

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2023

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

Every January, all who journey with the lectionary experience the baptism of Christ, when Jesus is publicly claimed as God's son and called beloved. Every year, we receive this invitation into a new way of seeing. We are slow to welcome this new perspective, but that doesn't stop God from this invitation to see differently.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Blessed Assurance — arranged by Marianne Kim

Choral Introit

Choir

Down to the River to Pray — arranged by Michael Peasall

✠Call to Worship & Invocation

Garey Wisdom & Congregation

The voice of God calls over the waters:

“Beloved, receive the Holy Spirit.”

The Spirit of God proclaims:

“Beloved, be born anew this day.”

The voice of God calls through our baptism.

Come! Let us worship.

Let us pray:

Spirit of righteousness, God of power and might, help us be a light to the nations and a reflection of your glorious salvation. Work in our lives and in our ministries, that the world might know the power of your love and grace. As you descended upon Jesus at his baptism, descend upon us this day, that we may be a people of hope and possibility. Wash us clean and renew our spirits, through Jesus Christ, our lord. Amen.

✠Hymn 152 [see insert]

Congregation

When Jesus Came to Jordan — COMPLAINER

Words of Welcome

Tex Quesada

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

Paulette Harrison

Matthew 3:13-17 [Pew Bible page 784 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 the Godly Play Room located in the Education wing following the service.*

Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters — BEACH SPRING

Offertory Prayer

Mike Keith

Be in the gifts you bring before you, O God, as you are ever in the gift of your baptism.
Renew your people through this offering, as you have renewed us with your presence this day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

Dan Thompson

Mothering God — Tom Trenney

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.

Creator, source of ev'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience bold hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.

—Text: Jean Janzen

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

See back cover for ways to give.

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“ Beloved As You Are ”

†Hymn of Commitment 457 [see insert] *stanzas one, two & three*

Congregation

Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed — REGENT SQUARE

*If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,
please refer to pew rack card – “How to Become a Member”*

Communion

All Believers

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the God we love.

We freely give God thanks and praise.

It is right and good, beautiful, and holy

That we should, in ceaseless joy

Give our thanks and praise to you,

Holy and merciful God,

Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

And so, in grateful procession of endless praise

With the church that is, was, and shall be forever,

We glorify you, joining this unending song.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Hea - ven and earth are



full of Your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bles - sed is



He who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Words of Institution

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Response

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

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Dear God, you transform.
You transform all that is before you
So that at the touch of your grace
We are never the same.

Dear God, you illumine.
You bring light to all peoples
Light to the nations
Light into our hearts
Light on your Way.

Dear God, we pray for your Spirit.
Transform, illumine, bless.
Make these ordinary gifts of bread and cup
Into the extraordinary presence of Christ with us.

**In so doing,
Hold us as your own
Renew us as your people
For the sake of the world you love.**

For all honor and glory are yours, O God,
Through Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in your glorious creation
Both now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Receiving of Communion

*Following the choir, please move by way of the center aisle to partake
of communion and return via the outside aisles.
The Communion elements are gluten free.*

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✠Passing of the Peace

Turn to your neighbor and behold the light of Christ within each face you see. See one another as God's beloved children baptized with water and the Spirit, children who abide in the grace of the living God. Greet one another in spirit and in truth as you share signs of Christ's peace.

Rejoicing in the brightness of God's blessings, let us share signs of peace.

The peace of Christ be with you . . . **The Peace of Christ be with you always.**

✠Sung Response 457 [see insert] *stanza 4*

Worshippers

Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed — REGENT SQUARE

✠Sending Forth

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Rejoice in the glory of your baptism each and every day.

We will live in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let your spirits soar like eagles but be as gentle as doves.

We will drink deep from the waters of grace.

Go forth to announce the glory of our God.

We go, renewed and made whole, as a blessing to all.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Fanfare — Healey Willan

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



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

Make your pledge today at
royallane.org/pledge

Pledge Update 1/5/2023

Total units pledged: 71

Total pledged: \$570,460

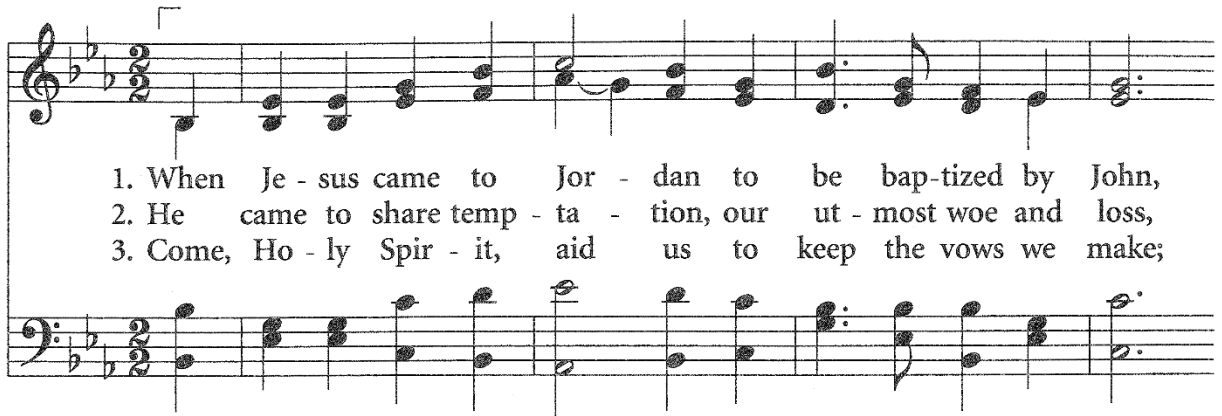


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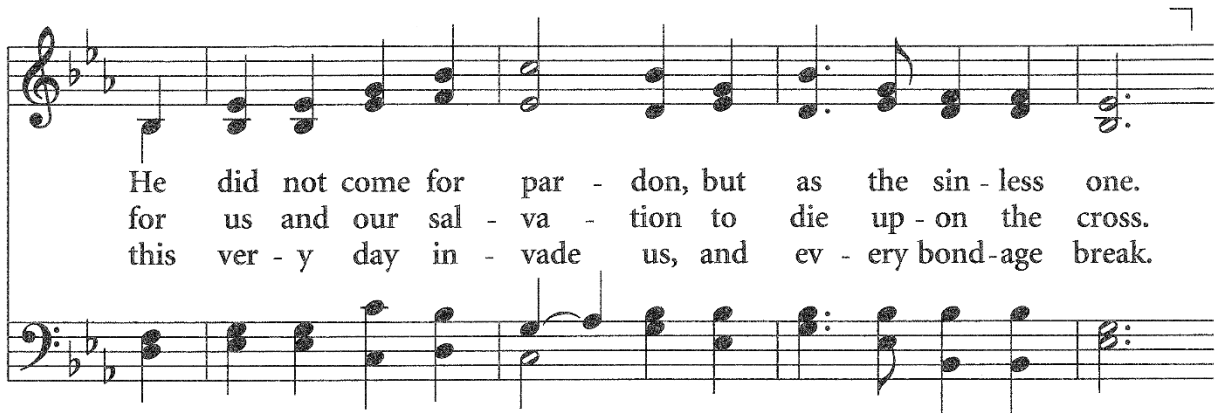
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Be a part of who we are!

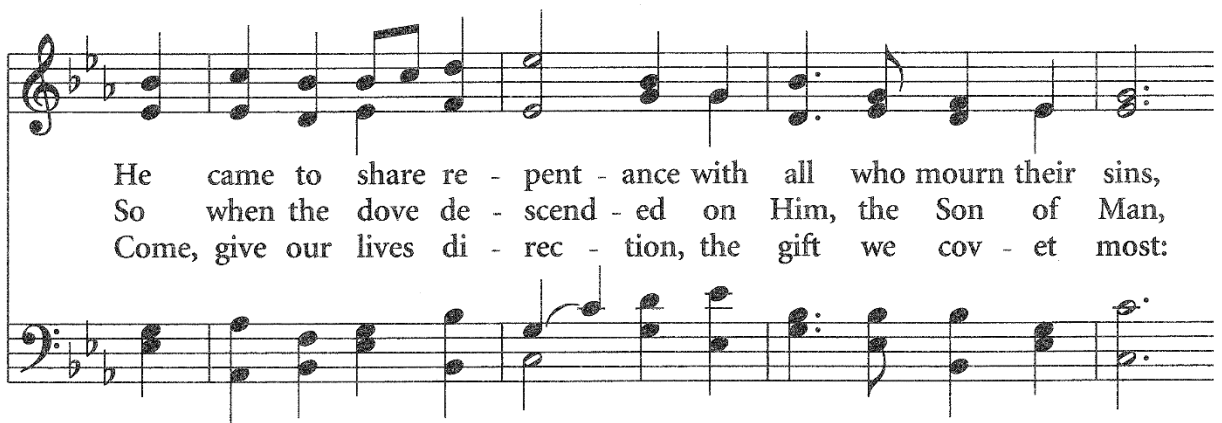
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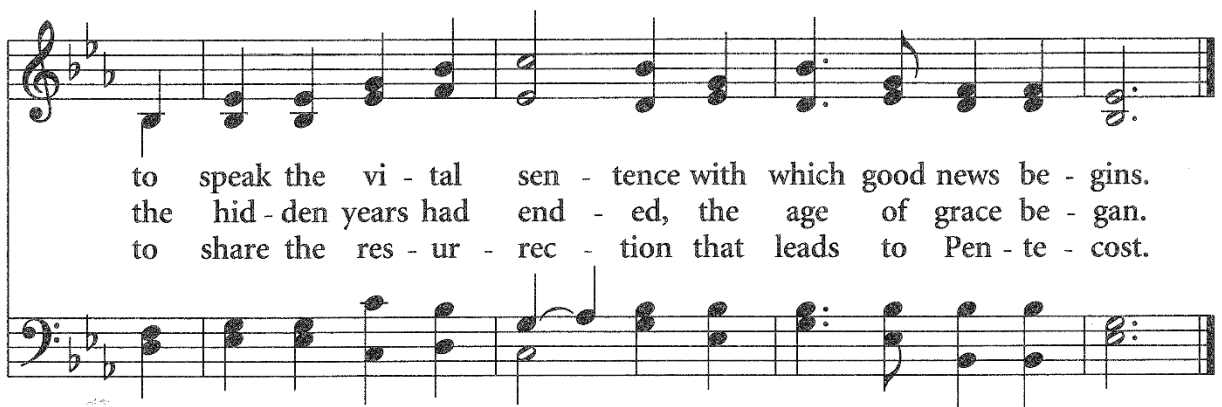
1. When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,
2. He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
3. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



He did not come for par - don, but as the sin - less one.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - ery bond-age break.



He came to share re - pent - ance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on Him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

1. Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing
2. We who bring them long for nur - ture; by your milk may
3. O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - im - ag - ined,

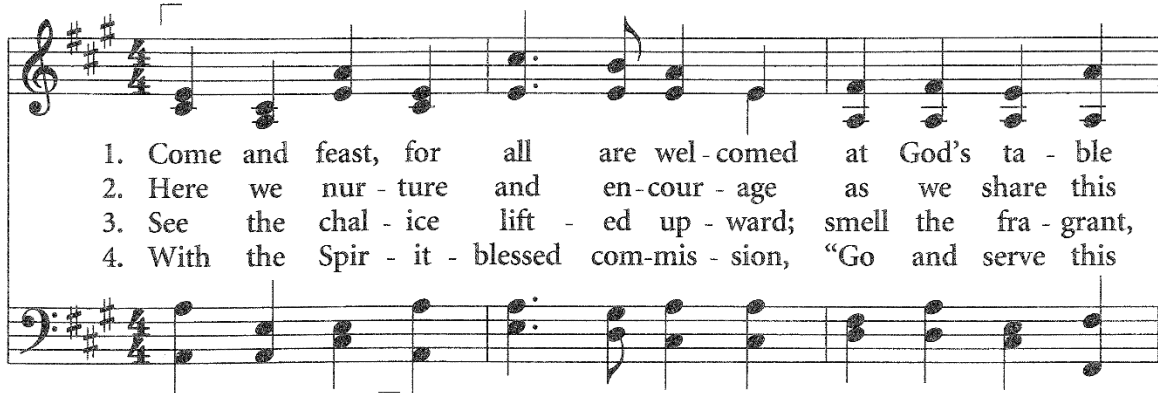
wa - ters flow. Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple;
we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing
all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or!

bless as Christ blessed long a - go. Weave them gar - ments bright and
cup of bless-ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us, guide our
With our lives we worship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -

spark - ling; com - pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;
foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our

send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

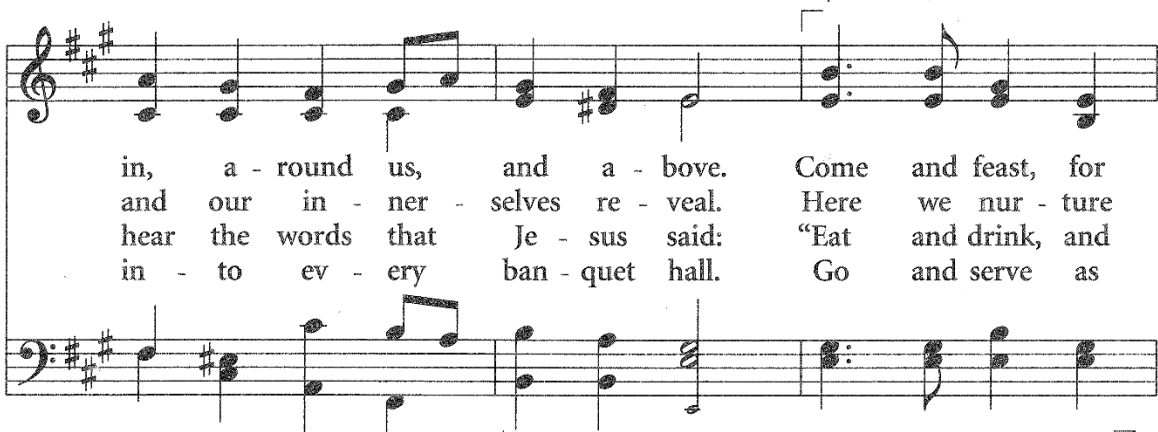
Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed



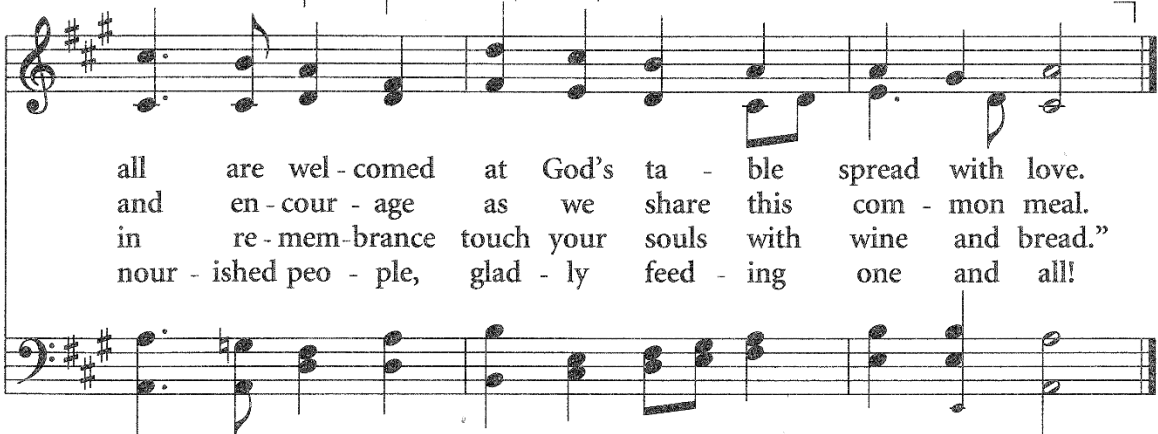
1. Come and feast, for all are wel - comed at God's ta - ble
2. Here we nur - ture and en - cour - age as we share this
3. See the chal - ice lift - ed up - ward; smell the fra - grant,
4. With the Spir - it - blessed com - mis - sion, "Go and serve this



spread with love. Come pro - claim God's grace and good - ness
com - mon meal, while we fos - ter deep com - mun - ion
bro - ken bread; taste the gifts from field and vine - yard;
meal to all," take its love and peace - ful vi - sion



in, a - round us, and a - bove. Come and feast, for
and our in - ner - selves re - veal. Here we nur - ture
hear the words that Je - sus said: "Eat and drink, and
in - to ev - ery ban - quet hall. Go and serve as



all are wel - comed at God's ta - ble spread with love.
and en - cour - age as we share this com - mon meal.
in re - mem - brance touch your souls with wine and bread."
nour - ished peo - ple, glad - ly feed - ing one and all!

The Scripture this morning is Matthew 3:13-17, which may be found on page 783 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

(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!**

Study for Wednesday Evening
IN FOCUS (Topic to be Announced)

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42

For the Children!

Children's bulletins are available 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.

Christmas Eve Offering

Our special Missions Offering on Christmas Eve benefited the Knox Fund for Immigrant Relief. Named for Fellowship Southwest's founder, Marv Knox, on the occasion of his retirement at the end of 2021, The Knox Fund for Immigrant Relief provides resources to pastors on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border to serve immigrants and refugees. As a result of your contributions on Christmas Eve, Royal Lane donated \$827 to this fund.

Second Saturday Work Day

The Properties Division is hosting a “Second Saturday Work Day” on Saturday, January 14. We invite you to join us as we fellowship and work together to beautify and maintain the Royal Lane campus.



Installation of Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

February 26, 2023

Installation of Rev. Victoria Robb Powers will be held at the 10:55 AM worship service on Sunday, February 26. Following morning worship, we will gather for a reception in Vickrey Hall.



Jonathan Merritt – Guest Preacher

February 5, 2023

Following worship: Q&A and Lunch in Vickrey Hall



Jonathan is an award-winning faith and culture writer who has published over 3,500 articles in outlets such as USA Today, The Washington Post, BuzzFeed and Christianity Today. He is a contributing writer for The Atlantic and The Week. His articles are viewed more than 2.5 million times each year. Jonathan has been interviewed by CNN, ABC World News, NPR, MSNBC, Fox News, and The New York Times and is author of several books including his newest book *Learning to Speak God from Scratch*. He was recently named one of 30 young leaders reshaping Christian leadership by Outreach magazine.

Known for his ability to tackle difficult issues through both the written and spoken word, Jonathan has become a sought-after speaker by universities, seminaries, churches and conferences on cultural and religious issues. He holds a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (Wake Forest, North Carolina) and a Master of Theology from Emory University Candler School of Theology (Atlanta, Georgia). He resides in Brooklyn, New York.

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **January 8 – First Sunday after Epiphany / Baptism of the Lord**
12:15 pm Racial Justice Committee — Vickrey Hall
- Tuesday** **January 10**
6:00 pm Finance Committee — Zoom
- Wednesday** **January 11**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 201 (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 Menu: Beef Sour Cream Noodle Bake, Veggies, and Salad. Dessert: Cookies
6:15 pm Midweek Study – IN FOCUS — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable
7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary
- Thursday** **January 12**
6:00 pm Finance Committee — Zoom
- Saturday** **January 14**
9:00 am Second Saturday Work Day
10:00 am Finance Committee — Library
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **January 15 – Second Sunday after Epiphany**
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 — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:15 pm Program Council — Vickrey Hall

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 – Mike Keith & Garey Wisdom
Safety Shepherd – Laura Keller

When WE Give:
Our Worship resounds with overflowing hearts.

November 2022 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 641,827
Expenses	\$ 686,974
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ (45,147)

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

Pledge Update: 12/21/2022
Total Units pledged: 70, Total Pledges: \$540,460

Text “GIVE” to 214-609-1200. Follow the prompts to complete the process.

Standard text message rates may apply.

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