

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Christmas Eve*

**December 24, 2021**

**6:30 P.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.*

Prelude

Jordan Stubblefield & David Weigle

*Carol of the Bells/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* — arranged by Matt Riley

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* — arranged by A. D. Miller

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to Worshipers

Harry Wooten

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

Processional Hymn 104 [see insert] (*remain seated for stanzas one & two*)

Congregation

*Once in Royal David's City* — IRBY

Harper Wooten – stanza one

Choir – stanza two

† Congregation – stanzas three & four

† The Bidding & Lord's Prayer

Steve Graham & Congregation

Let us pray:

Beloved in Christ, in this Advent season let us prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind go to Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in the manger. But first let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all God's people. Let us also remember, in God's name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children. These prayers and praises we humbly offer to God and in the words which Christ himself hath taught us, saying boldly:

*(continued)*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

†Hymn 103 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*O Come, All Ye Faithful* — ADESTE FIDELES  
stanzas 1, 2 & 3

## *Coming of the Light*

**The Light of Hope**

Wayne Meachum

Isaiah 9:2-7

Anthem

Choir

*Carol of the Holy Family* — Terre Johnson  
Diana Zavala, violin

**The Light of Peace**

Linda Cross

John 1:1-14

†Hymn 110 [see insert]

Congregation

*Away in a Manger* — MUELLER

**The Light of Joy**

Brandon Green

Matthew 2:1-12

Solo

Rita Nsbumbu

*Behold That Star* — arr. Mark Hayes

**The Light of Love**

DeeDee Young

Luke 2:1-20

Advent Hymn

Congregation

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



6. Come to us in mea - ger man - ger, bathed in can - dle - light;



Dwell with us, no more a stran - ger; set our hearts a - right;



Be the an - swer to our ques - tions: all we ev - er say or do!

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jade Arnswald  
Rosa & Joey Belgard

Unison Prayer

Congregation

Let us pray:

**God of glory, your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem into the darkness of human night. Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world so that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice and defenders of all for whom there is no room. Amen.**

Family Dedication

Ministers & Family

*Anastasia Miranada Cruz*

Daughter of Jade Arnswald

*Grandparents*

Mary & Ray Arnswald

*Godparents*

Rosa & Joey Belgard

*(continued)*

*Minister*

Jade, why have you come before this congregation?

*Parent*

I recognize the responsibility of parenthood and my dependence upon God for strength and wisdom to faithfully discharge my duties. I come to present Anastasia before God in loving commitment.

*Minister*

Godparents, where will you find strength for this task?

*Godparents*

Realizing our need for divine assistance, we recommit ourselves to Christ and to Christ's church.

*Minister*

Members of Royal Lane Baptist Church, what is your responsibility and commitment?

*Congregation*

**We will give our time, talents, and money, in order that we may help provide spiritual instruction and nurture for Anastasia. We will love her, care for her, teach her, and model Christian living for her.**

*Prayer of Dedication*

Let us pray:

**O God of everlasting covenant, we rejoice in every gift of life.  
Be present always to strengthen and guide this your child  
that she may increase in wisdom and in years,  
and in divine and human favor  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

†Hymn 107

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* — ST. LOUIS  
stanzas 1 & 3

Congregation

Offertory Prayer

Paulette Harrison

Beautiful Savior, we are so grateful for your birth so many years ago, and we are so joyful to have your presence in our lives this night. In gratitude, we offer our gifts, however humble they might be. Transform our gifts with your glory and grace, that our gifts might become grace and love, and light and hope, for a world in need of you. Amen.

Offertory

Suré Eloff

*O Holy Night* — Adolphe Adam

## *Communion*

Christmas Reflection & Invitation to the Table

Steve Graham

The Receiving of Communion

All

*Individual Communion elements are available in the Narthex or from an usher.*

*The Communion elements are gluten free.*

## *The Passing of the Light*

Charge to the Bearers of the Light

Steve Graham

Do not be afraid—the light still shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. Bear the light of Christ into the world with hope and great joy!

*During the introduction to Peace, Peace/Silent Night,  
please move your unlit candle toward the flame of the lighted candle and  
pass the light to one another.*

†Hymn [ see text below ]

Choir & Congregation

*Peace, Peace/Silent Night* — Rick & Sylvia Powell, arranged by Fred Bock

*Please sing on direction.*

**Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

†Benediction

Steve Graham & Congregation

Go forth and shine light in the darkness.  
Go and bring peace into our troubled world.  
Proclaim hope in the midst of despair.  
Go with God's blessings—

**for a child has been born to us,  
who is Love for the nations  
and Light for the world.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

†Hymn 127 [see insert]

Congregation

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* — MENDELSSOHN  
stanzas 1 & 3

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*Ding Dong, Merrily on High* — arranged by Roy Brunner

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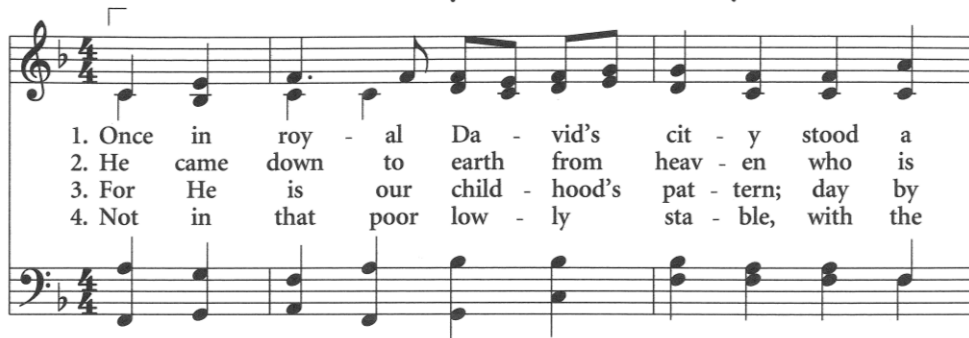
## Christmas Eve Missions Offering

This Christmas Eve, we are thrilled to announce that our special Missions offering will go to 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 United States-Mexico border to serve immigrants and refugees. Fellowship Southwest regularly receives requests for financial assistance or ministry supplies from our partner pastors all along the border. Because of donations from churches like ours, they have been able to respond to these requests without interruption. Giving to this fund helps us be the presence of Christ for people Jesus called "the least of these." Join us in making a donation to this important cause.

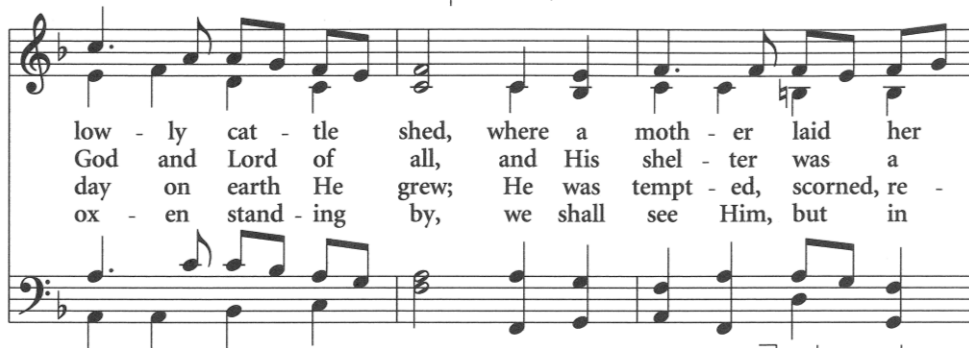


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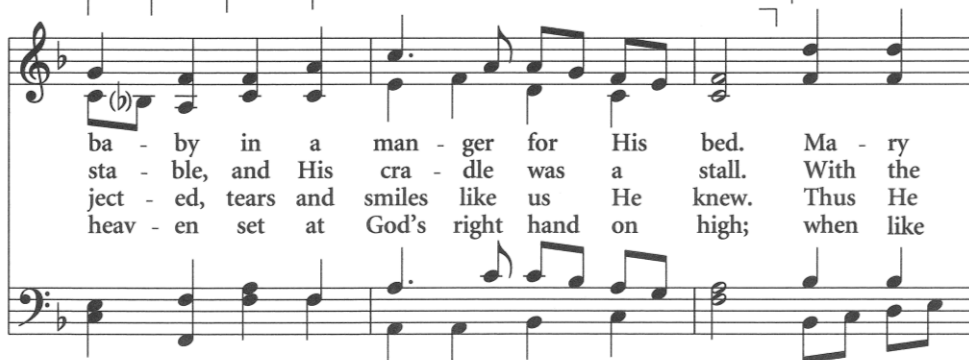
# Once in Royal David's City



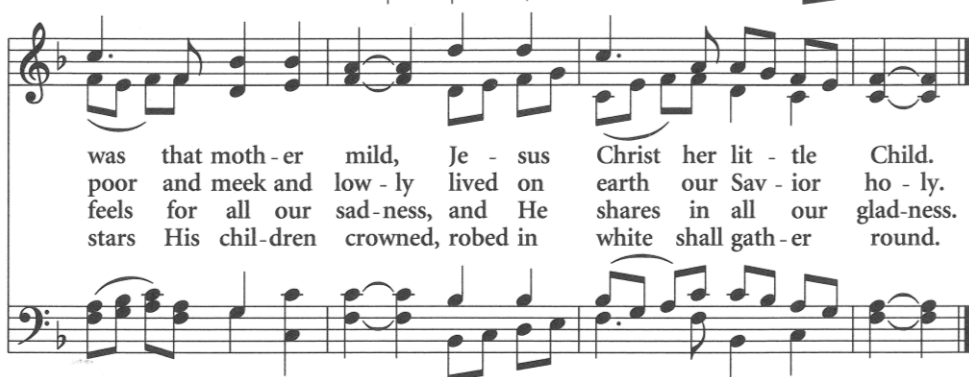
1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a  
2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is  
3. For He is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by  
4. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the



low - ly cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her  
God and Lord of all, and His shel - ter was a  
day on earth He grew; He was tempt - ed, scorned, re -  
ox - en stand - ing by, we shall see Him, but in



ba - by in a man - ger for His bed. Ma - ry  
sta - ble, and His cra - dle was a stall. With the  
ject - ed, tears and smiles like us He knew. Thus He  
heav - en set at God's right hand on high; when like



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle Child.  
poor and meek and low - ly lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
feels for all our sad - ness, and He shares in all our glad - ness.  
stars His chil - dren crowned, robed in white shall gath - er round.



# O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um-phant, O come ye, O  
2. True God of true God, Light from Light E - ter - nal, lo, He  
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, O sing, all ye  
4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap-py morn-ing, Je - sus, to

come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come and be - hold Him, born the King of  
shuns not the vir - gin's womb; Son of the Fa - ther, be - got - ten, not cre-  
cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the  
Thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap -

an - gels!  
at - ed. O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,  
high - est!  
pear - ing!

O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

# Away in a Manger

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the Ba - by a - wakes,  
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay

The first system of the musical score for 'Away in a Manger'. It features a treble and bass clef with a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head;  
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.  
close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray.

The second system of the musical score. It continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

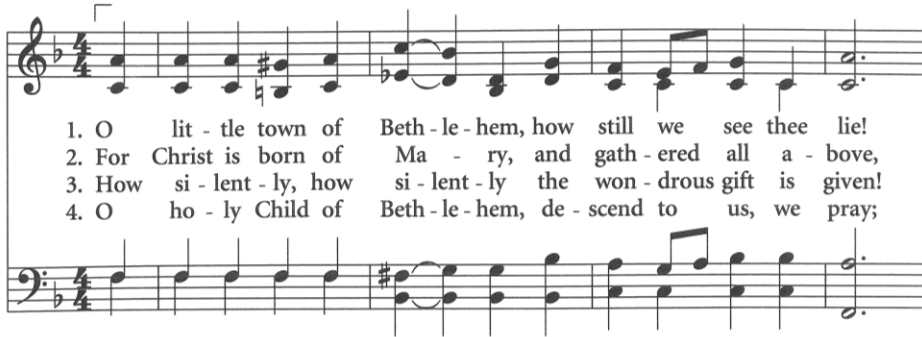
the stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky care,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

The third system of the musical score. It continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

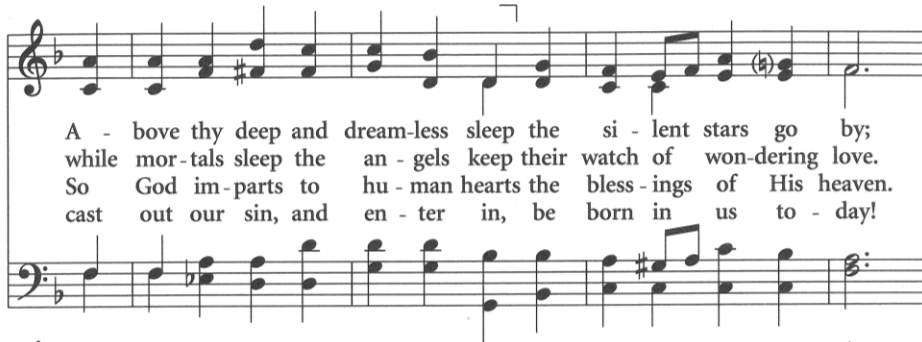
the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.  
and fit us for heav - en, to live with Thee there.

The fourth and final system of the musical score. It concludes the melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

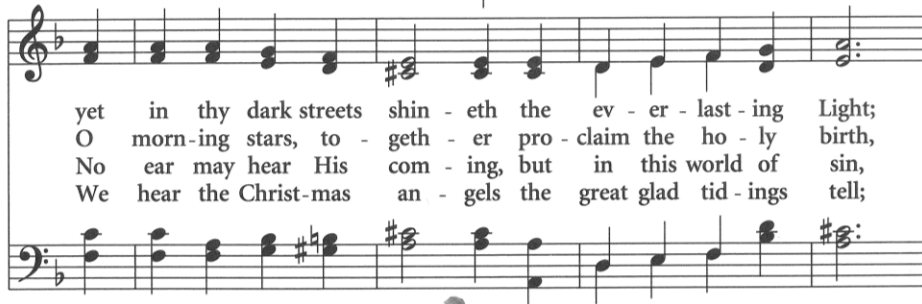
# O Little Town of Bethlehem



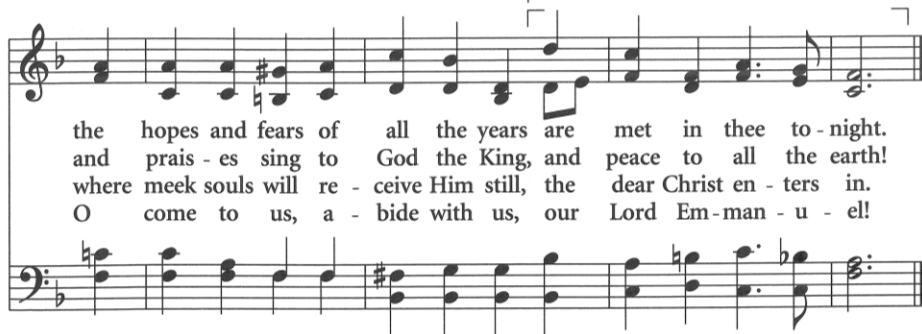
1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and gath - ered all a - bove,  
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is given!  
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
while mor - tals sleep the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of His heaven.  
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day!



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
No ear may hear His com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth!  
where meek souls will re - ceive Him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.  
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

# Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;  
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
late in time be - hold Him come, off-spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, risen with heal - ing in His wings.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'in-car-nate De - i - ty,  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

with th'an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

The fourth system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.



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### Hymn Notes

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## The Light of Hope – Isaiah 9:2-7

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<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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Thanks be to God!

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## The Light of Peace – John 1:1-14

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

<sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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Thanks be to God!

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## The Light of Joy – Matthew 2:1-12

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In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" <sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

<sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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Thanks be to God!



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## The Light of Love – Luke 2:1-20

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In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" <sup>15</sup>When 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.” <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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Thanks be to God!

**New Year's Tea**  
January 8, 2022, 2-4 pm  
Presented by Women of the Church  
*and*  
Children & Youth of the Church

Imagine the days of Paris poetic salons, with clever conversation and witty banter...a bit of live music...delicious and beautiful finger foods and hot tea...  
Come and join us in Vickrey Hall as we welcome the new year. Wear your hat and pearls or fedora and bow ties. (We also have some!) An intergenerational afternoon of fun.



**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](mailto:info@royallane.org).

## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday**     **December 26 – First Sunday after Christmas**  
No Christian Education Classes  
10:55 am    Morning Worship — Sanctuary  
                  or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
- Wednesday**    **December 29**  
No Wednesday Activities
- Saturday**     **January 1 – New Year’s Day**  
No Christian Education Classes
- Sunday**     **January 2 – Epiphany Sunday**  
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 3 year through 5th grade – Vickrey Hall  
10:55 am    Morning Worship Holy Communion Offered — Sanctuary  
                  or Royal Lane YouTube Channel

*The deadline for the Weekly Mosaic and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.*

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