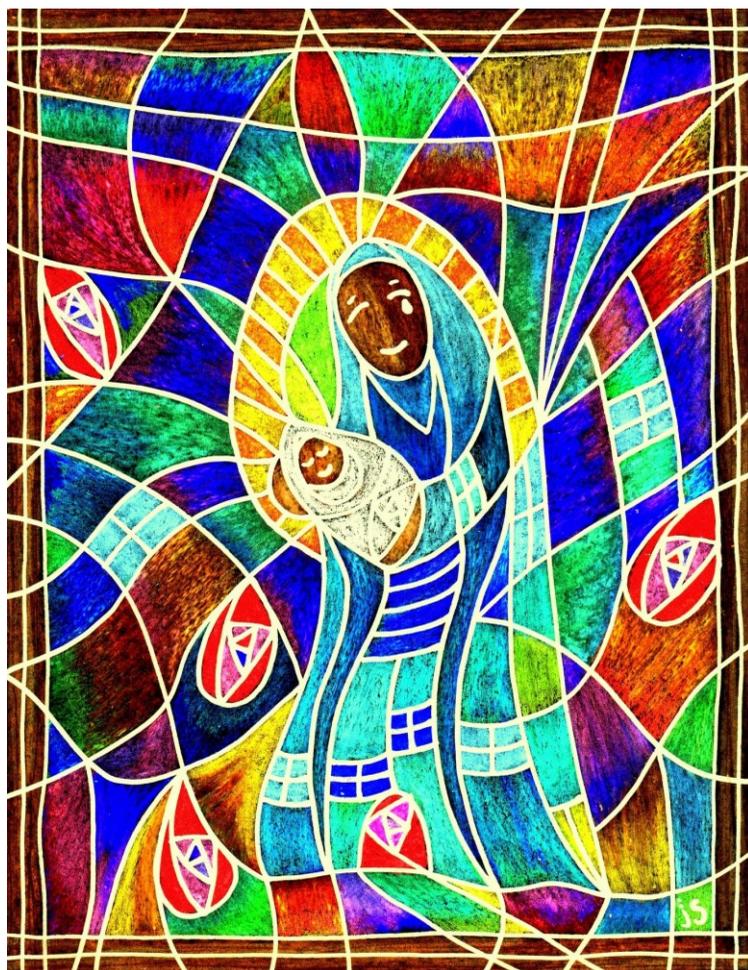


ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

First Sunday after Christmas

December 26, 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

Unbridled joy runs through the scripture readings for the first Sunday after Christmas. What helps you to feel that kind of joy, a joy that cannot be contained? When life seems overwhelming, or when sorrow seeks to overtake you, how are you able to find joy within that? During this Christmas season, we are invited to join in Psalm 148 to praise God and rest in the joy of God's presence in the birth of Emmanuel, God with us.

Voluntary

La Nativité — Jean Langlais

David Weigle

†Call to Worship

God's love has come to earth to dwell with us.

Sing for joy with the angels.

We are God's chosen people, loved and cherished.

Sing for joy with the angels.

The birth of Love has changed us forever.

Sing for joy with the angels.

Let us sing, praise, rejoice, and worship together!

—*Psalm 148, Colossians 3, Luke 2*

Congregation

†Invocation

Let us pray:

Loving God, in all times and seasons you surround us and embrace us. May we feel a true joy in knowing that whatever is going on around us, you are ever-present. You seek to offer us hope and new life in the face of all things, and we cannot help but find ourselves overwhelmed with joy. Amen.

Congregation

†Hymn 102 [see insert]

Congregation

Joy To the World — ANTIOCH
stanzas 1, 2 & 4

Words of Welcome

Harry Wooten

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

Scripture Lesson

Austen M.

Psalm 148 [Pew Bible page 508 of the Old 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

Laura Keller

†Hymn 139 [see insert]

Congregation

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly — W ZLOBIE LEZY

Prayers of the People

Garey Wisdom & Congregation

In Jesus, God's Word became flesh to birth love in our hearts and peace in our world. As we celebrate this gift of life in Christ, let us pray for the church and the world saying, O God of Love, draw us together in peace.

Your messenger announces peace in shouts of breathless joy, drive out the warring ways of our world and protect all who face danger this day as you guide our feet to travel with the One who is your peace.

O God of Love,

draw us together in peace.

Your Word comes with justice to rule the earth with fairness; inspire the leaders of all nations and citizens of the world to order our economic lives to promote dignity and equality for all in your global household.

O God of Love,

draw us together in peace.

Mountains and rivers clap and sing as your Word makes all things new; awaken us to the damage we do to your world and mend our ways, that all creation might breathe again the liveliness of your blessing.

O God of love

draw us together in peace.

(continued)

From your majesty on high to the lowliness of the stable, your Word has power to sustain all things, and through him we become your precious children; comfort those who are hungry, sick or suffering, and in all our afflictions anoint us with the oil of gladness as you visit us with your salvation.

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:

O God, receive our prayers through Christ who is our glorious light. May we, like him, shine forth like the sun in bodies, breath, and beating hearts to sing your praise forevermore, and as holy partners in a heavenly calling dwell with you eternally. Amen.

Solo

Suré Eloff

Gesù Bambino — Pietro Yon

Sermon

Blake Miller

“ The Value of Praise ”

Offertory Prayer

Mike Keith

Generous God, in this time of tinsel and trimmings we pause and remember that yours was the first Christmas gift of all. With grateful hearts we offer these gifts to you. Wrap them in the radiance of your grace, that they might spread love and healing in our world. Amen.

Offertory

Jordan Stubblefield & David Weigle

We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.
See back cover for ways to give.

†Hymn of Commitment 143 [see insert]

Congregation

Go Tell It on the Mountain — GO TELL IT
*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

Blake Miller

As we go forth:

May we like the heavens
praise God in the heights.

**May we, like the shepherds,
journey in the name of love.**

May we, like the stable owners,
make room for hope.

**May we, like the angels,
sing out our joy.**

May we, like Mary,
cradle peace in our hearts.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Caroling, Caroling — arranged by Diane Bish

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



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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.

Transition and Pastor Search Update

The Transition Support Team (TST) and the Pastor Search Committee (PSC) have been laying the foundation on which to move forward with our search for a permanent pastor. Toward the end of January, they want you to be on the lookout for an important survey from the TST. Your feedback on this survey will be an important component in completing this groundwork. In the meantime, please pray for these committees, that they retain the stamina, the teamwork, and the commitment to their mission.

Phil Keith, Chair, PSC

Brittany Wooten Jones, Chair, TST

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth re - ceive her King;
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; let men their songs em - ploy;
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the ground;
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove

let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room,
 while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
 He comes to make His bless - ings flow
 the glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of His love, and won - ders of His

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 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of His love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for His bed a cat - tle stall;
2. Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major and 3/4 time. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for His bed a cat - tle stall; 2. Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new".

ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the Babe is Lord of all. saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.".

Swift are wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, no - els ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing greet the mor - row:

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Swift are wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, no - els ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing: Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing greet the mor - row:".

Christ the Babe is Lord of all, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Christ the Babe is Lord of all, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

The fourth system concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "Christ the Babe is Lord of all, Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Christ the Babe is Lord of all, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.".

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery-where;

Fine

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both are in 4/4 time and have a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody in the treble clef consists of quarter and eighth notes, while the bass clef provides a steady accompaniment of quarter notes.

Go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

Detailed description: This system contains the next two staves of music. The notation continues from the previous system, maintaining the same clefs, time signature, and key signature. The melody and accompaniment patterns are consistent with the first system.

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

D.C. al Fine

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth staves of music. The lyrics are presented in three numbered lines. The musical notation continues with the same structure as the previous systems.

be - hold through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

Detailed description: This system contains the final two staves of music. The lyrics are presented in three lines. The music concludes with a final cadence in both staves.

The Scripture this morning is Psalm 148, which may be found on page 508 of the Old Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

²Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

³Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

⁶He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²Young men and women alike, old and young together!

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

(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!**

Schedule for the Week

Wednesday December 29

No Wednesday Activities

Saturday January 1 – New Year’s Day

No Christian Education

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.

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12

For the Children!

Children’s bulletins are included in activity packets 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.

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 left in the offering plate as you leave today’s service.



Deacons on Call

Mike Keith & Garey Wisdom

When WE Give: we lift our voices and gifts in praise.

November 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 625,950
Expenses	\$ 621,796
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ 4,154

*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.

Standard text message rates may apply.

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