

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *First Sunday of Advent*

November 27, 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

*Time to wake up! The advent of God is near, and today's scriptures call us to draw closer to God, as we prepare for God's arrival in our midst. Whether we are gathering on a high mountain, preparing our homes for an unexpected visitor, or dressing ourselves in Christ's very presence, these scriptures invite us to prepare with attentiveness and intentionality. Time to wake up. The advent of God is near!*

### Voluntary

David Weigle

*Savior of the Nations, Come* — J. S. Bach

### ✠Call to Worship & Invocation

David Doom & Congregation

Keep awake.

**Christ is coming.**

Wait for the Lord.

**Love is coming.**

Prepare the way.

**Hope is coming.**

Worship the Lord.

**Christ is coming soon.**

Let us pray:

**Draw near to us, O God, even as we draw near to you. Open our hearts and our minds to your presence and wake us up from the sleep and inattention holding us back. Prepare us to receive your love, even as we prepare our lives to celebrate the joy of Christ's birth. In joyful hope, we pray. Amen.**

### ✠Hymn 83 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* — HYFRYDOL

Words of Welcome

Harry Wooten

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](http://royallane.org/register) or see QR code following Organ Dismissal.]*

Scripture Lesson

Harper W.

Matthew 24:36-44 [ Pew Bible page 806 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!**

Advent Hymn

Worshippers

*The Prophets Show the Way* — LEONI



Advent I. The pro - phets show the way To Christ our com - ing King;  
Though now em - brac - ing mys - ter - y, Our spir - its sing!  
That day will sure - ly come, When jus - tice — serves the land, —  
But no one knows the day or — hour That — God has planned.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Rick & Kay Carpenter, Cathy Walling, Rick Crutcher

Unison Prayer

With this one light we pray:

**O God, we place this light in this holy space as a reminder that we are on this journey together. Be light along all our paths. Lead us to a more just world and help us to stay awake and present to your love in each ordinary day. Amen.**

Time for Young Disciples

Barrett Wooten

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

✠Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Waken, O, Sleeper* — ST. FLAVIAN

Call to Confession

Sandy Washington & Congregation

Saints, let us trust in God's love for us and confess our sin, confident in God's mercy.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*We now share silence together*

Promise of Forgiveness

Friends, I am confident of this: if we repent, God is sure to forgive us. The One who began a good work in us will bring it to completion.

**Grateful for the promise of joy and hope, let us share that hope with one another.**

Anthem

Choir

*Keep Your Lamps!* — arranged by André Thomas  
*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.  
Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.  
Christian journey soon be over, The time is drawing nigh.*

Sermon

Doug Watts

**“ The Prophets Show the Way ”**

✠Hymn of Commitment 79 [ see insert ]

Congregation

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

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

Offertory Prayer

Barbara Gunnin

We may not know the day or time of your coming, but we know that it is time to wake from sleep and to put on the armor of light. In gratefulness for calling us as your own, we offer you our thanks and praise. Receive the gifts of our hands and use them to bring light to the darkness and hope to places of despair, through your son, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

*Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* — J. S. Bach  
*We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.*  
*See back cover for ways to give.*

†Sending Forth

Doug Watts & Congregation

About that day and hour no one knows.  
Therefore let us keep awake,  
for we do not know on what day our Lord is coming.  
Be ready, for the Lord will come at an unexpected hour.

**May the Spirit of the Lord surround us  
as we walk and wait for his coming.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*Now Thank We All Our God* — J. S. Bach

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Register Your Attendance

[Royallane.org/register](http://Royallane.org/register)



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## Hymn Notes

### Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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### The Prophets Show the Way

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### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Text: John Mason Neal, (stanzas 1, 2), Henry Sloan Coffin (stanzas. 3, 4)*

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## Doug Watts, Guest Preacher Throughout Advent

Doug Watts is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and a certified educator with the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. Doug has served as a pastor in Indiana, Ohio, and Texas and as a children's minister here at Royal Lane. He most recently served as Interim Pastor at Central Congregational Church. He is the Manager of Clinical Pastoral Education at UT Southwestern Medical Center here in Dallas.

He and his wife Charlotte share their life with their 4 children, 5 grandchildren and their dogs Madonna and Clara.



# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set Thy  
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us;  
yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -  
now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

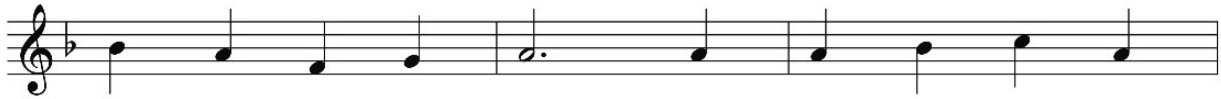
la - tion, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear de - sire of  
Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by Thine all - suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

# Waken, O Sleeper



1. Wak - en, O sleep - er, wake and rise, Sal -  
2. Let us pre - pare to face the day Of  
3. Watch then and pray, we can - not know The  
4. Then shall the na - tions gath - er round To



va - tion's day is near, And let the dawn of  
judg - ment and of grace, To live as peo - ple  
mo - ment or the hour, When Christ, un - her - ald -  
learn his ways of peace, When spears to prun - ing -



light and truth Dis - pel the night of fear.  
of the light, And per - fect truth em - brace.  
ed, will come With life - re - new - ing pow'r.  
hooks are turned, And all our con - flicts cease.



# 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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The Scripture this morning is Matthew 24:36-44, which may be found on page 806 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

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<sup>36</sup>“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

*(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!**

# Wednesday Evening

## Advent Hymn Sing

Scriptures for Next Sunday  
**Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**  
**Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12**

### 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.



### Stewardship 2023

#### Who Are We...(becoming)?

Make your pledge today at  
[royallane.org/pledge](http://royallane.org/pledge)

Pledge Update 11/17/2022

Total units pledged: 56

Total pledged: \$475,220



## Staff Love Gift



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. As in the past, if you would like to express your gratitude, please mail your check to the Church Office or make your donation online by December

4. 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.

*John Helms, Deacon Chair*

**Stocking Stuffers**

**SPONSORED BY THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE & WOMEN OF THE CHURCH**

Donations of small toys and candy are needed to fill 15-inch stockings for the children and teenagers who visit the medical clinic at Healing Hand Ministries

**SUGGESTED ITEMS**

Small plush animals	Fuzzy socks
Small Christmas toys	Flavored lip gloss
Card games	Hand sanitizer
Small holiday puzzles	Hand lotion
Coloring books	Christmas candy
Play-Doh	Hot chocolate
Stretchy gloves and hat	Hot Wheels

*Please leave donated items in the Missions Holiday Wagon located in the Narthex any Sunday during November.*

*We will be filling the stockings on Sunday, December 4th.*

## Time is running out

We still need items for the Christmas stockings, particularly 20 packs of gum for teens, Hot Wheels, small toys for middle schoolers and elementary children, and candy canes filled with candy for all of the stockings.



It is time to request poinsettias that will be placed in the Sanctuary of Royal Lane Baptist Church during the Advent/Christmas season in honor or memory of a loved one.

Make your requests by Sunday, November 27 so that your dedication can be included in the order of worship for the *Hanging of the Green* on December 4.

Request may be made:

- Online at [royallane.org](http://royallane.org) or use the QR code to be directed to online order form
- Email to [info@royallane.org](mailto:info@royallane.org)
- Mailed request to the church



Payment may be made by:

- Online – Select “Poinsettias Payment” fund from giving menu at [Royallane.org](http://Royallane.org)
- Check – enter “Poinsettia” in memo line
- Credit Card (contact Janet Schultz in the church office Monday through Thursday in November)
- Request payment from your banking account – “Poinsettia” in memo line

**\$12.00 per dedication**

# *The Mystery of Christmas*

Advent – 2022

Rev. Doug Watts is our guest preacher throughout Advent.

## November 27 – Advent I – The Prophets Show the Way

10:55 am — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Scriptures: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Matthew 24:36-44

## December 4 – Advent II – The Holy Family Shows the Way

**Hanging of the Green**

10:55 am — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Scriptures: Micah 5:2-5, Luke 1:26-38

## December 7 – Eventful Advent

6:15 pm — Vickrey Hall

## December 11 – Advent III – The Shepherds Show the Way

10:55 am — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Scriptures: Psalm 126, Luke 2:15-20

## December 14 – Mourning Light

6:15 pm — Vickrey Hall

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 created to place on the Chrismon Tree.

## December 16 – Posada y Pinata (Parents Night Out)

6:00 – 9:00 pm — Vickrey Hall

## December 18 – Advent IV – The Angels Show the Way

10:55 am — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Scriptures: Isaiah 7:10-14, Matthew 1:18-25

## December 24 – Christmas Eve

2:30 pm – Christmas Eve Service for Families with Children — Sanctuary  
(*childcare provided*)

6:00 pm – Carols, Candlelight, and Communion — Sanctuary (*childcare provided*)

## December 25 – Christmas Day

10:00 am — Virtual Christmas — Royal Lane YouTube Channel

## *Schedule for the Week*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 27 – First Sunday of Advent</b> Poinsettia Dedications & Staff Love Gift Donations Due
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 30</b>
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm	Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall Chicken Alfredo Pasta with Veggies, Dinner Roll, and Salad Dessert: Chocolate Cake
6:15 pm	Advent Hymn Sing — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
7:00 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable
7:15 pm	Choir — Sanctuary
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 3</b>
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 4 – Second Sunday of Advent / Hanging of the Green</b>
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am	Children's SS Classes — Christian Education Building
10:00 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable
10:10 am	Non-Traditional Class — Christian Education Building, Room 212
10:55 am	Morning Worship, Doug Watts, Guest Preacher — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:15 pm	First Sunday Youth Lunch
12:15 pm	Missions Division — Library
12:30 pm	Women of the Church — Vickrey Hall Stocking Stuffing for Healing Hand Ministries
7:30 pm	Education Division — 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://royallane.org/prayer)  
Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.



**Deacons on Call** – David Doom & Sandy Washington  
**Safety Shepherd** – Scott Bryant

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### When WE Give:

We can provide loving care for nursery age children.

### October 2022 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 601,472
Expenses	\$ 634,346
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ (32,874)

\*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/](http://royallane.org/give/)



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