ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022

10:55 A.M.

Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Voluntary.

To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.

P—Please rise in body or in spirit.

Chiming of the Hour

Voluntary Jeanie Chuang

The Heavens Declare — B. Marcello

Processional Hymn 603 [see insert]

Congregation

Jesus Loves Me — CHINA
Please remain seated for the procession of the backpacks

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₱Call to Worship

Congregation

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled live?

We long to live lives of holiness and light.

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God! Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

*Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

May the holy wisdom of God guard our ways and guide our paths. May the living truth of God enlighten our hearts and open our minds. And may the living Spirit of God give us life to the fullest! Amen.

Words of Welcome

Mike Jones, Pastor Search Committee

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

[Please record your attendance in the blue booklet at the end of the pew and pass it to others. You may also register online at royallane.org/register or see QR code following Organ Dismissal.]

Scripture Lesson

Andres C.

Proverbs 1:20-33 [Pew Bible page 525 of the Old 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!

Time for Young Disciples

Sarah Plunk

Children 3-year through 5th grade are invited to Godly Play, You may collect your children in Vickrey Hall following the service.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sarah Plunk, Barrett Wooten & the Youth of RLBC

Youth: Today, we have before us backpacks to be carried to and from school by the children and youth gathered here.

These backpacks will contain work to be done, work that's been returned, books to be studied, tools to complete homework. Notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, rulers, scissors, glue sticks and other items used for schoolwork will find their way in and out of these backpacks.

Youth: Some days, so much stuff will fill these backpacks that we may find it difficult to walk. Other days, they will be light and nearly empty. But on each and every day, these backpacks represent work required of we students gathered here. And, as in every aspect of our lives, we bring these before God for blessing at this time.

Let us pray

Youth: God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day. We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again.

Let Holy Wisdom be their companion

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Youth: Give us peace when we feel nervous, focus when we feel distracted, energy when we feel tired. Open our minds to the lessons we will learn both in and outside the classroom. Help us to make friends that build us up, and be friends to those in need.

Let Holy Wisdom be their companion

Youth: We pray over our backpacks. We ask a blessing on these backpacks in which we carry our books, lunches, papers, and projects, signs of our hopes and dreams as well as our worries. May the cross we receive today remind us of your love and prayers.

Let Holy Wisdom be their companion

Youth: May these backpacks be a sign that we have everything needed to learn and grow this year in school and in Sunday School. May we be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you.

Let Holy Wisdom be their companion. Amen

*Hymn 368 [see insert]

Congregation

We Praise You with Our Minds, O Lord — CLONMEL

Prayers of the People

Sarah King & Congregation

Loving God, each and every one of us here this morning needs more of your wisdom. Lord, help us to slow down and listen when wisdom calls to us.

Help us to have sensitive hearts and a teachable spirit.

There is no one who is wise until we are enlightened by your Holy Spirit and make us children of the truth. Loving God, we pray for your wisdom in our church family.

Teach us how to better serve one another and the world.

Loving God, we pray for your wisdom in our streets and apartment buildings and neighborhoods.

Teach us to seek your truth and embody your compassion with all we meet.

Loving God, we pray for your wisdom in our treatment of your earth.

Teach us to be better caretakers of our planet and its beautiful animals and plants.

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud. . .

(You may speak aloud the first name of those for whom you wish to pray.)

We now share silence together

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Let us pray:

God, your love is true and bright, and guides us on our way. May we go forth from here with new wisdom, new joy, and a new hope. Give us this week the grace of your presence and your love, to carry us through our days until we meet again in this fellowship. Amen.

Anthem

Who Will Teach the Children — Anna Laura Page Bryan Williams, flute

Who will teach the children, shape their hearts and minds?

Who will guide their feet along the way?

Who will teach the children, loving ways and kind.

Incline them to the Spirit when you pray.

Love the Lord with all your soul and strength; love the Lord with all your heart. Love your neighbor as you love yourself; from these commands do not depart.

Will you teach the children . . .

Let the morning bring word of Your love, for I have placed my in trust in You. Teach me Your will, Lord, for You are my God; may Your spirit guide my heart to truth.

We will teach the children . . .Incline them to the Spirit when we pray.

—Text: John D. Parker III

Sermon Steve Graham

"Light and Warmth for the Journey"

*Hymn of Commitment 76 [see insert]

Congregation

If You Will Only Let God Guide You — NEUMARK

If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,

please refer to pew rack card – "How to Become a Member"

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Steve Graham

Affirmation: Thanks be to God!

Offertory Prayer

John Helms

As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, and power and strength, be unto you our God forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Jeanie Chuang

Pastorale — D. Zipoli

We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.

See back cover for ways to give.

A Blessing as School Begins

Sarah Plunk, Barrett Wooten Steve Graham, & Congregation

To Educators

The call to be involved in education is a high calling. Those who teach our children help shape the future. We give thanks to a gracious God for the teachers, administrators, counselors, volunteers, support staff, and all others in our congregation who work in education.

We celebrate your calling and pledge to support you and others in our communities who are involved in the education of children and youth.

To Parents and Guardians

Education involves a partnership between school, home, and community. The support of parents and guardians is essential to a student's success. This morning we recognize the support you give the students in your homes. We hold in prayer all those in this congregation who have students in school and pray that all homes will be a place where learning is valued and encouragement offered.

We pledge our support to parents and guardians. We pray that our ministries will encourage and strengthen those in our church families who provide care for children.

To Students

Your church family believes that each student is a gift from God filled with potential and possibility. We pray that as you learn and grow you will develop caring hearts and minds that think clearly. We believe in you and care about your education.

As your faith community, we pledge our support to you on your educational journey. We affirm that each of you is a precious gift from God. We will do all that we are able to ensure that your schools are positive places filled with hope and the resources necessary for learning.

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Let us pray.

At the beginning of this academic year, O God of wisdom, we offer thanks and praise for the gift of new beginnings and for the opportunities to learn and to wonder. We pray for teachers, students, and staff that this year might be rewarding for all. Be with us as we face the challenge of new tasks, the fear of failure, the expectation of parents, friends, and self. In our learning and our teaching, may we grow in service to others and in love for your world, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

Jeanie Chuang

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow — arranged by Fred Bock

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Welcome to guest organist, Jeanie Chuang.

Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



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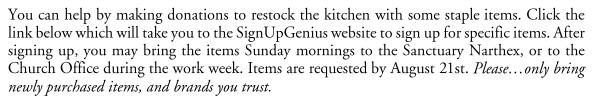
Wednesday Night Dinners are Coming Back! Help us Restock the Kitchen!

Midweek Dinner at Royal Lane is returning August 24th, and Carly Manson, our fabulous cook, is looking forward to being back with us! Plans are being made for some relational, intergenerational, and sensational activities to kick-off the return of Wednesday Night Dinners. Here is our modified schedule:

5:30 pm Dinner

6:00 pm Announcements, Prayers, Birthdays

6:15 – 7:00 pm Program





Blood Drive Royal Lane Baptist Church

Vickrey Hall 6707 Royal Lane Dallas, TX 75230

Tuesday, August 16, 2022 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: royallanebaptist to schedule an appointment.

Study for Wednesday Evening with Steve Graham

We invite you to gather in Vickrey Hall on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm. Bring your own dinner. Drinks will be provided. The Mid-Week program will begin at 6:15 pm for in person or zoom participation. (No childcare provided.)

Scriptures for Next Sunday Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

In-Person Child Protection Policy Training

Royal Lane is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our children and youth. Therefore, we believe that it is vitally important to take decisive steps to ensure that the Church is a safe and happy place for children when they are attending any Church-sponsored program or activities. It is the responsibility of each adult to ensure training is completed on an annual basis. For new volunteers, this training must be in person.

We are offering the in-person Child Protection Policy Training:

Sunday August 21st, 12:15, directly after the service, in Vickery Hall.

A light lunch will be provided.

All adults: children, and youth teachers, leaders, facilitators and volunteers who have not completed the training to date should attend.

For the Children!

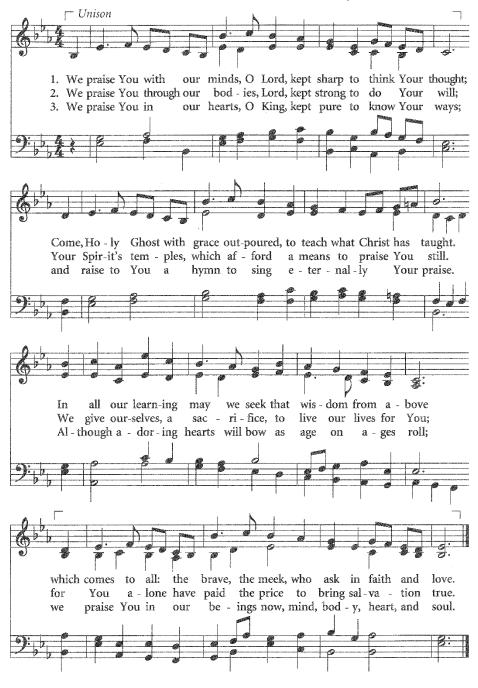
Children's bulletins are included in activity packets for ages 3+ and 7+.

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

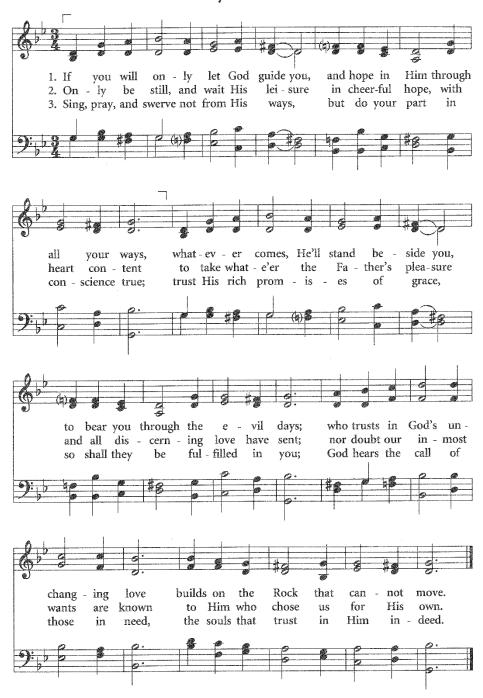




We Praise You with Our Minds, O Lord



If You Will Only Let God Guide You



The Scripture this morning is Proverbs 20:1-33, which may be found on page 525 of the Old Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

²⁰Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. ²¹At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: ²²"How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? ²³Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. ²⁴Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, ²⁵and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, ²⁶I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, ²⁷when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. ²⁸Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. ²⁹Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, ³⁰would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,

31therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices.
32For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them;
33but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

(NRSV)

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!**

Schedule for the Week

Sunday	August 14 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	
12:15 pm	Racial Justice Committee — Vickrey Hall	
7:30 pm	Deacon's Meeting — Zoom	
Monday	August 15	
3:00 pm	Building Action Task Force — Library	
Tuesday	August 16	
9:00 am	Red Cross Blood Drive — Vickrey Hall (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)	
7:00 pm	Pastor Search Committee	
Wednesday	August 17 – Mosaic	
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Vickrey Hall (3:30 - 5:30 pm)	
5:30 pm	Bring Your Own Dinner — Vickrey Hall (drinks provided, no childcare)	
6:15 pm	Midweek Study with Steve Graham — Zoom	
7:00 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)	
7:15 pm	Choir — Sanctuary	
Thursday	August 18	
6:30 pm	Publicity/Outreach — Zoom	
Saturday	August 20	
•	Third Saturday Youth Activity — Sister Grove Farm	
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom	
Sunday	August 21 – Sunday	
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building	
10:00 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)	
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Sanctuary	
	or Royal Lane YouTube Channel	
12:15 pm	In-Person Child Protection Training — Vickrey Hall	
8:00 pm	Congregational Affiliation Committee — Zoom	
	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.

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 Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.



Deacons on Call

John Helms & Sarah King

When WE Give: we can provide space for the Red Cross blood drive.

June 2022 Financials

	YTD Actua
Revenues*	\$ 333,700
Expenses	\$ 393,609
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ (59,909)

^{*}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.

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