

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Reign of Christ Sunday*

November 20, 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

It takes intentionality to live a life that is committed to God and God's way of peace, justice, mercy, and love above all else. But even amid competing allegiances, the scriptures today remind us that God's reign has been, is, and will be present. Further, it is a way to commit our lives and bring life to the world. Perhaps we should ponder the question: To what should we show allegiance and what is affiliation?

### Voluntary

Tyler Moore – Trumpet & David Weigle

*Rondeau* — Jean Joseph Mouret

### ✠Call to Worship

Congregation

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
**for God has looked favorably on God's people  
and redeemed them.**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
**for God has called us God's own beloved  
and called each of us by name.**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
**for God has blessed God's creation and called us to worship.**  
**Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!**

### ✠Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**Gracious God—our shepherd, our guide, our sovereign—you reach out to gather us to you in so many different ways, showing us over and over how your realm of grace and love differs from the powers and principalities of our age, which we witness in our daily lives. Open our eyes that we may see you more clearly. Amen.**

### ✠Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Blessed Be the God of Israel* — FOREST GREEN

Words of Welcome

Sarah Fuller Phillips

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](http://royallane.org/register) or see QR code following Organ Dismissal.]*

Scripture Lesson

Mike Jones

Luke 1:68-79 [ Pew Bible page 832 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 the Godly Play room located in the Education wing following the service.*

✠Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Christ. Whose Glory Fills the Skies — DIX*

The Confession of Sin

Dan Thompson & Congregation

Let us pray:

**The Spirit of Christ dwells within creation and causes each element to shine forth with the beauty of God. Yet, we confess that we do not always reflect the reconciling love of God. Instead, we are often divided within ourselves, isolated from one another, and disconnected from the rest of nature. We bring to mind those areas of our lives in need of reconciliation.**

*We now share silence together*

In this sacred space we pray,

**may our divided hearts mend as we embrace all people and every situation with the forgiveness of God. Amen.**

*(continued)*

## Promise of Forgiveness

God's tender mercy is upon us like the dawning of a new day. The forgiveness of God sheds light on the shadows and guides us into the ways of peace.

**Resting in this forgiveness, let us replace old grievances  
and resentments with new love.**

**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*God of Freedom, God of Justice* — PICARDY

## Prayers of the People

Kelley Keith & Congregation

God of grace and mercy, in the places where there is no gold, and the world says only fools go, those who live in righteousness, among the poor, among those forgotten and abused.

In this world,

**help us to be the Body of Christ.**

God life and hope, in the places where lives are broken, and the world conspires against what is good, with a greed only for itself, among the broken, among those hurting and rejected.

In this world,

**help us to be the Body of Christ.**

Servant God, in the places where the poor serve the rich, in a world imbalanced towards the powerful, lauding it over the powerless, among the forgotten, among those who seem to give and receive so little.

In this world,

**help us to be the Body of Christ.**

God of unconditional love, in the places of death, where life is taken, in a world of abuse and violence, against its own children, among the women and men, among those where esteem and beauty have been stripped away.

In this world,

**help us to be the Body of Christ.**

God of Jesus Christ, in the places of torture, in a world where life is cheap and power ignorant, and one thrives on the other, among those who cope with the degrading of their lives, where imbalance painfully saps their living.

In this same world,

**help us to be the Body of Christ.**

Anthem

Tyler Moore, Handbells, Choir & Congregation

*Praise to the Lord, for the Lord is Good* — Ellen Woods Bryce

*Shout to the Lord! Sing to the Lord! Worship the Lord of love!*

*Shout to the Lord! Sing to the Lord! Praise to the Lord above!*

Know that the Lord God has made us, and we belong to him!

Oh, let all the earth tell the Lord of his worth!

Praise to the Lord, for the Lord is good!

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, enter his courts with praise!

Let the Lord hear your voice as you sing and rejoice!

Praise to the Lord, for the Lord is good!

Worship God forever and ever, worship God with songs of joy!

Praise God! Praise him forever! Praise God with songs of joy!

Praise God! Praise him forever! Praise God with songs of joy!

Praise to the Lord! Praise to the Lord! Praise to the Lord, for the Lord is good!

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

Oh, my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

join me in glad adoration!

*(Congregation join on direction. See insert for music score.)*

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!**

**All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!**

**Let the amen sound from his people again;**

**Gladly for aye we adore him!**

Sermon

Mitch Randall

**“ Where does Jesus fit into our faith? ”**

✠Hymn of Commitment [ see insert ]

Congregation

*You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd* — 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”*

Presentation of Decisions

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

Offertory Prayer

Nancy Ferrell

Almighty Christ, you gave us the gift of yourself. Now we offer these gifts to you, asking that you bless them and use them to share your kin-dom with all. In your name, we pray.

Amen.

Offertory

Tyler Moore – Trumpet & David Weigle

BIST DU BEI MIR (*If Thou Art with Me*) — J. S. Bach

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

*See back cover for ways to give.*

†Charge

Mitch Randall

Go out into the world in peace, declaring the reign of Christ over all creation. Go into the world with courage, supporting the ways Christ gives light to those who sit in darkness and guides our feet in the way of peace.

†Sending Forth

Mitch Randall & Congregation

May God lead us along paths of loving kindness.

**May Christ guide our feet in the ways of peace.**

May the Spirit send us forth to love and serve others.

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

Tyler Moore – Trumpet & David Weigle

*Fanfares* — Jean Joseph Mouret

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## Hymn Notes

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## Mitch Randall, Guest Preacher

Mitch is the chief executive officer of Good Faith Media. A strategic partner of Royal Lane, Good Faith Media is an organization with deep Baptist roots that develops, produces, and publishes numerous resources for churches as they seek to navigate current issues and speak meaningfully from a biblically informed perspective. Launched in July 2020, Good Faith Media is the result of a merger between two historic Baptist entities: Baptists Today (operating as Nurturing Faith) and Baptist Center for Ethics (operating as EthicsDaily.com).

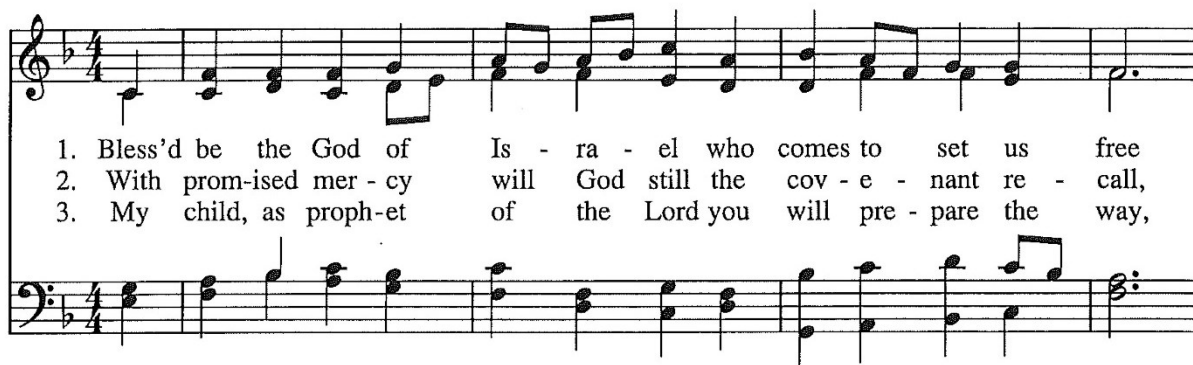
Before joining Good Faith Media, he was the executive director of the Baptist Center for Ethics. In addition, he pastored churches in Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma for over 20 years, and he holds a Master of Divinity with Biblical Languages from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry degree from George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

Mitch is a citizen of the Muscogee Creek Nation with his ancestors reaching back to the McIntosh and Childers clans.

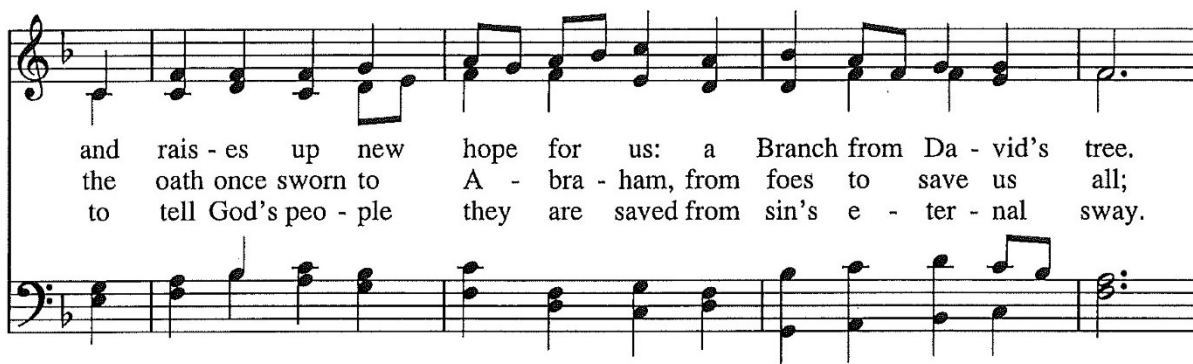
He is married to Missy Randall and they reside in Norman, Oklahoma. They have two adult sons.



# Blessed Be the God of Israel




1. Bless'd be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free  
2. With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,  
3. My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.  
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;  
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph-ets long de - clared that with a might y arm  
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,  
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.  
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.



# Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

*We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only . . . Jn. 1:14*

1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly light,  
2. Dark and cheer-less is the dawn till your glo - ries shine on me;  
3. Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of right-eous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o - ver shades of night:  
joy - less is the day's re - turn till your mer - cy's beams I see:  
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief:

Day - spring from on high, be near, Day - star, in my heart ap - pear!  
as they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.  
more and more your-self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day!

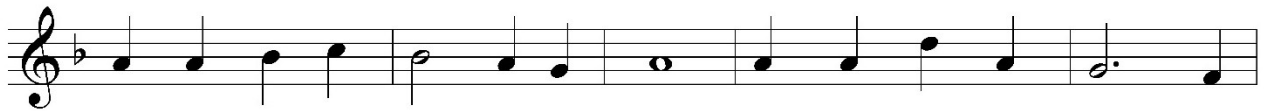
# God of Freedom, God of Justice



1. God of free-dom, God of — jus - tice, You whose love is  
2. Rid the earth of tor - ture's ter - ror, You whose hands were  
3. Make in us a cap - tive — con - science Quick to hear, to



strong as — death, You who saw the dark of — pri - son,  
nailed to — wood; Hear the cries of pain and — pro - test,  
act, to — plead; Make us tru - ly sis - ters, broth - ers



You who knew the price of — faith— Touch our world of sad op -  
You who shed the tears and blood— Move in us the pow'r of  
Of what - ev - er race or — creed— Teach us to be ful - ly



pres - sion With Your Spir - it's heal - ing — breath.  
pit - y Rest - less for the com - mon good.  
hu - man, O - pen to each oth - er's — need.

# Praise to the Lord, for the Lord Is Good

**Choir:** Shout to the Lord! Sing to the Lord! Worship the Lord of love!  
Shout to the Lord! Sing to the Lord! Praise to the Lord above!

Know that the Lord God has made us, and we belong to him!  
Oh, let all of the earth tell the Lord of his worth!  
Praise to the Lord, for the Lord is good!

Shout to the Lord! Sing to the Lord! Worship the Lord of love!  
Shout to the Lord! Sing to the Lord! Praise to the Lord above!

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, enter his courts with praise!  
Let the Lord hear your voice as you sing and rejoice!  
Praise to the Lord, for the Lord is good!

Worship God forever and ever, worship God with songs of joy!  
Praise God! Praise him forever! Praise God with songs of joy!  
Praise God! Praise him forever! Praise God with songs of joy!  
Praise to the Lord! Praise to the Lord! Praise to the Lord, for the Lord is good!

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
Oh, my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!

## Choirs and Congregation:

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore  
him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -  
fore him! Let the a - men sound from his  
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for \*aye we a - dore him!

\*Pronounced with long "a" vowel, as in "way."

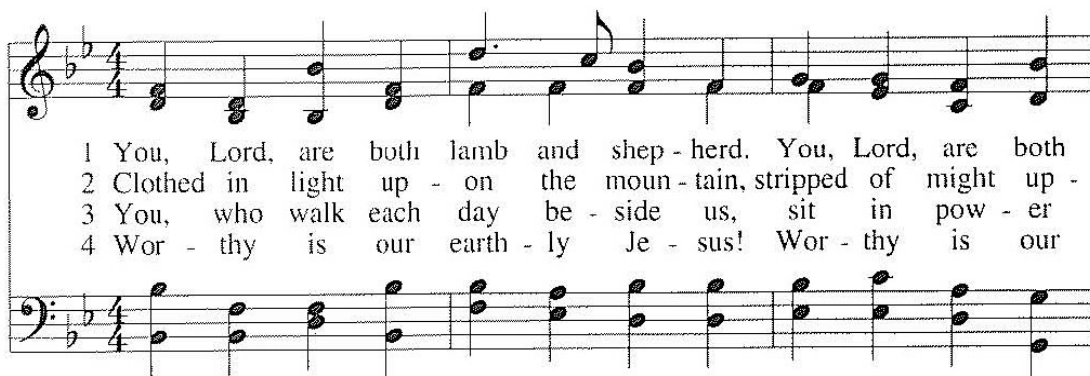
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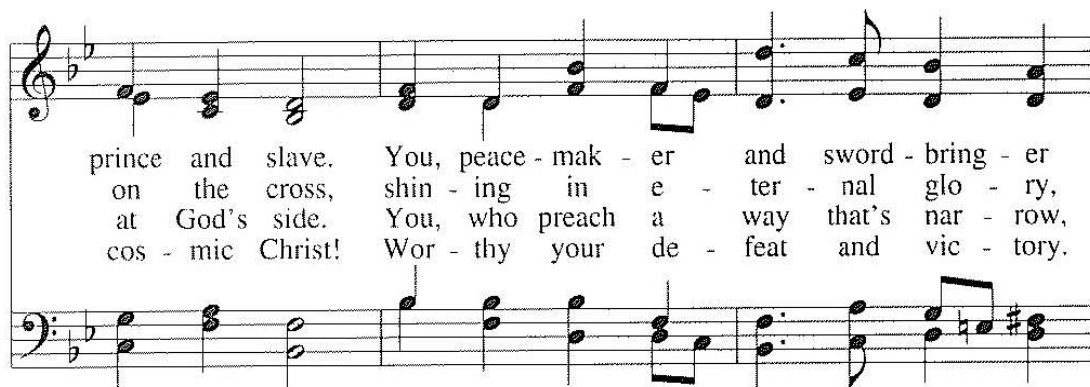
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from *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, 1665.

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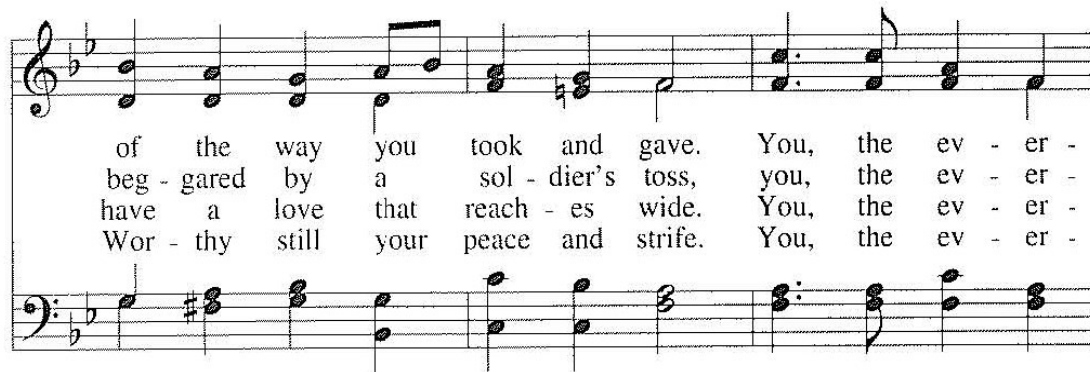
# You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



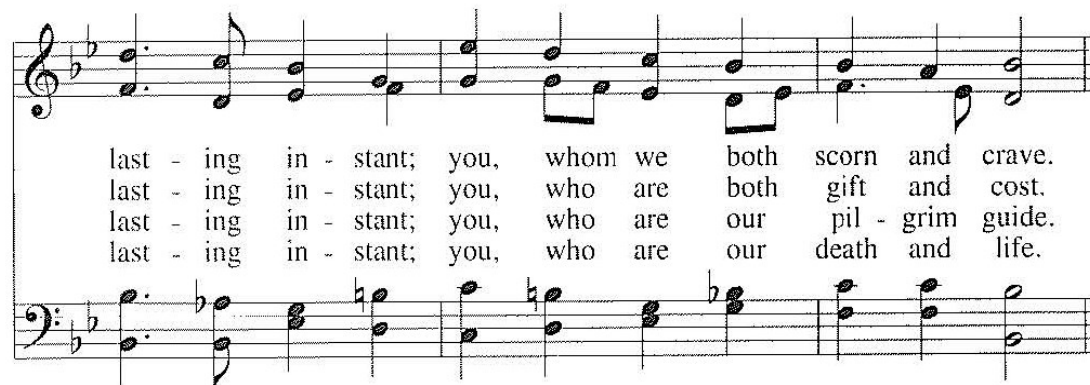
1 You, Lord, are both lamb and shep - herd. You, Lord, are both  
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain, stripped of might up -  
3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er  
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our



prince and slave. You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er  
on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory.



of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er -  
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er -  
have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er -  
Wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er -



last - ing in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
last - ing in - stant; you, who are both gift and cost.  
last - ing in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.  
last - ing in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

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The Scripture this morning is Luke 1:68-79, which may be found on page 832 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

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<sup>68</sup>“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. <sup>69</sup>He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, <sup>70</sup>as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, <sup>71</sup>that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. <sup>72</sup>Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, <sup>73</sup>the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us <sup>74</sup>that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, <sup>75</sup>in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. <sup>76</sup>And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, <sup>77</sup>to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. <sup>78</sup>By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, <sup>79</sup>to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

*(NRSV)*

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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!**

# No Wednesday Evening Activities

## Scriptures for Next Sunday

**Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122**

**Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44**

## 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](http://games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx)



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.



**Stocking Stuffers**

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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

**SUGGESTED ITEMS**

<i>Small plush animals</i>	<i>Fuzzy socks</i>
<i>Small Christmas toys</i>	<i>Flavored lip gloss</i>
<i>Card games</i>	<i>Hand sanitizer</i>
<i>Small holiday puzzles</i>	<i>Hand lotion</i>
<i>Coloring books</i>	<i>Christmas candy</i>
<i>Play-Doh</i>	<i>Hot chocolate</i>
<i>Stretchy gloves and hat</i>	<i>Hot Wheels</i>

*Please leave donated items in the Missions Holiday Wagon located in the Narthex any Sunday during November.*

*We will be filling the stockings on Sunday, December 4th.*

## Time is running out

We still need items for the Christmas stockings, particularly 20 lip balms, 20 packs of gum for teens, many small toys for middle schoolers and elementary children, and candy canes filled with candy for all of the stockings.

## 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

4. 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.

*John Helms, Deacon Chair*



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

Make your pledge today at  
[royallane.org/pledge](http://royallane.org/pledge)

Pledge Update 11/17/2022

Total units pledged: 56

Total pledged: \$475,220



## Doug Watts, Guest Preacher Throughout Advent

Doug Watts is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and a certified educator with the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. Doug has served as a pastor in Indiana, Ohio, and Texas and as a children’s minister here at Royal Lane. He most recently served as Interim Pastor at Central Congregational Church. He is the Manager of Clinical Pastoral Education at UT Southwestern Medical Center here in Dallas.

He and his wife Charlotte share their life with their 4 children, 5 grandchildren and their dogs Madonna and Clara.





It is time to request poinsettias that will be placed in the Sanctuary of Royal Lane Baptist Church during the Advent/Christmas season in honor or memory of a loved one.

Make your requests by Sunday, November 27 so that your dedication can be included in the order of worship for the *Hanging of the Green* on December 4.

Request may be made:

- Online at [royallane.org](http://royallane.org) or use the QR code to be directed to online order form
- Email to [info@royallane.org](mailto:info@royallane.org)
- Mailed request to the church



Payment may be made by:

- Online – Select “Poinsettias Payment” fund from giving menu at [Royallane.org](http://Royallane.org)
- Check – enter “Poinsettia” in memo line
- Credit Card (contact Janet Schultz in the church office Monday through Thursday in November)
- Request payment from your banking account – “Poinsettia” in memo line

**\$12.00 per dedication**



# *The Mystery of Christmas*

Advent – 2022

Rev. Doug Watts is our guest preacher throughout Advent.

## November 27 – Advent I – The Prophets Show the Way

10:55 am — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Scriptures: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Matthew 24:36-44

## December 4 – Advent II – The Holy Family Shows the Way

**Hanging of the Green**

10:55 am — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Scriptures: Micah 5:2-5, Luke 1:26-38

## December 7 – Eventful Advent

6:15 pm — Vickrey Hall

## December 11 – Advent III – The Shepherds Show the Way

10:55 am — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Scriptures: Psalm 126, Luke 2:15-20

## December 14 – Mourning Light

6:15 pm — Vickrey Hall

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 created to place on the Chrismon Tree.

## December 16 – Posada & Pinata / Parents Night Out

6:00 – 9:00 pm — Vickrey Hall

## December 18 – Advent IV – The Angels Show the Way

10:55 am — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Scriptures: Isaiah 7:10-14, Matthew 1:18-25

## December 24 – Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Service for Families with Children — time and location tbd

*(childcare provided)*

6:00 pm – Carols, Candlelight, and Communion — Sanctuary *(childcare provided)*

## December 25 – Christmas Day

10:00 am — Virtual Christmas — Royal Lane YouTube Channel



## 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](http://royallane.org/prayer)  
Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.



**Deacons on Call** – Dan Thompson & Kelley Keith  
**Safety Shepherd** – Cheryl Robinson

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When WE Give:

**We can provide space for community and service organizations.**

### October 2022 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 601,472
Expenses	\$ 634,346
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ (32,874)

\*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

Text “GIVE” to 214-609-1200. Follow the prompts to complete the process.

*Standard text message rates may apply.*

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