

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 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.
✠ – Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Chiming of the Hour

Friends and colleagues may desert us in our hour of need, but God will stay with us and give us strength. Come, let us worship the Lord, our God, giving thanks for God's steadfastness, praise, and wondrous works for us.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Fantasia on TON-Y-BOTEL — Richard Purvis

✠Call to Worship

Steven Rhodes & Congregation

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;

**you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.**

By your strength you established the mountains;

you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.

**Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.**

✠Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all persons of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠Hymn 361 [see insert]

Congregation

My Jesus, I Love Thee — GORDON

Words of Welcome

Phil Keith

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

Lin S.

2 Timothy 4:1-8 [Pew Bible page 968 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!**

Time for Young Disciples

Barrett Wooten

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

✠Hymn 588 [see insert]

Congregation

I Know Whom I Have Believed — EL NATHAN

Prayers of the People

Marcy Waters Cason

What is Love

It is “something” that fills up “nothing”
It is what lights the beauty in the mundane.
It’s what makes you hear the unscored music...of wind and trees
of laughter and grackles...and motor cars.
It is what can show sorrow a glimpse of joy
and can turn the world’s twisted story
into a poem of passionate beauty.
Love is that gentle energy that makes us long to be hol.
It’s the power...that pushes us to be better.
It is what fills us up when we have given all we can away...
What replaces loss with life...
and what turns emptiness inside out.
I think it must be what fills the spaces between all things
and what pulls us toward infinite wholeness.
It is the invisible...that can be seen in all things.
I think that Love is a gift from the Divine and is meant to
be shared with others.

—Linda Binder, *“Wife to Widow. Poetic Expressions of
Finding My Way through the Field of Grief”* 2022

Sung Response

Choir

The Gift of Love — Hal H. Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole,
Let inward love guide every deed.
By this we worship and are freed.

Call to Confession

Cheryl Robinson & Congregation

Even before we admit our sin, God promises to hear us with mercy. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

No words can express the depth of our need or reveal the extent of our sin. But you know us completely, O God. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. You rescue us from evil and clothe us with love. Humbly, we thank you; for no words can express our gratitude for the gifts of your salvation. Amen.

We now share silence together

Promise of Forgiveness

Children, the news is so good we can scarcely believe it: God does not hold our sin against us but ours out abundant grace. Give thanks to God and by the Spirit's power share the gospel far and near: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Solo

Suré Eloff

Simple Gifts — Aaron Copland

Sermon

Steve Sprinkle

“When God’s Time Has Come”

✠Hymn of Commitment 41 [see insert]

Congregation

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy — WELLESLEY
*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

Larry Forth

God of creation, you water the earth and send forth food; you shower us with grace and feed us with your love. Accept these gifts, humble though they may be, and use them to spread your goodness throughout the earth; in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

Clair de lune — Claude Debussy
*We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane’s Ministry.
See back cover for ways to give.*

Litany of Farewell

Terry Berrier, Harry Wooten & Congregation

Linda Binder

O God, you have called Linda Binder to another place,
another community, another task.

**We are sad to see her go, but we recognize that,
just as she has been your gift to us,
so now she goes as a gift to another group of your people.**

We pray for each other now as our once-parallel roads of pilgrimage diverge.

We thank you for all that we have done or learned or shared together.

As we part, we affirm that it has been your Spirit
who brought us together in the first place,
your Spirit who has enlivened our fellowship.

**Your Spirit who goes with Linda
and your Spirit who stays with us.**

Your spirit who keeps us all together
in the worldwide family of your church.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Response & Blessing

Congregation

Let us pray:

O God, whose everlasting love for us is trustworthy, help us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time when we were together here in your name saw our laughter, our tears, our hopes and our disappointments. Guide us as we hold close these cherished memories but help us now also to move in new directions, until that time comes when we are completely one with you, and with each other. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please greet Linda Binder in the narthex as you leave.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Fanfares — Craig Phillips

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



Steve Sprinkle, Guest Preacher

Stephen V. Sprinkle is Emeritus Professor of Practical Theology, after holding the office of Director of Field Education and Supervised Ministry since 1994 at Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Texas. A native of North Carolina, and educated with a B.A. from Barton College, an M.Div. from Yale University Divinity School, and a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from Duke University Graduate School, he is an ordained minister of the Alliance of Baptists. He is the first openly LGBTQ scholar on the faculty of Brite. Dr. Sprinkle was named 2010-2011 Hero of Hope by



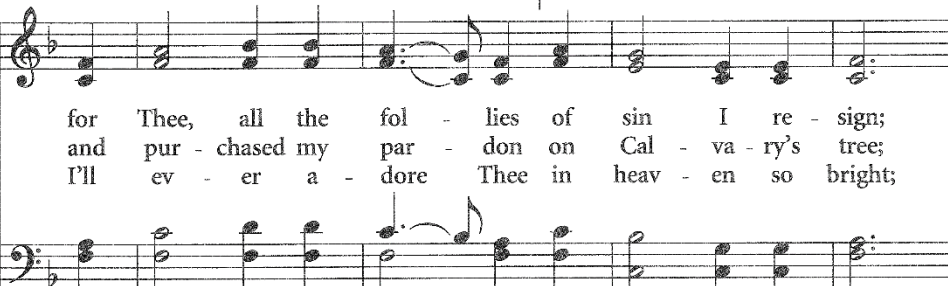
the Cathedral of Hope United Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas for his advocacy on behalf of the LGBTQ community, and currently serves as Theologian-in-Residence for the Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Dallas, Texas. Dr. Sprinkle is a human rights advocate, a widely sought speaker, and is an internationally recognized authority on anti-LGBTQ hate crimes.

Dr. Sprinkle is the author of many articles and chapters in books, and of three academic books, *Disciples and Theology* (1999) and *Ordination* (2004), both published by Chalice Press, and the award-winning *Unfinished Lives: Reviving the Memories of LGBTQ Hate Crimes Victims* (2011) by Resource Publications. Throughout his career, Dr. Sprinkle has been involved in the life and witness of the church. He has served five congregations including three in North Carolina, one in Connecticut, and one in Texas. He also serves as Chairperson of the Professional Advisory Group for the Clinical Pastoral Program of the North Texas Veterans' Hospital, Dallas, Texas, since 2015.

My Jesus, I Love Thee



1. My Je - sus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
2. I love Thee be - cause Thou hast first lov - ed me,
3. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,



for Thee, all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign;
and pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree;
I'll ev - er a - dore Thee in heav - en so bright;

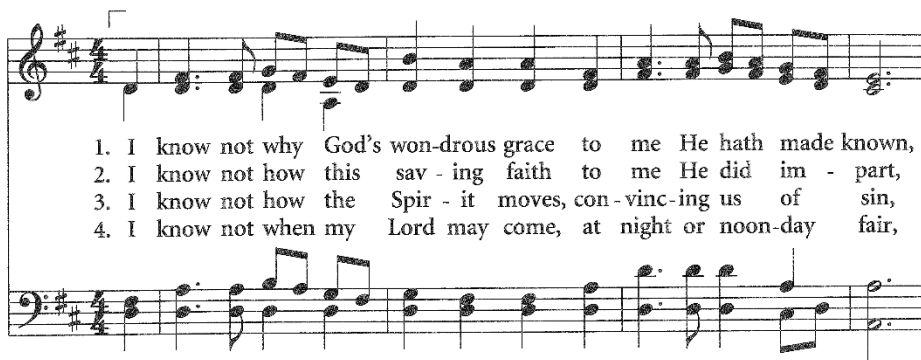


my gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art Thou;
I love Thee for wear - ing the thorns on Thy brow;
and sing - ing Thy prais - es, be - fore Thee I'll bow;

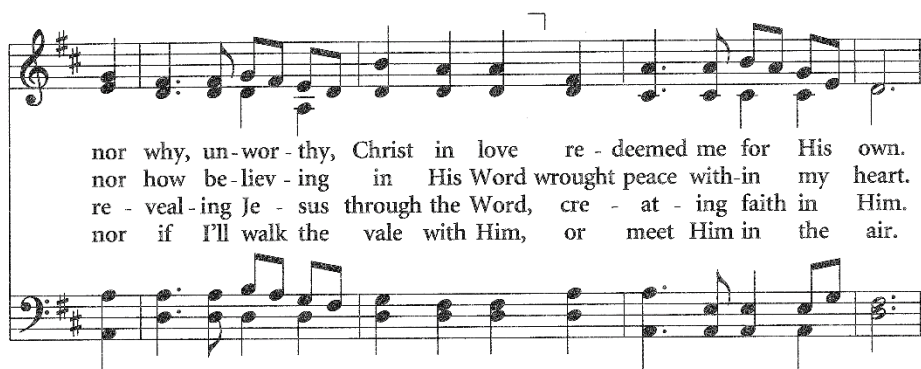


if ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
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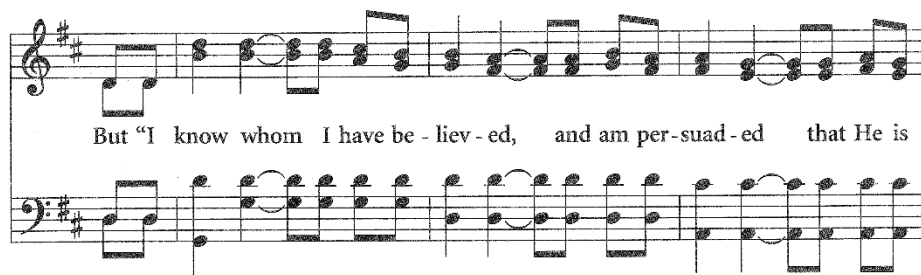
I Know Whom I Have Believed



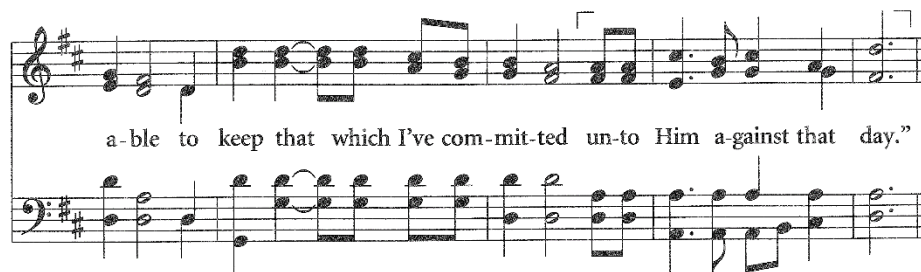
1. I know not why God's won-drous grace to me He hath made known,
2. I know not how this sav - ing faith to me He did im - part,
3. I know not how the Spir - it moves, con - vinc - ing us of sin,
4. I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noon - day fair,



nor why, un - wor - thy, Christ in love re - deemed me for His own.
nor how be - liev - ing in His Word wrought peace with - in my heart.
re - veal - ing Je - sus through the Word, cre - at - ing faith in Him.
nor if I'll walk the vale with Him, or meet Him in the air.

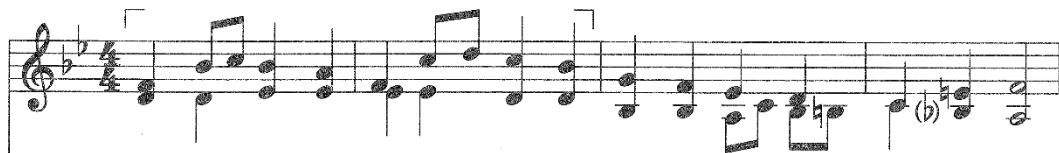


But "I know whom I have be - liev - ed, and am per - suad - ed that He is

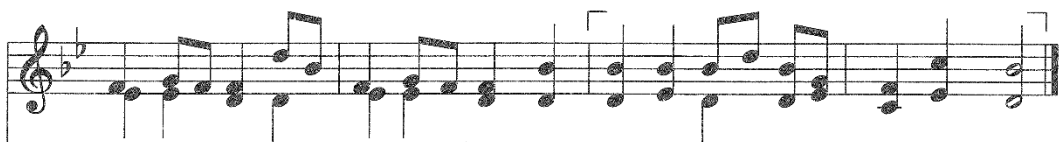
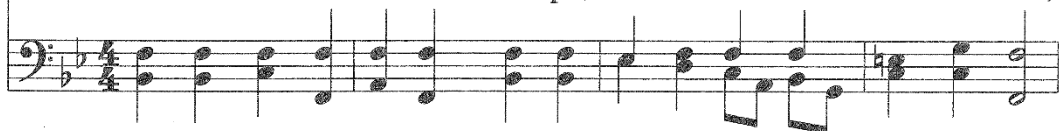


a - ble to keep that which I've com - mit - ted un - to Him a - gainst that day."

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more grac-es for the good;
3. But we make His love too nar-row by false lim-its of our own;
4. For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;
5. If our love were but more sim-ple, we could take Him at His word;



there's a kind-ness in His jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.
there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in His blood.
and we mag-ni-fy His strict-ness with a zeal He will not own.
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
and our lives would be more lov-ing in the like-ness of our Lord.



The Scripture this morning is 2 Timothy 4:1-8, which may be found on page 968 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

(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!**

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Hymn Notes

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Text: William R. Featherston, 1864, Public Domain

Music: Adorniram J. Gordon, 1876, Public Domain

I Know Whom I Have Believed

Text: Daniel W. Whittle, 1883, Public Domain

Music: James McGranahan, 1883, Public Domain

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1854, Public Domain

Music: Lizzie S. Tourjee, 1877, Public Domain

November 6, All Saints' Sunday

On Sunday, November 6, 2022, we will honor the saints of Royal Lane Baptist Church who have passed away since October 27 of 2021. If you have a family member you would like to honor in this service, please leave a message with the church office, 214-361-2809, by Friday, October 28 for listing in the Order of Worship. Include name, date of death, and your relationship to this person. We have gathered many names for this list. Please check with the church office to make sure we have included your family member.



You may also submit your remembrance requests by email to bmerry@royallane.org or jschultz@royallane.org in the church office.

Study for Wednesday Evening with Dean Dickens

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10

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



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

Stewardship 2023 – Who Are We...(becoming)?



We are seeking to continue to be a catalyst for love and light in our city and beyond as we journey to:

- be an anti-racist congregation
- advocate for and fully support the LGBTQIA+ community
- boldly support racial and social justice efforts

As we celebrate our 70th anniversary and begin our eighth decade we encourage you to be a part of this journey by prayerfully considering your stewardship through the tithing and offering of your time, talents, and financial resources.

This is who we are and who we are becoming...as we *Celebrate Our Legacy and Commit to Our Future.*

Make your pledge today at royallane.org/pledge

Pledge Update 10/20/2022

Total units pledged: 38, Total pledged: \$296,520



The RLBC Fall Festival is coming up!

We need lots of people to help this be a smashing event. The Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, October 30, from 3 -5 pm and we need volunteers to help setup/clean-up, run games, bring candy or cookies and open up their trunk and pass out candy (candy will be provided).

Sign up using the QR code below or entering this link - <https://bit.ly/3SPm27z>

Volunteering to bring candy and cookies? Bring candy prior to or on Sunday, October 30, between 10 am and noon and drop in marked boxes in the sanctuary narthex. Leave cookies for the cookie walk in the kitchen on October 30.

This year's fall festival welcomes members, relatives, friends, and neighbors.

Contact Kelley Keith (kkeith19@gmail.com) or Lisa Chastain (lisamerced@gmail.com) with questions.



Volunteer



Then come for the festival

- Disc Jockey
- Arts and Crafts
- Cookie Walk
- Photo Booth
- Blow-up Obstacle Course
- Games and Activities
- Costume Parade at 4:00 pm
- Trunk or Treat



Royal Lane Baptist Church 70th Anniversary



Celebrating Our Legacy - Committing to Our Future

Plan now to come and enjoy!

All Church 70th Anniversary Celebration and Lunch

Celebrating Our Legacy – Committing to Our Future

All Saints Sunday November 6th

Garrett Vickrey, Guest Preacher

Immediately following the Morning Service

Lunch will be served in Vickrey Hall.

Bill Ferguson is cooking!

Our own youth will be our servers and

Childcare will be provided.



Alliance of Baptists



Excavating Our Roots

Baptist History and the Origins of White Supremacy in the United States

November 10-12, 2022

The Equal Justice Initiative, Montgomery, Alabama

Ticket Price: \$50/person

Space is limited. Registration will close on October 23, 2022.

Register online: <https://bit.ly/3TcgpAR>



The Alliance of Baptists Invites you to join us November 10-12 in Montgomery, Alabama for a pilgrimage to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice and the Legacy Museum as part of our ongoing efforts to become an antiracist organization. The National Peace and Justice Memorial is the nation's first memorial dedicated to the legacy of enslavement, lynching, racial segregation, Jim Crow, and police brutality. The Legacy Museum tells the story of how our nation went from enslavement to mass incarceration. Together they provide a more full context of the history of racial violence in the United States and the contemporary manifestations of that violence. Additionally, they help to show how racial violence was and is common in our society. The hope of the museum and the memorial is that if people know what happened and is happening we will be moved to act differently and chart a different course.

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The museum and the memorial are the perfect place for us, as a group of progressive and liberation-oriented Baptists, to go as we go deeper into our antiracist work. While we rightfully seek to stand on the right side of history through our actions today, the history of Baptists is one that is intimately involved in our country's history of racial violence and white supremacy. As Baptists we must reckon with our role in a violent past that continues to shape our future. By visiting the memorial and the museum together we will get the opportunity to sit with that history and imagine new possibilities.

Bryan Stevenson, the visionary behind the museum and memorial, has said that we cannot understand most of life's important things from a distance, we must get close. As we seek to understand racism and ultimately reject it, and dismantle its oppressive structures, we cannot do it from a distance. We must get close to the stories of people who have suffered the most from its violence and brutality. We must acknowledge the roles of some of our institutions and ancestors, and we must commit ourselves to reparations; renewal, and reconstruction as we chart a new, courageous, and imaginative path. And we must do all of this together, guided by the spirit of God. We hope that you will join us in November so that together we can do this work.

Pumpkin Patch 2022

Please join us in volunteering at the RLBC Pumpkin Patch. We have many volunteer opportunities for all ages and abilities. Volunteering at the Pumpkin Patch is a wonderful way to get to know fellow members, interact with our beloved community, and help raise money which funds programming and the various missions and ministries at RLBC.

Point to the QR Code or enter the bit.ly code below to take you to the Sign-Up Genius to choose your volunteer times. We appreciate you!



<https://bit.ly/3d0MBaD>

2022 Pumpkin Patch Hours

Monday-Friday 11:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday 9:00am - 6:00pm

Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm



*The 3rd - 5th Grade Acolytes invite all to
celebrate Royal Lane's 70th Anniversary*

RLBC Acolytes Invite You to Celebrate the 70th Anniversary

The 3rd - 5th Grade Acolytes invite EVERYONE who grew up at Royal Lane to join us for the Processional on Sunday, November 6, to celebrate Royal Lane's 70th Anniversary.

Please arrive at 10:30 am so we can organize our group. Text Cookie Stokes, (214) 770-1637, with regrets or to let her know you can participate.

WOC Meeting Tuesday, November 8, 6:30 pm

You told us and we listened...Our November meeting will be at Thirsty Lion Gastropub...no speakers...maybe an update or two. But mostly it will be a time to spend with like-minded friends and enjoy each other's company.

So go vote, then come join us at

Thirsty Lion Gastropub
7859 Walnut Hill Ln, Suite 140
(Across from Trader Joe's)

View the menu at www.thirstyliongastropub.com

For further information, contact Karen Miller, Paulette Harrison

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **October 23 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**
12:30 pm Safety Sub-Committee — Library
8:00 pm Congregational Affiliation Committee — Zoom
- Tuesday** **October 24**
7:00 pm Pastor Search Committee
- Wednesday** **October 26**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Toast, Dessert: Cookies
6:15 pm Midweek Study with Dean Dickens — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable
7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary
- Saturday** **October 29**
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **October 30 – Reformation Sunday**
9:45 am Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am Children’s Christian Education — Christian Education Building
10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable
10:10 am Non-Traditional Class — Room 212
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:15 pm Lunch Bunch – El Fenix, NW Hwy & Hillcrest, Dallas, Texas
 6811 Northwest Hwy.
3:00 pm Fall Festival (3:00 – 5:00 pm)

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.

How to Connect

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

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 – Nate Green & Cheryl Robinson

Safety Shepherd – Janina Washington

When WE Give:
we renew our commitment to serve through our financial gifts and service!

September 2022 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 517,749
Expenses	\$ 583,462
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$(65,713)

*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.

Donate online at royallane.org/give/



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