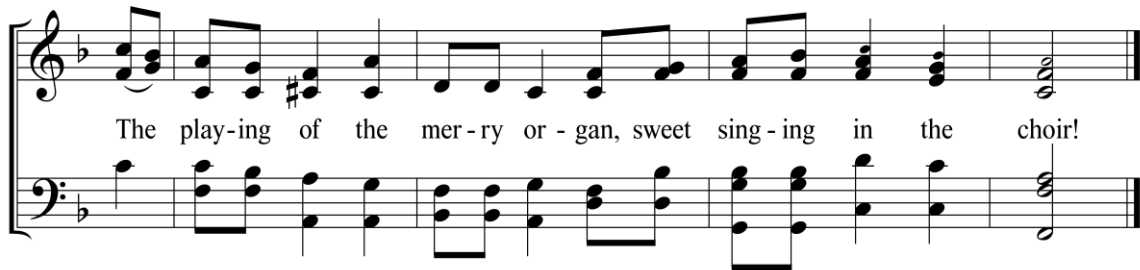
1. The hol - ly and the i - vy, when they are both full grown;  
2. The hol - ly bears a blos - som, as white as a - ny flow'r;  
3. The hol - ly bears a ber - ry, as red as a - ny blood;



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 - dian Chris - mon tree.  
cel - e - brate the Christ a - mong us, wel - come by the Chris - mon tree.  
Je - sus Christ our Lord re - veal - ing: hon - ored through the Chris - mon tree.



# 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.  
*lift our eyes to hea - ven.*  
lift our eyes to hea - ven.

# Blest Be the God of Israel

*Unison*

1. Blest be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;  
2. Now from the house of Da - vid a child of grace is given;  
3. Where once were fear and dark - ness the sun be - gins to rise,

who vis - its and re - deems us and grants us lib - er - ty.  
a Sav - ior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.  
the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes,

The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, of res - cue and re - lease;  
Be - fore Him goes the her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,  
to guide the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace,

God shall ful - fill the prom - ise to bring the peo - ple peace.  
the proph - et of sal - va - tion, the mes - sen - ger of day.  
O bless our God and Sav - ior with songs that nev - er cease!

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The Scripture this morning is Luke 1:68-79, which may be found on page 832 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

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<sup>68</sup>“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. <sup>69</sup>He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, <sup>70</sup>as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, <sup>71</sup>that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. <sup>72</sup>Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, <sup>73</sup>the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us <sup>74</sup>that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, <sup>75</sup>in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. <sup>76</sup>And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, <sup>77</sup>to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. <sup>78</sup>By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, <sup>79</sup>to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

*(NRSV)*

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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!**

# Poinsettia Dedications

Given in Memory of:

Katie & George Walter, my parents  
*by Connie Bechtol*

Dan Bohannon

Dan's parents

My parents

Louise Finke

*by Shirley Bohannon*

Rose Griffin

Dorothy Griffin

*by Dottie Brashear*

Paula and Ed Bright

*by Shirley Bright*

Donnie Cechan

*by Leslie Cechan*

Doud Cox, who taught me to love God  
and to love music

*by Ray Cox*

Patricia Crutcher

*by Rick Crutcher*

Lynn Darden

Margaret & Sam Furr

*by Margaret Darden*

Kathy Peck, my mom

*by Tonyia Dotson*

J. C. Edwards, my dad

Judge Fred Edwards, my brother

*by Elwanda Edwards*

Jo Ferguson

Doris & Forrest Gambill

*by Sheryl Gambill*

I.E. (Gene) Garrett

Nell & Ed Thomas

Emmie Lou & Otis Kerley.

*by Betty Garrett*

James & Earlene Lackey

Jean Ann Graham

Nancy Moreland

Chris Graham

*by Steve & Jennifer Graham*

Gerry Gunnin

*by Barbara Gunnin*

Anna Marie & Bruce Lowe

*by Paulette & Harold Harrison*

Steve Dolloff

*by Harry Hunter*

Calvin James

Alvie & Pauline Cork

Wendell & Opal James

*by Shirley James*

Dana Hanson, friend and co-worker

*by Brittany Jones*

Mr. & Dr. Jesse & Jeannette Phillips

*by Michael Jones*

Ann Charlesworth

Marie Tomlin

Tom Tomlin

*by Christin Lavery*

Esther Luedke, mother

*by Bruce Luedke*

Ruth & Roy Moore and sons  
Lorraine and Zackary Meachum, Sr.  
Gene Sprout  
Pauline Salazar  
Richard Seib  
*by Bettie Meachum*

Zackey & Lorraine Meachum  
Mary Katherine & John Roberts  
Allie Ruth & Roy Moore and Charles  
Harold, Bubba, Billie and Scott  
*by Wayne Meachum*

Jo Ferguson  
*by Don & Patsy Meier*

Lawrence Ambler, father  
Jewel Ambler, mother  
Grant Ambler, brother  
*by Marilyn Munro*

Jonathan Barber  
Christian Ndenga  
*by Rita Nsumbu*

George A. Quesada, Sr.  
Maxine S. Quesada  
Charlie Jaynes  
Jo Ferguson  
*by The Quesadas*

Richard George and Ed & Fumiko Jones  
Clifford & Emelda Schultz  
*by Laurence & Janet Schultz*

Terry L. Simmons  
*by Karen Simmons*

Raymond L. Vickrey  
*by Sharon Vickrey*

Royal King Lockett  
Mary Walker  
Mark Walker  
*by Jamie & Melissa Walker-Lockett*

Anna Walling, mom  
*by Cathy Walling*

Mark S. Brandon  
*by Marcy Waters Cason*

Dennis H. Waters  
*by Marcy Waters Cason, Lisa Waters,  
Erin Waters, Rebecca Sparling*

Jim Sewell  
Ruth & Bill Logan  
*by Charlotte Sewell & Brian Watson*

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Donna & Billy Wood  
Polly & Larue Martin  
Ozzie & Jack Anderson  
*by Donna Wood-Martin &  
Scott Martin*

Duane D. Young, Sr.  
*by DeeDee Young*



# Poinsettia Dedications

## Given in Honor of:

Laura Bechtol &  
Lew Bechtol, my children  
*by Connie Bechtol*

Shirley Bohannan  
*by Holy Bohannan*

Holly, Clay, Faith, Shelby, Hope & Blake  
*by Shirley Bohannan*

Lily Brashear  
*by Dottie Brashear*

The three Bright Girls and their families  
*by Sheila Bright*

Bobbie Joyce Edwards, my mother  
*by Elwanda Edwards*

All friends here at Royal Lane Baptist  
*by Sheryl Gambill*

The Hammett Family: Jeff, Jennifer,  
Jonah, & Jacob

The Keiths: Phil, Kelley, Claire, & Owen  
*by Paulette & Harold Harrison*

Percy Parrish  
Marcia Parrish  
Jasmine Parrish  
Jayda Parrish  
*by Martha & Kathy Hatcher*

Steve & Jennifer Graham  
*by Interim Pastor Search Committee*

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*by Michael Jones*

Emmy & Grandaddy  
Grandmom & Grandad  
*by Claire & Owen Keith*

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Aubrey, Adam, Mary Katherine,  
Mac Connatser

Ruth Seib  
Charlotte Sewell  
Royal Lane Ministers and Staff  
*by Bettie Meachum*

Kurt & Amy Meachum and Allie,  
Kendall and Ben  
Aubrey & Adam Connatser and  
M.K. and Mac  
Suzanne Duvall  
*by Wayne Meachum*

Charlotte Sewell  
Laura Keller  
Harry Wooten  
Steve Graham  
Terry Berrier  
Susie Jaynes

*by The Quesadas*

The Sewell/Watson Family  
The Whitaker/McFadyen Family  
*by Anne Sewell*

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Amber, Kevin, Luke, &  
Rutledge Seymour

Zadie Luckett  
James Walker  
*by Jamie &  
Melissa Walker-Luckett*





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Turner Wooten  
Harrison Wooten  
Blair Wooten

*by Harry Sr. & Nancy Wooten*

Duane D. Young Jr. & Jana Young  
Steven M. & Debra McClure Young  
*by DeeDee Young*

# *What THEN shall we do?*

## **Advent – 2021**

**December 12 – Advent III – We Do Joy**

Scripture: Luke 1:39-42

**December 15 – Mourning Light**

6:15 pm — Sanctuary

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. Holy Communion offered.

**December 19 – Advent IV – We Do Love**

Scripture: Luke 3:7-18

**December 24 – Christmas Eve**

4:00 pm - Family Christmas Eve — Sanctuary (childcare provided)

6:30 pm – Candlelight and Communion — Sanctuary (childcare provided)

**December 26 – First Sunday after Christmas**

10:55 am — Sanctuary

# Study for Wednesday Evening

with Steve Graham

*The Solace of Fierce Landscapes: Exploring Desert and Mountain Spirituality.*

by Belden Lane

## Scriptures for Next Sunday

**Zephaniah 3:14-20** **Isaiah 12:2-6**

**Philippians 4:4-7** **Luke 3:7-18**

## For the Children!

Children's bulletins are included in activity packets for ages 3+ and 7+. Don't miss the Secret Code to allow your child to unlock on-line games, in a safe environment, that supplement today's scripture at [games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx](http://games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx)



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

## How to Connect

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

## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday**      **December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent / Hanging of the Green**  
First Sunday Youth Lunch — Six Flags Holiday in the Park  
12:30 pm Pastor Search Team — Vickrey Hall
- Wednesday** **December 8**  
10:00 am Holy Rollers — Room 212  
6:30 pm Midweek Study — Zoom  
7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)  
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Saturday**    **December 11**  
10:00 am Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom  
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom  
5:00 pm Holiday Parents Night Out — Vickrey Hall (5:00 – 8:00 pm)  
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday**      **December 12 – Third Sunday of Advent**  
9:15 am Children's SS Classes — Zoom  
9:45 am Formations Class — Library  
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Room 208  
10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)  
10:30 am Children ages 3yr through 5th grade – Vickrey Hall  
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary  
                 or Royal Lane YouTube Channel  
12:30 pm Racial Justice Committee — Vickrey Hall  
7:30 pm Deacons Meeting — Zoom (7:15 pm, Deacon Chat)

*The deadline for the Weekly Mosaic and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.*

## **Church Calendar**

As we return to in-person worship and regular business hours for the office staff, it is important that the church office be contacted so that we can be sure all events, in-person or zoom, be included on the calendar to avoid schedule conflicts.

Please contact the church office by phone or email.  
214-361-2809, [info@royallane.org](mailto:info@royallane.org).

## Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the Prayer Cards, available in the “pockets” on the back of each pew, to submit prayer requests or the Prayer Request Form, available on the website at [royallane.org/prayer](http://royallane.org/prayer)  
Prayer cards may be left in the offering plate as you leave today’s service.



## Deacons on Call

Barrett Wooten & Terry Berrier

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When WE Give: we Do Peace!

### October 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 585,450
Expenses	\$ 558,429
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ 27,021

\*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

Ushers will be at each door to receive your offering or you may Text “GIVE” to 214-609-1200. Follow the prompts to complete the process.

*Standard text message rates may apply.*

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