

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 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

Joy emerges, even in the driest desert. Joy emerges, even after the greatest suffering. Joy is the hope to which we are called in today's worship. Joy is the promise that Christmas personifies when a tiny child, born to a humble working-class couple, arrives to proclaim God's presence in our midst. Joy to the world on this third Sunday of Advent.

Voluntary

David Weigle

God Rest You Merry — arranged by Rebecca Groom te Velde

✠Call to Worship & Invocation

Congregation

Be strong, even in your weakness.

Christ will be our strength.

Find hope, even in your despair.

Christ arrives to bring us hope.

Embrace joy, even in the face of sorrow.

Christ, our joy, is coming soon.

Let us pray:

Promised One, enter our hearts anew. Enter our worship with your promised presence, that we may know you. Enter our lives and our world, that we may proclaim your presence and sing your praises. With joyous gratitude, we pray in your blessed name. Amen.

✠Hymn 126 [see insert]

Congregation

Angels, From the Realms of Glory — REGENT SQUARE

Words of Welcome

Sarah Fuller Phillips

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.]*

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*

A Song of Joy

Choir

The Holly and the Ivy — arranged by John Rutter
(See pages following hymns and scripture for all anthem texts.)

Scripture Lesson

Bettie Meachum

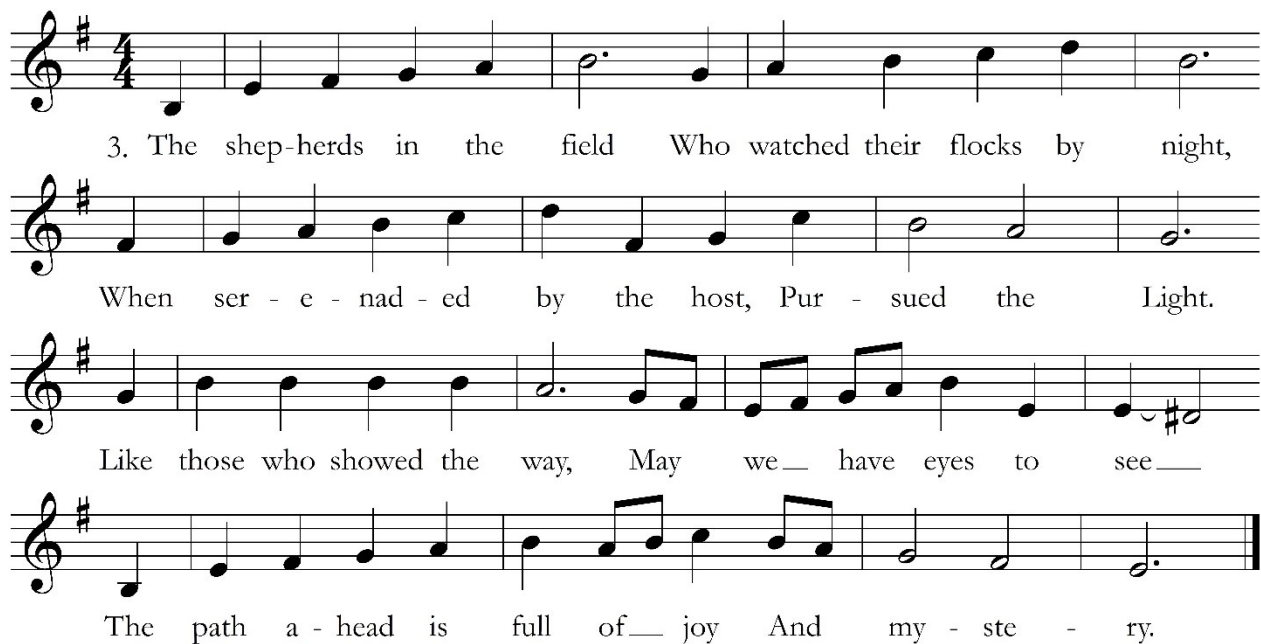
Luke 2:15-20 [Pew Bible page 833 of the New Testament or see insert]

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



3. The shep-herds in the field Who watched their flocks by night,
When ser - e - nad - ed by the host, Pur - sued the Light.
Like those who showed the way, May we_ have eyes to see_
The path a - head is full of_ joy And my - ste - ry.

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

Don & Izumi West, Dylan, Owen & Sophia

(continued)

Unison Prayer

With these lights of hope, peace, and joy we pray,

Praise to you, O God, who holds our joy and our sorrow. You bring water to parched ground and life out of death. Bless us as this light grows sending sorrow and sighing away. Give us strength and patience, trusting that you are true to your promises. Transform the lives of all who suffer with your wonders near at hand. Amen.

A Song of Peace

Choir

Christmas Lullaby — John Rutter

Prayers of the People

Margaret Darden & Congregation

God of promise, be with us in our hour of need.

Grant us hope,

when despair overwhelms us.

Grant us healing and mercy,

when illness and injury sap our strength.

Grant us patience and perseverance,

**when we grow weary of waiting
the coming of your kin-dom.**

In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

A Song of Hope

Choir

Shepherd's Pipe Carol — John Rutter

Sermon

Doug Watts

“ The Shepherds Show the Way ”

†Hymn of Commitment 89 [see insert]

Congregation

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People — GENEVAN 42

*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

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

Invitation to the Offering

Cynthia Kupres

Rejoice, for God has done great things for us. In gratitude, let us bring our gifts to God this day.

Offertory Prayer

God of promises and joy, receive these gifts we return to you now. Bless this offering, that our gifts may be signs of joy and hope for others in need. Amen.

Offertory

Handbells & Choir

Rejoice and Be Merry — John Rutter
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

As children of God's promise,
we go now to bring hope, peace, and joy to the world.

**Blessed by Christ's presence,
we go forth in joy and love.**

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Wachet auf Proclamation — A. D. Miller

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Register Your Attendance

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Pledge Update 12/8/2022

Total units pledged: 67

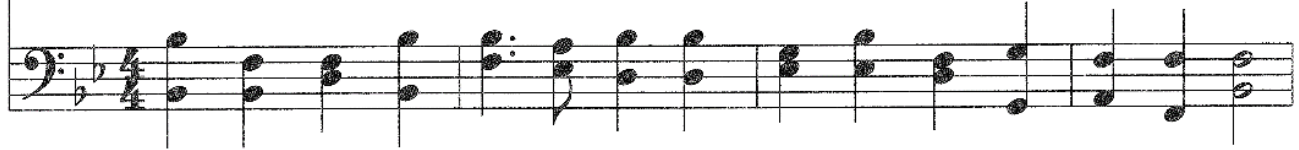
Total pledged: \$526,660



Angels, from the Realms of Glory



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4. Saints, be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,



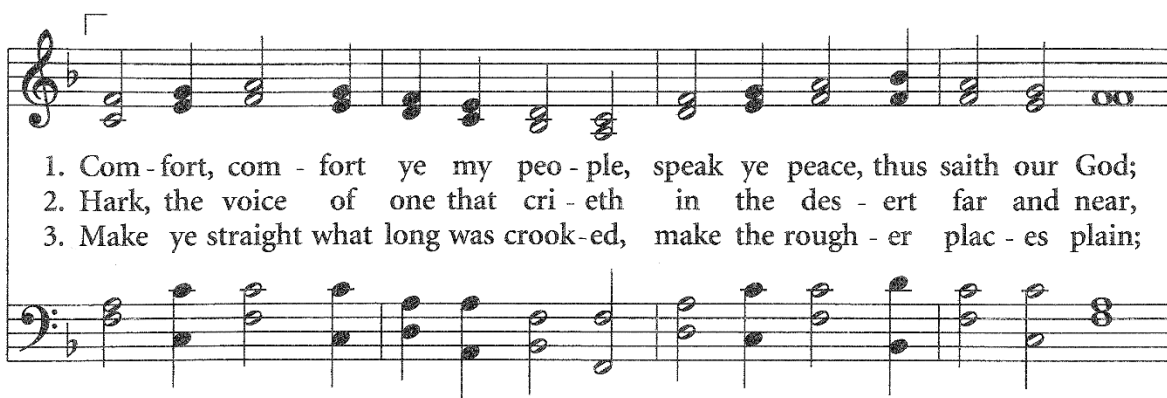
ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God on earth is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
seek the great De - sire of na - tions, ye have seen the In - fant's star:
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in His tem - ple shall ap - pear:



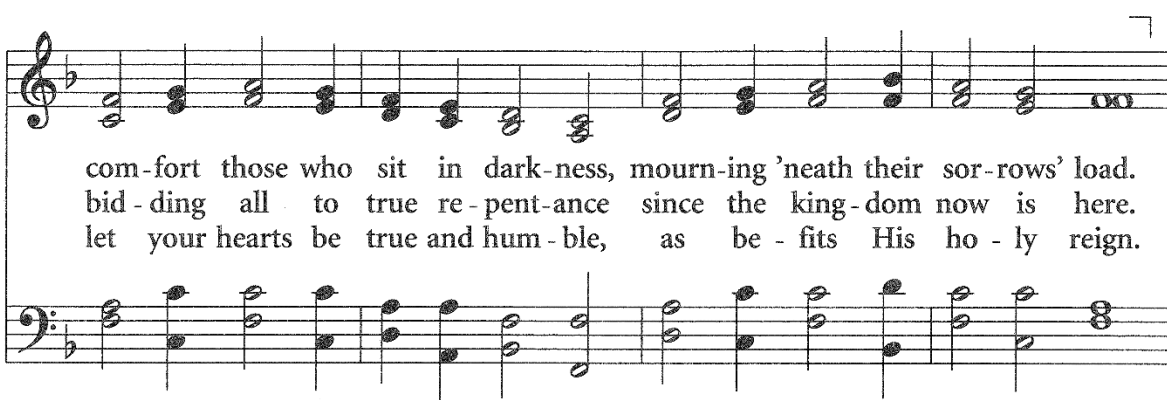
come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King!



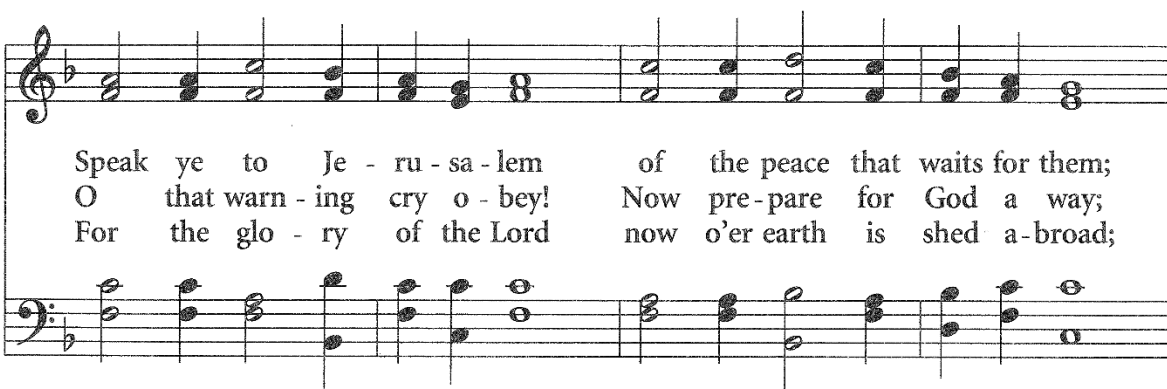
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People



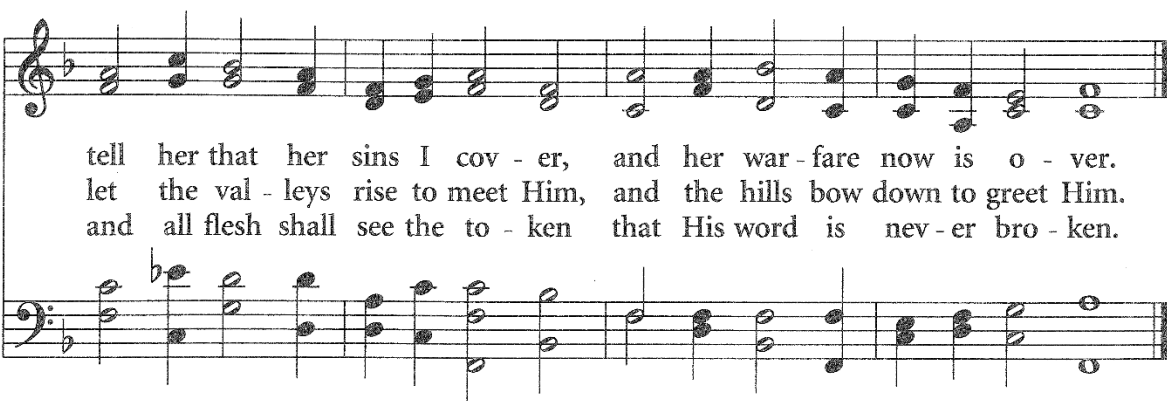
1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
2. Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert far and near,
3. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er plac - es plain;



com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load.
bid - ding all to true re - pent - ance since the king - dom now is here.
let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits His ho - ly reign.



Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.
let the val - leys rise to meet Him, and the hills bow down to greet Him.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that His word is nev - er bro - ken.

The Scripture this morning is Luke 2:15-20, which may be found on page 833 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

(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!**

The Holly and the Ivy — arranged by John Rutter

The holly and the ivy when they are both full grown;
Of all the trees that are in the wood the holly bears the crown.

*O the rising of the sun and the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.*

The holly bears a blossom as white as any flow'r,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet Savior.

The holly bears a berry as red as any blood;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good.

The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn.

The holly bears a bark as bitt'r as any gall;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all.

—text: English traditional carol

Christmas Lullaby — John Rutter

Clear in the darkness a light shines in Bethlehem:
Angels are singing, their sound fills the air.
Wise men have journeyed to greet their Messiah;
But only a mother and baby are there.

*Ave Maria, Ave Maria: Hear the soft lullaby the angel hosts sing.
Ave Maria, Ave Maria, Maiden and mother of Jesus our King.*

Where are his courtiers, and who are his people?
Why does he bear neither their sceptre nor crown?
Shepherds his courtiers, the poor for his people,
With peace as his septre and love for his crown.

What though your treasures are not gold or incense?
Lay them before him with hearts full of love.
Praise to the Christ child, and praise to his mother
Who bore us a Saviour by grace from above.

Shepherd's Pipe Carol — John Rutter

Going through the hills on a night all starry on the way to Bethlehem,
Far away I heard a shepherd boy piping on the way to Bethlehem.

*Angels in the sky brought this message nigh:
'Dance and sing for joy that Christ the newborn King
is come to bring us peace on earth,
and he's lying cradled here at Bethlehem.'*

'Tell me, shepherd boy piping tunes so merrily on the way to Bethlehem,
Who will hear your tunes on these hills so lonely on the way to Bethlehem?'

*Angels in the sky brought this message nigh:
'Dance and sing for joy that Christ the newborn King
is come to bring us peace on earth,
and he's lying cradled here at Bethlehem.'*

'None may hear my pipes on these hills so lonely on the way to Bethlehem;
But a king will hear me play sweet lullabies when I get to Bethlehem.'

Angels in the sky came down from on high,
hovered o'er the manger where the babe was lying
cradled in the arms of his mother Mary, sleeping now at Bethlehem.

'Where is this new King, shepherd boy piping merrily, is he there at Bethlehem?
'I will find him soon by the star shining brightly in the sky o'er Bethlehem'

*Angels in the sky brought this message nigh:
'Dance and sing for joy that Christ the newborn King
is come to bring us peace on earth,
and he's lying cradled here at Bethlehem.'*

'May I come with you, shepherd boy piping merrily, Come with you to Bethlehem?
Pay my homage too at the new King's cradle, Is it far to Bethlehem?'

Angels in the sky brought this message nigh:
'Dance and sing for joy that Christ the infant King
is born this night in lowly stable yonder,
Born for you at Bethlehem.'

Rejoice and Be Merry — John Rutter

*Rejoice and be merry in songs and in mirth,
O praise our Redeemer, all mortals on earth:
For this is the birthday of Jesus our King,
Who brought us salvation: his praises we'll sing.*

A heavenly vision appeared in the sky,
Vast numbers of angels the shepherds did spy,
Proclaiming the birthday of Jesus our King,
Who brought us salvation, his praises we'll sing.

Likewise a bright star in the sky did appear,
Which led the wisemen from the East to draw near;
They found the Messiah, sweet Jesus our King,
Who brought us salvation, his praises we'll sing.

And when they were come, they their treasures unfold;
And unto him offered myrrh, incense and gold.
So blessed for ever be Jesus our King,
Who brought us salvation: his praises we'll sing.

Rejoice and be merry, Rejoice!

Wednesday Evening
Mourning Light



Scriptures for Next Sunday
Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25

For the Children!

Children's bulletins are included in activity packets for ages 3+ and 7+.
There are no online games for this week's children's bulletin.

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Hymn Notes

Angels From the Realms of Glory

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The advertisement features a light blue background with a white geometric pattern. On the left, a large red QR code is enclosed in a white square with a red border. Below it is a red arrow-shaped button with the text "SCAN ME" in white. To the right, a white box contains the text "ALL BLOOD TYPES NEEDED" in blue, accompanied by a colorful blood drop icon. Below this, the text "Blood Drive" is in red, followed by "Royal Lane Baptist Church" in black. The address "Vickrey Hall, 6707 Royal Ln, Dallas, TX 75230" and the date and time "Thursday, December 15, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m." are listed. The American Red Cross logo is at the bottom of the white box. Below the white box, the text "Incentive: \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, courtesy of Amazon" is in red. At the bottom, the text "Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) OR visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter royallanebaptist OR scan the QR code on the left to schedule an appointment" is in red.

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The Mystery of Christmas

Advent – 2022

Rev. Doug Watts is our guest preacher throughout Advent.

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 Piñata (Parents Night Out)

6:00 – 9:00 pm — Vickrey Hall (*childcare provided*)

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

10:00 am – Christmas Eve Service for Families with Children — Sanctuary

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

- Sunday** **December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent**
12:15 pm Racial Justice — Vickrey Hall
- Wednesday** **December 14**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 Chicken and Rice Soup, Bread, Salad. Dessert: Pie
6:15 pm Mourning Light (Communion offered) — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary
- Friday** **December 16**
6:00 pm Posada y Piñata / Parents Night Out — Vickrey Hall (6:00 – 9:00 pm)
 Childcare provided
- Saturday** **December 17**
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**
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

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 – Margaret Darden & Sharon Vickrey
Safety Shepherd – John Helms

When WE Give:

We can support our Music Program and Ministry.

October 2022 Financials

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

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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