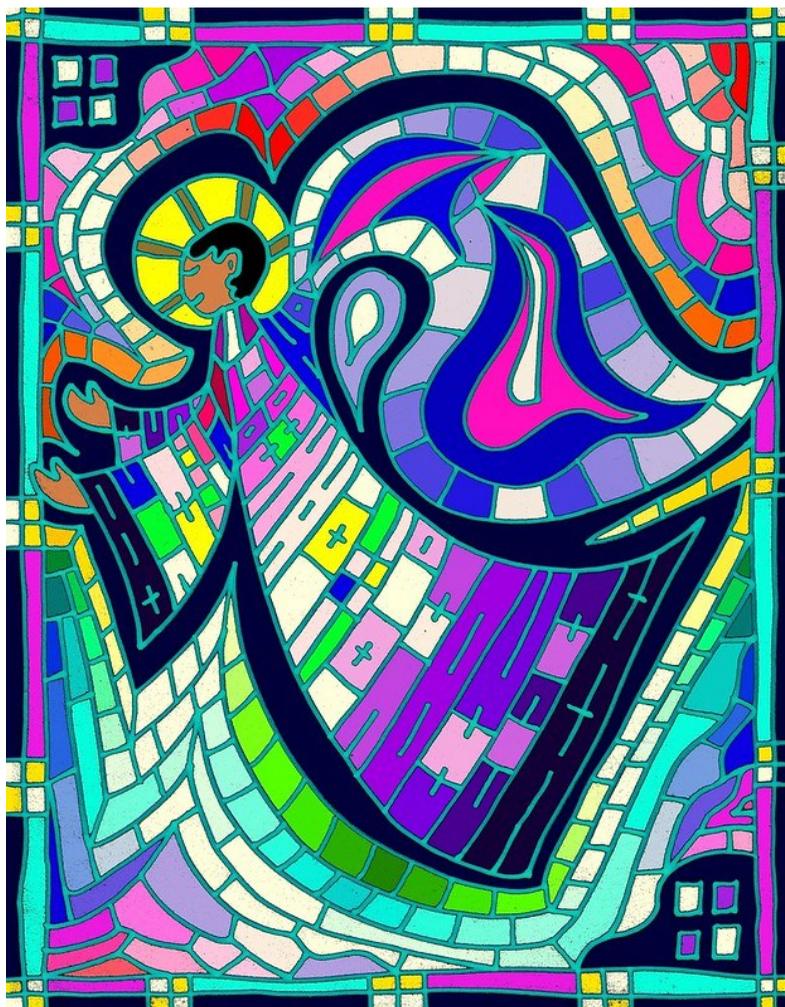


ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

11:00 A.M.

Chiming of the Hour

Voluntary

Jonathan Gregoire & David Weigle

All Hail the Power — arranged by Joel Raney

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Humberto Valtierra, Walter Will & Noah

Unison Prayer

Let us pray:

O Root of Jesse, O Hope that overcomes fear, stir up your power within us, that in this time we may await with abundant expectation the fulfillment of your eternal presence in creation, for you live and reign among us, Maker, Savior and Giver of Life. Amen.

Introit

Dan Thompson

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People PSALM 42
*Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.*

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning.

We wait and we hope.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

We wait and we hope.

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Glory to God the Father, to Jesus the Messiah,
and to the Holy Spirit.

We wait and we hope. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus — HYFRYDOL

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Amy Ward-Meier & Worshippers

Eternal God, for whom all people wait and search, open our eyes, closed by fear and blinded by self-pity, that we may see clearly the anxieties and uncertainties that beset our days. These are the very circumstances that make us impatient for your return.

Sung Refrain:

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee, O Christ.

For all those whose fears cause them to fight, who are caught up in conflicts of escalating tensions; for people and nations who bait and taunt one another, who threaten violence, who begin and perpetuate wars: teach us vulnerability to name our fears, to experience hope, and to trust in you.

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee, O Christ.

For those whose fears cause them to fly, who cannot name or feel or know the depths of their own sorrow or anger, who are so hidden they cannot even find themselves, who pretend when the work of holiness demands honesty: teach us vulnerability to name our fears, to experience hope, and to trust in you.

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee, O Christ.

For all those whose fears cause them to freeze, who feel stuck in patterns and behaviors they know are not healthy or wise but do not know how to do or to be anything other than what they've always done and always been; for people and nations stuck in the way things have always been, who are afraid to imagine a new way forward: teach us vulnerability to name our fears, to experience hope, and to trust in you.

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee, O Christ.

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud or post in the comments section.

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Let us pray:

Remember your church, O Christ; send your Spirit of unity, courage, and holiness. Give joy to all your faithful servants; have mercy on all who suffer persecution for your name's sake; uphold them by your strong Spirit. Bring an end to divisions between Christians; gather us in one visible communion. Teach us vulnerability to name our fears, to experience hope, and to trust in you. Amen.

Advent Hymn

Worshippers

Be Not Afraid — ST. LOUIS



Be not a-fraid when dark the way which jour-neys t'ward the light; When mor-tal fears, this
year of years, keeps hope be-yond our sight; God's mes-sen-gers bring calm to dis-
or-i-en-ted hearts; Though dark the night, here comes the light and peace which Christ im-parts.

Scripture Lesson

Emma Watson

Isaiah 11:1-10 [see insert]

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word ... **Thanks be to God!**

Solo

Dan Thompson

Lo, How a Rose — arranged by Mark Hayes

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ The Hopes and Fears of All the Years ”

Offertory

David Weigle

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme — J. S. Bach
Wake, Awake for Night is Passing

Closing Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

View the Present Through the Promise — AR HYD Y NOS

Blessing

Michael Gregg & Worshippers

Go forth in faith during this season of Advent
and walk in Christ's light.

**As the days grow short and the sun's light wanes,
we will shine for all the world to see.**

Go forth in love during this time of waiting
and embrace the peace that passes all understanding.

**As disciples of the Prince of Peace,
we will beat our swords into ploughshares
and our spears into pruning hooks.**

Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

David Weigle

Thanksgiving — George Winston

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Hymn Notes

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View the Present Through the Promise

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Be Not Afraid

Advent – 2020



It feels as if 2020 has been a year filled with fear. Yet, messengers throughout the Bible sought to comfort the people of God by telling them to not be afraid. It was a word that those looking for a Messiah and birthing Divine Love needed to hear. And we need to hear it too. The theme for this Advent Season at Royal Lane is “Be Not Afraid.” Maybe God is telling us this year, as we wait with trepidation and anticipation, to offer up our fears to the divine and to hear God’s comfort in the angel voices: “Do not be afraid.”

November 29 – ADVENT 1 – 11:00 am — Royal Lane YouTube Channel
“The Hopes and Fears of All the Years”

December 6 – Advent II – 11:00 am — Royal Lane YouTube Channel
Hanging of the Green
“The Fear of Disappointment”

A virtual expression of Hanging of the Green featuring video clips of Royal Laners decorating their homes, clips from past Hanging of the Green services, and narrations presented by RLBC worship leaders.

December 13 – Advent III – Worship – 11:00 am — Royal Lane YouTube Channel
“The Fear of Revision”

December 16 – Mourning Light – 6:30 pm — Zoom
“The Fear of Holiday Grief”

This moving and poignant service will be experienced on Zoom this year. 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 placed on the Chrismon Tree.

December 20 – Advent IV – Worship – 11:00 am — Royal Lane YouTube Channel
“The Fear of Ruined Reputation”

This morning we are joined by the Classic Brass Quintet as we sing carols of the season.

December 24 – Christmas Eve – 6:00 pm — Royal Lane YouTube Channel

“The Fear of Change”

The service this year will feature choral music from the virtual combined choirs of Royal Lane and University Park UMC as they present the first movement of the GLORIA by Vivaldi, and lovely settings of *Away in a Manger* and *Silent Night*. Soloists and readers from RLBC will also lead us in worship. The Gregg Family with baby Ford will light our Christ Candle.

Advent Afternoons

Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Each Tuesday afternoon of Advent at 4:00 pm we will present organist Jonathan Gregoire playing a brief mini concert on our Royal Lane, Dan Garland pipe organ, Opus 50. Jonathan will feature Advent music and speak about the pieces and their connection to our Advent season.

JONATHAN M. GREGOIRE

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Praised for his “top-notch technique and musicianship” by the Dallas Morning News, Jonathan M. Gregoire is an imaginative keyboardist and advocate for the power music has to transform lives. Gregoire brings his passion for music, intuitive gifts for the healing powers of the arts, and warm charisma to his creative output. As a soloist, his engaging performances are praised for their “unfailing drive, energy, and expression,” with equal parts style and flair. As a collaborative artist, his elegance and facility at both the piano and the organ are further augmented by his sensitivity and innate ability to support and lead from the keyboard. He supports congregational and choral singing as the organist at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Plano, Texas. As an educator, Gregoire is driven by the belief that through education we promote understanding, and with understanding we can foster appreciation. With this belief, he founded and serves as the Executive Director of the Arts Foundation of St. Andrew, which is dedicated to “enriching spirituality through the power of the arts.” Additionally, he is the faculty accompanist for the Greenhill School in Addison and Plano West Senior High School, nurturing a love for music in the lives of the students and choirs he supports. For additional information, including recordings, please visit: jonathangregoire.com



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

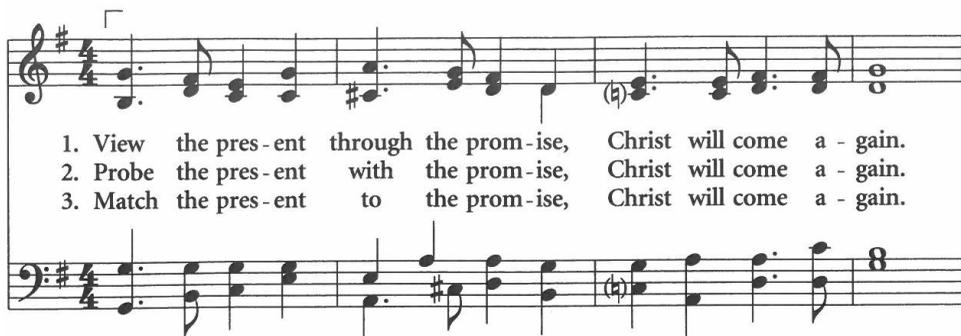
peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us;
yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

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

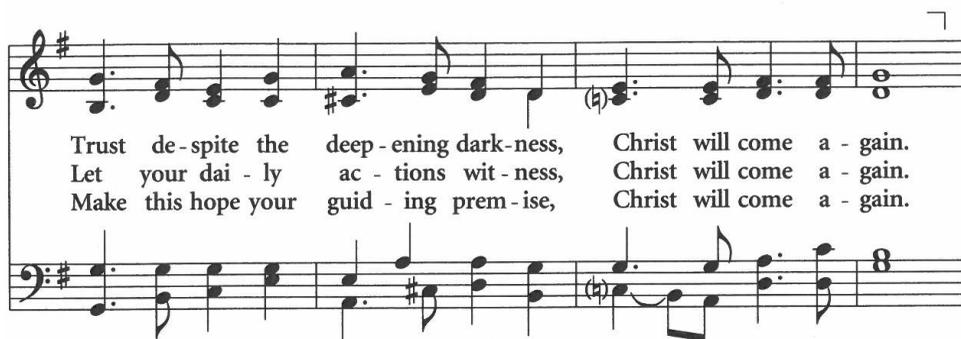
la - tion, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear de - sire of
Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by Thine all - suf -

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

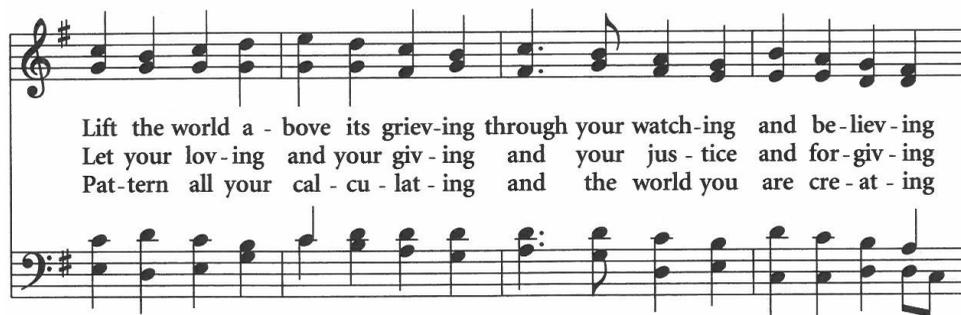
View the Present Through the Promise



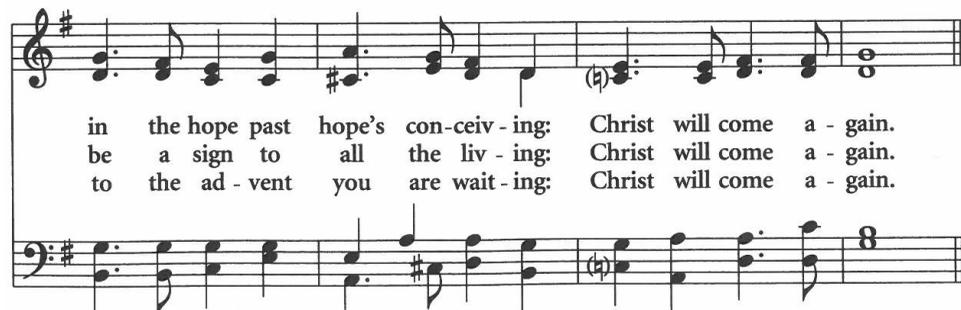
1. View the pres-ent through the prom-ise, Christ will come a - gain.
2. Probe the pres-ent with the prom-ise, Christ will come a - gain.
3. Match the pres-ent to the prom-ise, Christ will come a - gain.



Trust de-spite the deep-ening dark-ness, Christ will come a - gain.
Let your dai-ly ac-tions wit-ness, Christ will come a - gain.
Make this hope your guid-ing prem-ise, Christ will come a - gain.



Lift the world a - bove its griev-ing through your watch-ing and be-liev-ing
Let your lov-ing and your giv-ing and your jus-tice and for-giv-ing
Pat-tern all your cal-cu-lat-ing and the world you are cre-at-ing



in the hope past hope's con-ceiv-ing; Christ will come a - gain.
be a sign to all the liv-ing; Christ will come a - gain.
to the ad-vent you are wait-ing; Christ will come a - gain.

The Scripture this morning is Isaiah 11:1-10

11 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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Holy Wisdom, Holy Word... **Thanks be to God.**

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **November 29 – First Sunday of Advent**
No Children's Sunday School Classes – Thanksgiving Holiday
12:00 pm Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
- Tuesday** **December 1 – Mosaic**
4:00 pm Advent Afternoon — Royal Lane YouTube Channel
- Wednesday** **December 2 – Mosaic**
6:30 pm Midweek Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Zoom
 Luke 24:28-53, Walk to Emmaus and Ascension
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir — Zoom
- Friday** **December 4**
12:00 pm Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
- Saturday** **December 5**
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm 3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent / Hanging of the Green**
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Zoom
10:00 am 4-6-Year-Old Sunday School — Zoom
10:00 am Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom
11:00 am Morning Worship — Livestream
 Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:00 pm Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom
3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
6:30 pm Middle School Sunday School — Zoom

Staff Love Gift



During this Giving time of year let us not forget those who give so much to us all year. Our church staff willingly and lovingly provides many services for us throughout the year. As in the past, if you would like to express your personal appreciation, please mail your check to the Church

Office or make your donation online by December 6. 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. *Charlotte Sewell, Deacon Chair*

Schedule

All In-Person activities have been suspended until further notice.
See the website for information and resources.
royallane.org

Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the Prayer Request Form,
available on the website at royallane.org/prayer

Deacons on Call

Charlotte Sewell & Amy Ward-Meier

When WE Give: we can bring joy to children and youth at Healing Hands Ministries.

October 2020 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues	\$ 624,102
Expenses	\$ 624,736
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