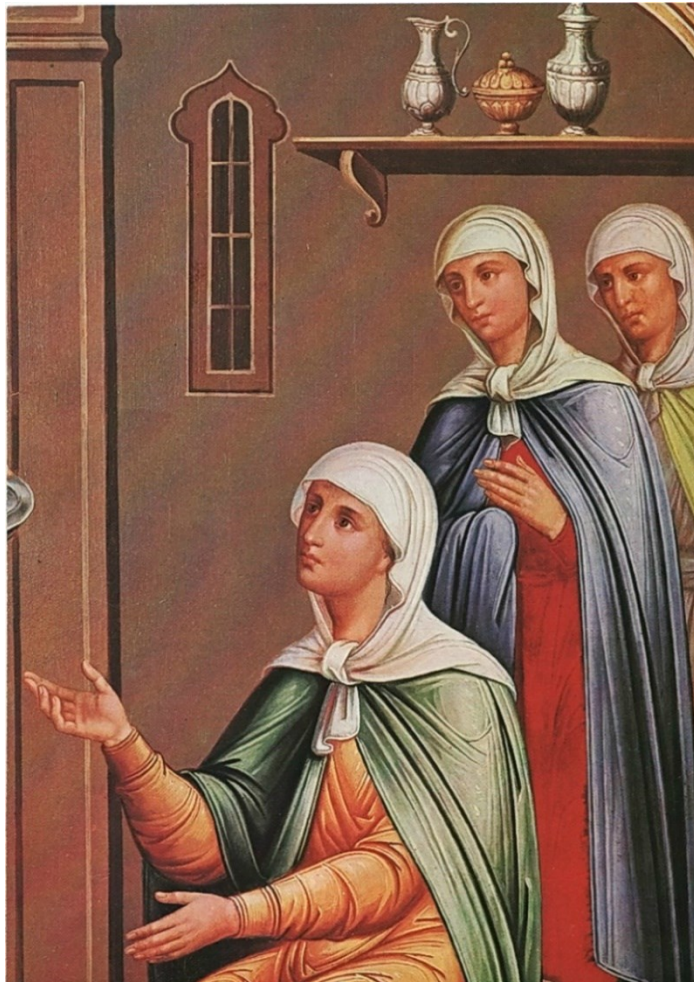


ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2022

10:55 A.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.*

Chiming of the Hour

Pray without ceasing. Pray without giving up. Pray with tenacity, courage, and hope.

Voluntary

Festival Prelude on OLD 113TH — Gilbert Martin

David Weigle

✠Call to Worship

Called by God to be people of prayer,

we gather today as people of prayer.

Come, let us worship and pray together.

Congregation

✠Invocation

Let us pray:

Mighty God, we come into your powerful presence with hope in our hearts. May we pray with the same focus and strength with which you receive our prayers. Flow through our prayers and our worship today, that we may rediscover childlike trust, even as we mature in faith. Amen.

Congregation

✠Hymn 71 [see insert]

Be Thou My Vision — SLANE

Congregation

Words of Welcome

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

*[Please record your attendance in the blue booklet at the end of the pew and pass it to others.
You may also register online at royallane.org/register or see QR code following Organ Dismissal.]*

Karen Simmons

Scripture Lesson

Addison W.

Luke 18:1-8 [Pew Bible page 853 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!

Time for Young Disciples

Barrett Wooten

*Children 3-year through 5th grade are invited to Godly Play,
You may collect your children in Vickrey Hall following the service.*

✠Hymn 72 [see insert]

Congregation

Day by Day — BLOTT EN DAG

Call to Confession

Darlene Carpenter & Congregation

In spite of our best efforts to live faithfully, we fall short of what God intends for us.
Because God has already promised to be merciful, we dare to tell the truth about our
lives. In humility and trust, let us confess our sin.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Faithful God, when our prayers are absent, speak to us and return our attention to you. When our prayers and attitudes are self-serving, humble us and bring us back to compassionate and caring ways. God of faith and God of glory, give us confidence when our faith falters. Empower us with your Spirit, that we may pray with confidence and faith, and with tenacity and courage, all the days of our lives. Amen.

We now share silence together

Promise of Forgiveness

God hears your prayers and answers with mercy and grace. God's answer imprints love on our very hearts. In this mercy and grace, we are given forgiveness, help, and sustenance. Receive these gifts and rejoice, for all is well.

Hymn 399 [see insert]

Congregation

O Lord, Hear My Prayer — Taizé Community, James Berthier

Prayers of the People

Nate Green & Congregation

God of justice, in Jesus Christ you teach us to pray always and not to lose heart.

And so we come.

Let us pray:

For your children suffer under oppressive rulers.

For those who have no water

and those whose water is too dirty to drink.

We now share silence together

For those who go to bed hungry and wake each day in misery.

For those who struggle to believe and those who seek a blessing.

For those who are bound by anxiety or depression, loneliness or fear.

We now share silence together

For the sick and all who care for them and for all those whose burdens we carry in our hearts, who we now name to you.

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

We now share silence together

Let us pray:

All these prayers we offer with thanksgiving, through the power of your own Spirit, for we know that you hear us when we pray and desire to make us whole. In the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

How Can I Keep from Singing? — arranged by Eric Nelson

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation.

I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing;

It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? My Savior still is living.

What though the shadows gather 'round? A new song Christ is giving.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since Love commands both heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!

All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

Sermon

Stephen Reeves

“ Blessed to be a bother ”

†Hymn of Commitment [see insert]

Congregation

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ — EVENTIDE
*If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,
please refer to pew rack card – “How to Become a Member”*

Invitation to the Offering

David Doom

Even as God invites us to bring our needs in prayer, God also invites us to bring our gifts in service to the world. Let us bring our gifts with as much tenacity and courage as we bring our needs and prayers before God.

Offertory Prayer

Mighty God, bestow your power and strength on these gifts we now return to you. Multiply our gifts as they go forth to serve your church and your world. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

Fantasia in C — César Franck
*We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane’s Ministry.
See back cover for ways to give.*

†Sending Forth

Stephen Reeves

As people of prayer,
we go now to live your prayers.
As people of faith,
we go now to live in faith.
As people of love,
we go now to live with love.
Amen.
Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

“Allegro” from Concerto Grosso in C minor — G. F. Handel

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



Stephen Reeves, Guest Preacher



Stephen Reeves serves as the executive director of Fellowship Southwest and director of advocacy for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF). Established in 2017, Fellowship Southwest is a regional ecumenical network of churches and Christians working for compassion and justice in the southwest US. Fellowship Southwest's work includes the creation and support of a network of ministries serving the needs of migrants on both sides of the southern border. CBF is a national network of individuals, churches and partner organization seeking to be the presence of Christ.

Reeves provides strategic guidance and direction for CBF's public advocacy efforts and works to educate, equip, and encourage advocates within the Fellowship. He is a national leader in the effort to reform predatory lending practices including payday and auto title lending and has led CBF to be more active in advocacy for immigrants and refugees. He is the co-author of *The Mission of Advocacy: A toolkit for congregations* published by Nurturing Faith in August 2020. He currently serves as co-chair of the Center for Responsible Lending's Faith & Credit Roundtable and as a member of the CBF/Baptist Women in Ministry Clergy Sexual Misconduct Task Force. He previously served as Director of Public Policy and Legislative Counsel for the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission (CLC) where he directed the work of the Citizenship and Public Policy office in Austin and was a registered lobbyist.

He is a native of Austin, Texas, a member of the State Bar of Texas, a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, and the Texas Tech University School of Law. Before joining the CLC, he served as Staff Attorney for the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty (BJC) in Washington, D.C.

Steve Sprinkle, Guest Preacher – October 23

Stephen V. Sprinkle is Emeritus Professor of Practical Theology, after holding the office of Director of Field Education and Supervised Ministry since 1994 at Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Texas. A native of North Carolina, and educated with a B.A. from Barton College, an M.Div. from Yale University Divinity School, and a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from Duke University Graduate School, he is an ordained minister of the Alliance of Baptists. He is the first openly LGBTQ scholar on the faculty of Brite. Dr. Sprinkle was named 2010-2011 Hero of Hope by



the Cathedral of Hope United Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas for his advocacy on behalf of the LGBTQ community, and currently serves as Theologian-in-Residence for the Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Dallas, Texas. Dr. Sprinkle is a human rights advocate, a widely sought speaker, and is an internationally recognized authority on anti-LGBTQ hate crimes.

Dr. Sprinkle is the author of many articles and chapters in books, and of three academic books, *Disciples and Theology* (1999) and *Ordination* (2004), both published by Chalice Press, and the award-winning *Unfinished Lives: Reviving the Memories of LGBTQ Hate Crimes Victims* (2011) by Resource Publications. Throughout his career, Dr. Sprinkle has been involved in the life and witness of the church. He has served five congregations including three in North Carolina, one in Connecticut, and one in Texas. He also serves as Chairperson of the Professional Advisory Group for the Clinical Pastoral Program of the North Texas Veterans' Hospital, Dallas, Texas, since 2015.

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November 6, All Saints' Sunday

On Sunday, November 6, 2022, we will honor the saints of Royal Lane Baptist Church who have passed away since October 27 of 2021. If you have a family member you would like to honor in this service, please leave a message with the church office, 214-361-2809, by Friday, October 28 for listing in the Order of Worship. Include name, date of death, and your relationship to this person. We have gathered many names for this list. Please check with the church office to make sure we have included your family member.

You may also submit your remembrance requests by email to bmerry@royallane.org or jschultz@royallane.org in the church office.



Be Thou My Vision

Unison

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be Thou my wis - dom and Thou my true word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise,
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and Thou my high tower,
Thou and Thou on - ly first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
raise Thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Day by Day

1. Day by day and with each pass - ing mo - ment, strength I
2. Ev - ery day the Lord Him - self is near me with a
3. Help me then in ev - ery trib - u - la - tion so to

find to meet my tri - als here; trust - ing in my Fa - ther's wise be -
spe - cial mer - cy for each hour; all my cares He glad - ly bears and
trust Your prom - is - es, O Lord, that I lose not faith's sweet con - so -

stow - ment, I've no cause for wor - ry or for fear.
cheers me, He whose name is Coun - sel - or and Power.
la - tion of - fered me with - in Your ho - ly Word.

He whose heart is kind be - yond all mea - sure gives un -
The pro - tec - tion of His child and trea - sure is a
Help me, Lord, when toil and trou - ble meet - ing, e'er to

to each day what He deems best — lov - ing - ly, its part of pain and
charge that on Him-self He laid; “As your days, your strength shall be in
take, as from a fa - ther’s hand, one by one, the days, the mo - ments

plea - sure, min - gling toil with peace and rest.
mea - sure,” this the pledge to me He made.
fleet - ing, till I reach the prom - ised land.

From Alliance of Baptists Creation Justice Community Environmental Justice is Racial Justice: Faith Communities Respond

October 20, 2022 from 12:30 – 2:00 PM CDT — Online Only

Environmental Justice is the intersection of Creation Justice and Racial Justice. Across our country and our world, communities of color are impacted first and worst by pollution and climate-driven disasters, and among the strongest advocates for change. Learn how your faith community can stand with them. Join a panel of leaders on the front lines of environmental justice featuring:

Dr. Robert Bullard, “The Father of Environmental Justice,” Distinguished Professor of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy, Texas Southern University, author of 18 books, and co-founder of the HBCU Climate Change Consortium.

Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, Founding Pastor of New Roots AME church in Boston, and nationally-recognized environmental justice advocate.

Rev. Dr. Deborah Conrad, was Pastor of People's Church in Flint, MI (ABC/Alliance), during the lead poisoning crisis; currently Pastor to Parkview Church, United Church of Christ, Aurora, CO.

Rev. Betsy Sowers (Moderator), Co-chair of the Alliance of Baptists Creation Justice Community, and Minister for Earth Justice at Old Cambridge Baptist Church, Cambridge, MA. Learn More and Register — <https://bit.ly/3SZVobZ>



O Lord, Hear My Prayer



1. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call an - swer me.
2. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.



Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

1. E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ,
2. Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
3. Come with the strength I lack, bring vi - sion clear

I know not how to ask or what to say;
Help me to see your pur - pose and your will,
Of hu - man need; oh, give me eyes to see

I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
Where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out - poured:

And on - ly you can teach me how to pray.
Held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
My life in you, O Christ; your love in me.

The Scripture this morning is Luke 18:1-8, which may be found on page 853 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"
(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!**

Wednesday Evening
Quarterly Church Conference

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

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.

Pumpkin Patch 2022

Please join us in volunteering at the RLBC Pumpkin Patch. We have many volunteer opportunities for all ages and abilities. Volunteering at the Pumpkin Patch is a wonderful way to get to know fellow members, interact with our beloved community, and help raise money which funds programming and the various missions and ministries at RLBC.

Point to the QR Code or enter the bit.ly code below to take you to the Sign-Up Genius to choose your volunteer times. We appreciate you!



<https://bit.ly/3d0MBaD>

2022 Pumpkin Patch Hours

Monday-Friday 11:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday 9:00am - 6:00pm

Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm

Stewardship 2023 – Who Are We...(becoming)?



We are seeking to continue to be a catalyst for love and light in our city and beyond as we journey to:

- be an anti-racist congregation
- advocate for and fully support the LGBTQIA+ community
- boldly support racial and social justice efforts

As we celebrate our 70th anniversary and begin our eighth decade we encourage you to be a part of this journey by prayerfully considering your stewardship through the tithing and offering of your time, talents, and financial resources.

This is who we are and who we are becoming...as we *Celebrate Our Legacy and Commit to Our Future.*



Make your pledge today at royallane.org/pledge

October 19, 2022 – Quarterly Church Conference 6:15 pm, Vickrey Hall and Zoom

The October Quarterly Church Conference will include a presentation by the Member Resource Committee of the 2022/2023 Church Leadership Roster for congregational approval. The Leadership Roster includes the names of those who are being nominated and who have agreed to serve on the various committees of the church.

The following items will also be brought before the Quarterly Church Conference for a vote.

We encourage you to attend one of two meetings to hear about the work done by Properties and the Building Action Task Force (10:00 am, October 14 and 6:15 pm, October 17 in Vickrey Hall) prior to the vote on October 19.

- Not investing in existing Children and Youth Building and to tear down the building, and that a Children and Youth Building be built at a future date.
- To the extent allowed, all remaining money received and to be received from the 2021 freeze/water damage insurance may be made available for Vickrey Hall and Adult Education Building, for safe and usable spaces for children and infants, keeping at least 35% of the funds to advance plans for a Children and Youth Building.

The RLBC Fall Festival is coming up!

We need lots of people to help this be a smashing event. The Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, October 30, from 3 -5 pm and we need volunteers to help setup/clean-up, run games, bring candy or cookies and open up their trunk and pass out candy (candy will be provided).

Sign up using the QR code below or entering this link - <https://bit.ly/3SPm27z>

Volunteering to bring candy and cookies? Bring candy prior to or on Sunday, October 30, between 10 am and noon and drop in marked boxes in the sanctuary narthex. Leave cookies for the cookie walk in the kitchen on October 30.

This year's fall festival welcomes members, relatives, friends, and neighbors.

Contact Kelley Keith (kkeith19@gmail.com) or Lisa Chastain (lisamerced@gmail.com) with questions.

HELP OUT WITH THE FALL FESTIVAL

01 TRUNK OR TREAT
Decorate your car and pass out candy

02 DONATE TREATS
Candy & cookies will be collected at the church

03 VOLUNTEER
Sign up to host one of several games
Check RLBC publications for ways to volunteer!

04 CONTACT US!
Kelley Keith
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Lisa Chastain
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Royal Lane Baptist Church 70th Anniversary



Celebrating Our Legacy - Committing to Our Future

Plan now to come and enjoy!

All Church 70th Anniversary Celebration and Lunch

Celebrating Our Legacy – Committing to Our Future

All Saints Sunday November 6th

Garrett Vickrey, Guest Preacher

Immediately following the Morning Service

Lunch will be served in Vickrey Hall.

Bill Ferguson is cooking!

Our own youth will be our servers and

Childcare will be provided.

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **October 16 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
12:15 pm Potluck Lunch & Conversation with Stephen Reeves — Vickrey Hall
- Tuesday** **October 17**
6:15 pm Children's/Youth Building: Where do we go from here? — Vickrey Hall
- Tuesday** **October 18**
5:30 pm Personnel Committee — Library
7:00 pm Pastor Search Committee
- Wednesday** **October 19 – Mosaic**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 Chili, Cornbread, Salad, Dessert: Pumpkin Cake
6:15 pm Quarterly Church Conference — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Christian Education Building
7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary
- Thursday** **October 20**
7:30 pm Children's Committee & Sunday School Teachers — Zoom
- Saturday** **October 22**
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **October 23 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**
9:45 am Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
10:00 am Youth SS Class — Library
10:10 am Non-Traditional Class — Room 212
10:55 am Morning Worship, Steve Sprinkle, Guest Preacher — Sanctuary
 or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
8:00 pm Congregational Affiliation Committee — Zoom

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.

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 placed in the offering plate.



Deacons on Call – Nate Green & Terry Berrier

Safety Shepherd – John Helms

When WE Give: we can offer a Christian Education program for all ages.

August 2022 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 481,362
Expenses	\$ 523,133
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$(41,771)

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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