

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

10:55 A.M.

Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Voluntary.

Please use this as a time of quiet reflection and prayer,

and to record your attendance at royallane.org/register (see QR located following postlude)

To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.

*For the safety and protection of our children and those with compromised immune systems,
masks are required in the building.*

† – *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Chiming of the Hour

Opening Sentences

Harry Wooten

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of God.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and worship.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme — J. S. Bach
Sleepers Awake

†Call to Worship – Litany for Hope

Congregation

God: as the light of day fades in the evening,

We hope for the sunrise.

As the winter deepens around us, hollowing to sleep,

We hope for springtime.

We wait in wakefulness.

Eyes open.

In readiness and expectation,

For you to come:

(continued)

For you to call us on a journey,

We wait awake.

On the dawn,

Goodness comes.

From earliest darkness,

Goodness comes.

The Goodness that is dung and straw and lamb and shepherd and angel,

Our God-With-Us:

The Goodness that is fresh babe,

Our Holy One;

The Goodness that is Messiah,

Our humble king.

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Holy One, you have promised us that the day of our salvation is near.

Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer, so that we may hope

with confidence and joy at the coming of Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

†Hymn 83 [see insert]

Congregation

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus — HYFRYDOL

Words of Welcome

Phil Keith

Christ be with you ... **and also with you!**

Scripture Lesson

Quinn K.

Luke 21:25-36 [Pew Bible page 856 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

Worshipers

What, O What Then Shall We Do? — GUITING POWER



Advent I: Come to us who wait and won - der, strug - gling hard to cope;



Come in clouds of roar - ing thun - der, our re - demp-tion's hope.



Light, shed an - swers to our ques - tion: What, O what then shall we do?!

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Shannon & Blake Miller

Unison Prayer

Let us pray:

God of all, as we await the fullness of your reign, may we be kept faithful, strong in hope, and active in service. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen — Johannes Brahms

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

Trusting in the sure promises of Christ,

and grateful for the Spirit's sustaining power,

let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

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

See back cover for ways to give.

Call to Confession

Harry Hunter & Congregation

Jesus said, Do not let your hearts be weighed down by the sins and worries of this life, but watch and pray for the grace of God, who will save you in your time of trial.

With confidence in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

(continued)

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn 96 [see insert]

Congregation

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light — HOUSTON

Prayers of the People

DeeDee Young & Congregation

Let us pray to the Lord, saying, in your mercy, Lord save us.

Merciful God, you call us to goodness and lead us on right paths. You encourage us with signs of your coming and urge us to keep watch, that we might greet you with heads raised high when you come to restore all of creation. Watching and waiting, we pray for this world that needs your saving power.

For nations at war,
in your mercy,

Lord, save us.

For all who suffer from violence, in the streets or in their homes,
in your mercy,

Lord, save us.

For all who live in worry or fear,
in your mercy,

Lord, save us.

(continued)

For those who have forgotten the ways of righteousness,
in your mercy,

Lord, save us.

For those who have never heard of your rescuing love,
in your mercy,

Lord, save us.

For all those who have lost hope, or never had it at all,
in your mercy,

Lord, save us.

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud. . .

(You may speak aloud the first name of those for whom you wish to pray.)

Silence Is Kept

Let us pray:

We pray for your church in the world, that we may increase in ardor for you and your children, and work in confidence for your coming reign. Now by the power of your Holy Spirit, make us ever more faithful, that we may greet you in confidence and joy on that great day; through Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Solo

LaMarcus Miller

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming — arranged by Mark Hayes

Sermon

Steve Graham

“ We Do Hope ”

†Hymn of Commitment [see insert]

Congregation

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending — 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”*

†Sending Forth

Steve Graham

The God of hope

fill us with all joy and peace in believing,

so that we may abound in hope

by the power of the Holy Spirit,

through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

People Look East — arranged by Jerry Westenkueller

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LaMarcus Miller, Soloist

American Bass-Baritone Dr. LaMarcus Miller hails from Los Angeles, California, where he is a beloved singer in the classical music space and a growing music executive in the Music Synchronization and A&R arena for commercial pop/tv, film & trailer music. Having sung many operas and Oratorios throughout his career, he is also adding to his rolodex music supervision for Television & Film. Dr. Miller is currently a music coordinator on the Television show *The Wonder Years* on ABC, in addition to working on various projects for networks like *Netflix*, *Showtime*, *Hulu* & *FX*.

Dr. Miller earned his Bachelor of Music Degree from Dallas Baptist University and his Master of Music degree from The Manhattan School of Music. He recently completed a Teaching Assistantship while pursuing his Doctor of Musical Arts at the University of Southern California.



Scriptures for Next Sunday
Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79
Philippian 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

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Stocking Stuffers

The Women of the Church will be stuffing Stockings on Saturday, December 4.
9:00 am – Breakfast, 10:00 am – Stocking Stuffing
Vickrey Hall

A festive poster for 'Stocking Stuffers' with a yellow background and a border of green pine branches, red berries, and gold and red ornaments. The title 'Stocking Stuffers' is written in a large, black, cursive font. Below the title, the text 'SPONSORED BY THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE & WOMEN OF THE CHURCH' is in red. The main text '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' is in green. A section titled 'SUGGESTED ITEMS' in black lists various items in two columns. To the right, a note in blue says 'Please leave donated items in the Missions Holiday Wagon located in the Narthex any Sunday during November'.

Stocking Stuffers

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SUGGESTED ITEMS

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

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - 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.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to
3. I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ; I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run with

light to the world; the star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

In Him there is no dark-ness at all; the night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



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 5. 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.

Terry Berrier, Deacon Chair

Register Your Attendance

[Royallane.org/register](https://royallane.org/register)



Final Call – Alliance of Baptists THRIVE Project Survey

Here's your final call to be a part of the Alliance's THRIVE project survey assessing racial attitudes. What the Alliance learns from this survey will inform their work going forward addressing racial equality and justice within the Alliance and their congregational partners.

Link to participate in survey <https://bit.ly/30OWG3R>



Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

"They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds" — Matthew 24:30 NIV

1. Lo, He comes with clouds de-scend-ing, Once for fa-vored
2. Ev-ry eye shall now be-hold Him, Robed in splen-dor's
3. Now the Sav-ior, long ex-pect-ed, See, in sol-emn
4. Yea, a-men, let all a-dore Thee, High on Thine e-

sin-ners slain; Thou-sand thou-sand saints at-tend-ing
maj-es-ty; Those who set at naught and sold Him,
pomp ap-pear; All who have not Him re-ject-ed
ter-nal throne; Sav-ior, take the pow'r and glo-ry,

Swell the tri-umph of His train: Al-le-lu-ia,
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree, Deep-ly wail-ing,
Now shall meet Him in the air: Al-le-lu-ia,
Claim the king-dom for Thine own: Oh, come quick-ly,

al-le-lu-ia! God ap-pears on earth to reign.
deep-ly wail-ing, Shall the true Mes-si-ah see.
al-le-lu-ia! See the day of God ap-pear.
oh, come quick-ly! Ev-er-last-ing God, come down.

The Scripture this morning is Luke 21:25-36, which may be found on page 853 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

(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!**

What *THEN* should we do?

Advent – 2021

November 28 – ADVENT I – We Do Hope

Scripture: Luke 21:25-36

December 5 – Advent II – We Do Peace

Hanging of the Green

Scripture: Luke 1:68-79

December 12 – Advent III – We Do Joy

Scripture: Luke 1:39-42

December 15 – Mourning Light

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 19 – Advent IV – We Do Love

Scripture: Luke 3:7-18

December 24 – Christmas Eve

4:00 pm – Family Christmas Eve — Sanctuary (childcare provided)

6:30 pm – Candlelight and Communion — Sanctuary (childcare provided)

December 26 – First Sunday after Christmas

10:55 am — Sanctuary

Poinsettia Dedications Due Today!

Make your requests today, November 28, so that your dedication can be included in the order of worship for the *Hanging of the Green* on December 5. **\$12.00 per dedication.**

Request may be made:

- Online at royallane.org or use the QR code to be directed to online order form
- Email to info@royallane.org
- Mailed request to the church



Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **November 28 – First Sunday of Advent**
Poinsettia Dedications Due in Church Office
- Monday** **November 29**
7:30 pm Transition Support Team — Zoom
- Wednesday** **December 1**
10:00 am Holy Rollers — Room 212
6:30 pm Midweek Study — Zoom
7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Saturday** **December 4**
10:00 am WOC – Stuffing of Christmas Stockings — Vickrey Hall
 Breakfast at 9:00 am — Vickrey Hall
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent / Hanging of the Green**
9:15 am Children’s SS Classes — Zoom
9:45 am Formations Class — Library
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Room 208
10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:30 am Children ages 3yr through 5th grade – Vickrey Hall
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
 or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
 First Sunday Youth Lunch — Six Flags Holiday in the Park
- 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 Zoom, Livestream, Virtual or In-Person 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 left in the offering plate as you leave today’s service.



Deacons on Call

Sarah King & Jennifer Maddox

When WE Give: we can Do Hope!

October 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 585,450
Expenses	\$ 558,429
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ 27,021

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

Ushers will be at each door to receive your offering or you may Text “GIVE” to 214-609-1200. Follow the prompts to complete the process.

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