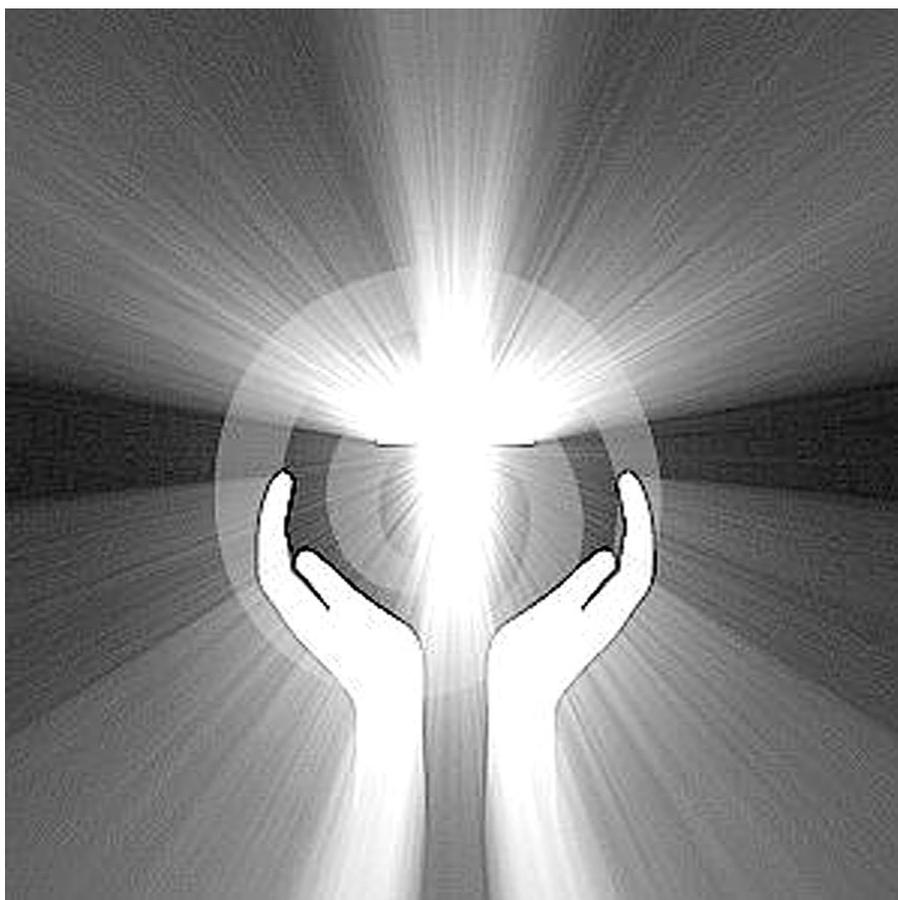


# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

January 31, 2021

11:00 A.M.

Chiming of the Hour

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Harry Wooten

If somebody loves God, they are known by God. Love God, and trust that you are known by God.

Voluntary

David Weigle

*Chorale Prelude on “Nun Preiset Alle”* — Healey Willan  
“Now Let All Loudly”

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

Praise God, who loves us all.

**Praise God, who is full of mercy and compassion.**

Praise God, who loves us well.

**Praise God, who creates honesty and justice.**

Praise God, who invites us to love.

**Praise God, who loves through us and our actions.**

—*Psalm 111. 1 Corinthians 8*

Invocation

Harry Wooten

Loving God, love through us, as we worship your holy name. Love through us, as we listen for your holy name. Love through us, as we love your teachings and offer your love to our world. In your majestic name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn [ see insert ]

Worshippers

*All Creatures of Our God and King* — LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
(stanzas 1 & 4)

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Amy Ward-Meier

When we cry out with words that hurt,  
silence our cries and speak gently through our words.  
When we act in ways that hurt, even when help is intended,  
transform our hurtful actions with your grace.

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

Let us pray:

**When we forget that we are loved and called to love, love us back into your likeness, that your love might flow freely through us and bring your love to the world. God knows us to the core of our being, and loves us through all of our days. In your holy presence of love, we pray. Amen.**

Response [ see insert ]

Worshippers

*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* — MORNING SONG  
(stanzas 1 & 4)

Scripture Lesson

Brian Watson

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 [ see insert ]

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

Solo

Brittany Jones

*Be Thou My Vision* — arranged by K. Lange  
Robyn Watson, bassoon

Sermon

Michael Gregg

**“ The Fear of Being Known by God ”**

Offertory

David Weigle

*Jesus, Thy Church with Longing Eyes* — Paul Manz

Communion

Worshippers

Invitation to the Table

God in Christ breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and divide us from one another. We are the body of Christ. Around this table, we enact our faith.

The body broken is restored to wholeness.

Lifefood poured out brings healing to our world.

Communion Prayer

So with arms outstretched, we now embrace new friends and forgotten dreams. The body broken and lifefood poured transforms our fears and revives our visions.

**Renew us, O God, with your Spirit, that we may receive this mystery, embracing its manifold gifts and needs. Amen.**

Closing Hymn [ see insert ]

Worshippers

*Help Us Accept Each Other* — NYLAND  
(stanza 1)

Blessing

Michael Gregg

Go now to love as beloved children of God.  
Go now to live as living signs of Christ's presence.  
Go now to transform the world  
with the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

**Amen.**

Postlude

David Weigle

*Festal Postlude* — Robert J. Powell

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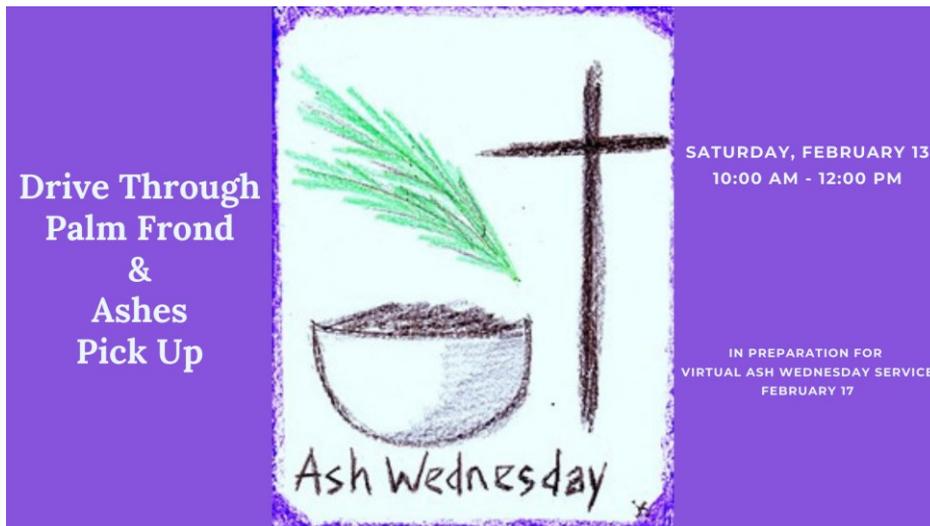
Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

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In preparation for Ash Wednesday and Lent, we invite you to pick up ashes and palm fronds and **MORE** as we move toward Lent and Holy Week.

The **MORE**? A plastic zip bag of pre-made ashes, several palm fronds from last year's Palm Sunday, instructions on how to make your own ashes, family devotional and activity books for children (for families with children). We are happy to deliver some of those packets with plenty of notice if there are those who cannot get out. Contact the Harry Wooten at [hwooten@royallane.org](mailto:hwooten@royallane.org), or Barbara Merry at [bmerry@royallane.org](mailto:bmerry@royallane.org) to request packets.

Drive Through open 10:00 am to noon on Saturday, February 13.  
Ash Wednesday Service, February 17, 6:30 pm.

## BWIM Month of Preaching

*In 2007, Baptist Women in Ministry invited Baptist churches to participate in Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching by having a woman preach during the month of February. This invitation became an annual event, one that has been a deeply significant source of joy and discovery for many churches as they have celebrated the giftedness of women. The annual preaching month was named for Martha Stearns Marshall, an eighteenth-century Separate Baptist woman with a legacy of powerful preaching. In 2019, BWIM redreamed (and renamed) this emphasis to feature, in addition to Martha, three other significant Baptist preachers: Edna Lee de Gutiérrez, Ella Pearson Mitchell, and Helen Barrett Montgomery.*

Royal Lane joins BWIM in this celebration on February 7, 2021, with Joslyn Henderson, M.Div/M.M. Candidate, Baylor University, as preacher.

Born to Pastor Marty Henderson and First Lady Joyce James-Henderson, Joslyn Henderson has been using her talents to bless God's people from the time she was first able to walk and talk. Growing up as a pastor's kid (or "PK"), Joslyn had no problem getting up to sing in front of church audiences wherever and whenever her father preached. Despite Joslyn's plans to become a doctor, after hearing her sing in the 12th grade, her English teacher enthusiastically encouraged her to study music.

Following her teacher's advice, Joslyn went on to Spelman College that fall to study music. Though she learned the complexities of classical vocalism through her studies and leadership in the Spelman College Glee Club, she never strayed from her gospel roots.

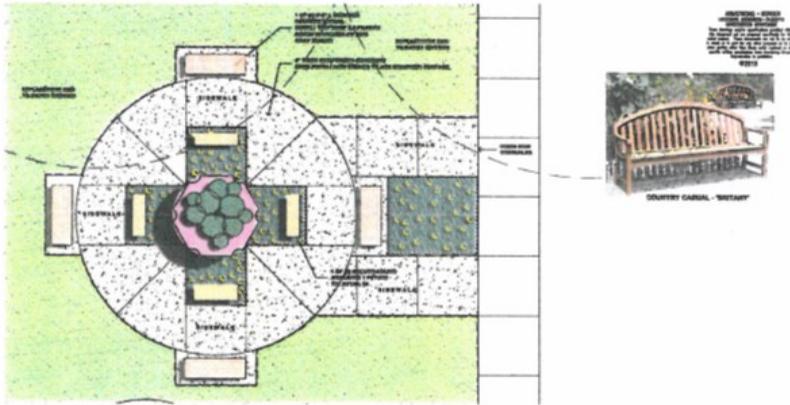
After graduating college, Joslyn completed a term of community service with AmeriCorps. Having learned the importance of giving back to others, she has since taken a full leap into gospel music. She has been studying, writing, and professing her love for music on any stage that will have her.

Joslyn Henderson is currently studying at Baylor University, pursuing graduate degrees in Church Music and Theology. She has served as the Ministry Associate for Worship & Chapel at Baylor, as well as served in many Waco churches as a staff member. In addition, Joslyn is also a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.



# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

## Columbarium Garden



### Columbarium Purchase and Contributions:

- **Niche** - \$3,000.00 pre-construction and \$3,500.00 post constructions\*
- **Garden Teak Bench** - \$3,000.00 (with plaque)
- **Honor/Memory Bricks** - \$250.00 each (engraved to honor or in memory)
- **6' Nellie R. Stevens Holly Tree** (along the Cunningham Arcade) - \$1,500 (with plaque)
- **Contributions** to construction of the Columbarium Garden - you can donate to purchase a tree, bush, entry arch, other landscape elements

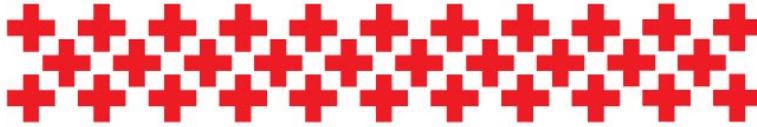
\*All contributions, except purchase of a niche are considered a donation to the RLBC Columbarium Garden

Royal Lane is blessed to have a Columbarium available to its members and loved ones. The RLBC Columbarium is nestled in a lovely garden between the Cunningham Arcade, the Sanctuary, and the Library. It is a Spiritual Site that affords Church members, their families, and loved ones the opportunity to have their final resting place surrounded by their Church and faith community, which has been a central part of their lives.

Visit [royallane.org/columbarium](http://royallane.org/columbarium) or  
call the Church office at 214-361-2809, ext. 11 for an application.

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*Give blood.* Help save lives.



**Blood Drive**  
**Royal Lane Baptist Church**

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**Tuesday, February 16, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: royallanebaptist to schedule an appointment.

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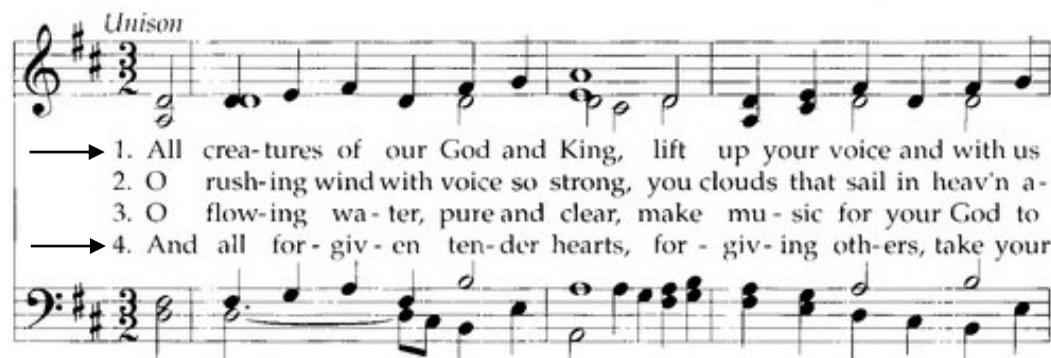
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Please join us for a blood drive at Royal Lane Baptist Church on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor keyword **royallanebaptist** to schedule an appointment.

All donations are tested for COVID-19 antibodies and results will be available in the Red Cross Donor app in 1-2 weeks. Plasma from antibody-positive donations may help current coronavirus patients in need!

# All Creatures of Our God and King

*Unison*



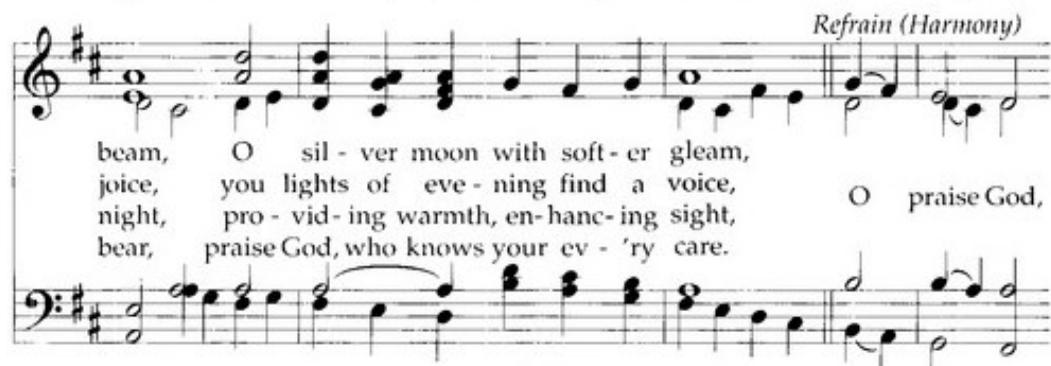
→ 1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us  
2. O rush-ing wind with voice so strong, you clouds that sail in heav'n a-  
3. O flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for your God to  
→ 4. And all for-giv-en ten-der hearts, for-giv-ing oth-ers, take your

*Harmony* *Unison*



sing; Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! O burn-ing sun with gold-en  
long, O praise God, Al-le-lu-ia! O ris-ing morn, in praise re-  
hear, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! O blaz-ing fire who lights the  
part, sing prais-es, Al-le-lu-ia! You who long pain and sor-row

*Refrain (Harmony)*



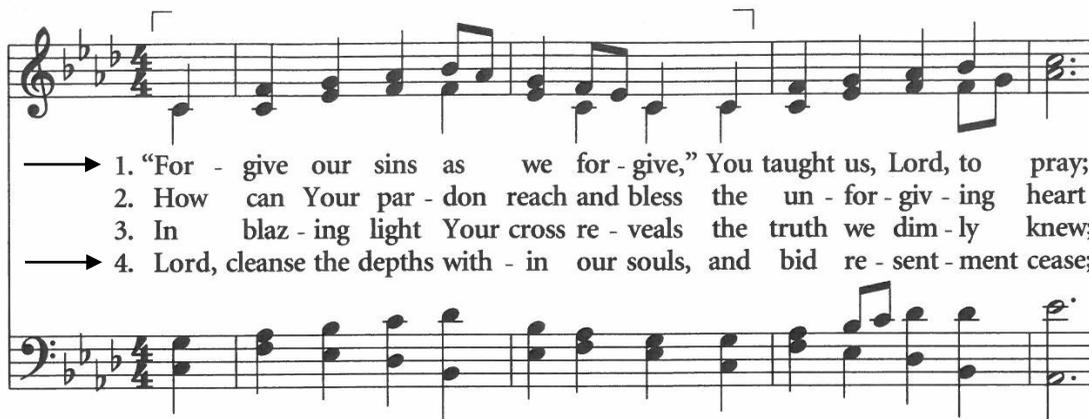
beam, O sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam,  
joyce, you lights of eve-ning find a voice, O praise God,  
night, pro-vid-ing warmth, en-hanc-ing sight,  
bear, praise God, who knows your ev-'ry care.

*Unison*

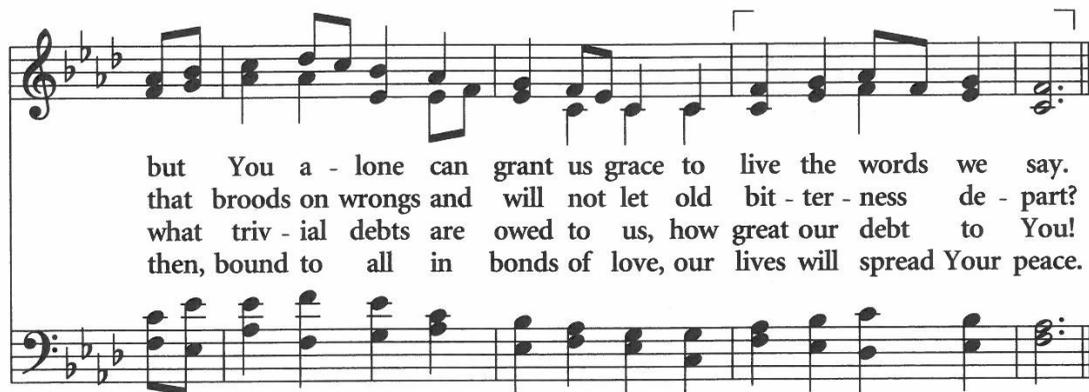


O praise God, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

# Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive



→ 1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us, Lord, to pray;  
2. How can Your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart  
3. In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew;  
→ 4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but You a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to You!  
then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread Your peace.

# Help Us Accept Each Other

1. Help us ac - cept each o - ther as Christ ac - cept - ed us; Teach  
 2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life We  
 3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved In  
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need, Who

us as sis - ter, — bro - ther, each per - son — to — em - brace. Be  
 strug - gle to be — hu - man and search for — hope and faith. Teach  
 liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the — truth in love; To  
 hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice, and — for bread, We

pre - sent, Lord, a - mong — us and bring us to be - lieve We  
 us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some, To  
 prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart The  
 need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on; Re -

are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to — love and live.  
 love them as we — find them, or as they may be - come.  
 ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
 new us with your — Spi - rit; Lord, free us, — make us one!

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The Scripture this morning is 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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**8** Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— <sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall. (NRSV)

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

## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday**      **January 31 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
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
- Tuesday**     **February 2**  
12:00 pm    Pastor's Book Group — Zoom
- Wednesday** **February 3 – Mosaic**  
6:30 pm      Midweek Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Zoom  
                  Acts 1:1-26, The Ascension and Preparation for Pentecost  
7:30 pm      Sanctuary Choir — Zoom
- Friday**        **February 5**  
12:00 pm    Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
- Saturday**     **February 6**  
2:00 pm      Questers Class — Zoom  
3:00 pm      3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom  
8:00 pm      Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday**       **February 7 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany / Baptist Women in Ministry**  
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 – Joslyn Henderson, Guest Preacher  
                  Royal Lane Baptist 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  
7:00 pm      Connection Care Group — Zoom

### **How to Connect**

See the Weekly Mosaic, Weekend Update or Web Calendar for Links and details for Zoom, Livestream and Virtual events — [royallane.org/resources/events](http://royallane.org/resources/events)  
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

## *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](http://royallane.org/prayer)

## **Deacons on Call**

Charlotte Sewell & Amy Ward-Meier

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