

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Second Sunday of Advent

Hanging of the Green

December 4, 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

*Christmas is coming! The unwrapping of God's greatest gift is near.
God will take away the trees and garlands and decorate our human hearts in hope.
Today we come together to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ.
Today we make ready our welcome for the babe born in Bethlehem.
Let us clear our minds and open our hearts to the coming of the Lord.
We honor this birth by adorning our sanctuary with the symbols of Advent.*

Voluntary

David Weigle

The Holly and the Ivy — arranged by Joseph Martin

✠Call to Worship

Congregation

We come together to prepare for the birth of Jesus.

**We make ready our welcome for God's only Son,
Jesus of Nazareth.**

We celebrate this special and holy season of Advent,
the season of going toward the coming of Christ.

**We renew the special meaning of the Advent season,
the season of going toward new hope and eternal life.**

Let us clear our minds and open our hearts to the coming of the Lord.

Let us also honor his birth by adorning our sanctuary.

**Let our songs and symbols represent our personal rededication
to the Glory of God and the manifestation of love through Jesus Christ.**

✠Processional Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

The Hanging of the Green — CIRCLE OF LOVE

Words of Welcome

Jack Mullinax

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.]*

The Legend of the Poinsettia

Time for Young Disciples

Barrett Wooten

The Coming of the Light and the Advent Wreath

Patsy Meier

Lighting of the Window Candles

West Side

Leslie Cechan
Darlene Carpenter
Sophie McKinney
Carson Gill
Lauren Miller

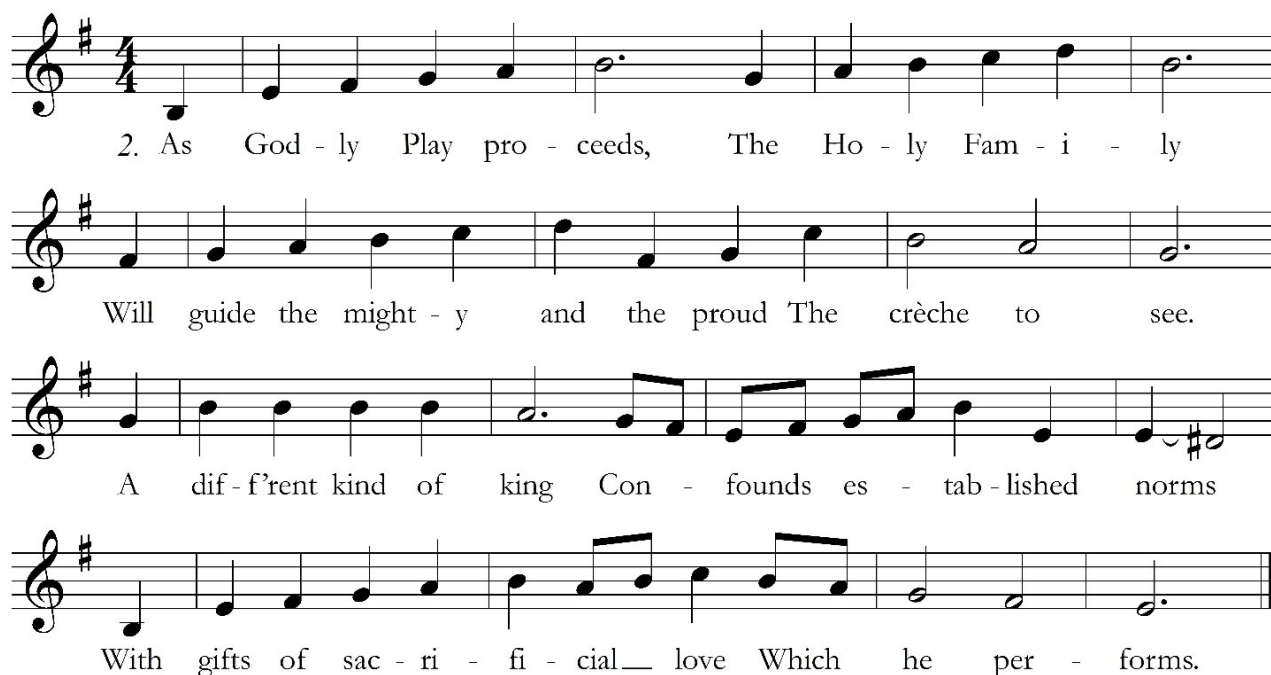
East Side

Claire Keith
Jonate Cousin
Scott & Marge Bryant
Marilyn Munro
Anna Lou Brown

Advent Hymn

Worshippers

The Prophets Show the Way — LEONI



2. As God - ly Play pro - ceeds, The Ho - ly Fam - i - ly

Will guide the might - y and the proud The crèche to see.

A dif - f'rent kind of king Con - founds es - tab - lished norms

With gifts of sac - ri - fi - cial love Which he per - forms.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Madge Cruse, Jonate Cousin & Sharon Vickrey

Unison Prayer

With these lights of hope and peace we pray,

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles of hope and peace, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.

The Garlands and Wreaths

Scott Bryant

Hanging of the Garlands & Wreaths

RLBC Youth

Bryan & Lisa Chastain

Christin & Richard Lavery

Kelley & Phil Keith

Shannon & Blake Miller

Carol [see insert]

Congregation

The Holly and The Ivy — traditional English melody

The Chrismons and Evergreen Trees

Nate Green

Carols [see inserts]

Congregation

(Please come forward during the singing of the Carols to place Chrismons and bows on the trees.)

Evergreen and Ever-fragrant — STUTTGART

O Christmas Tree — O TANNENBAUM

Scripture Lesson

Sadie W.

Luke 1:26-38 [Pew Bible page 831 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!**

Sermon

Doug Watts

“ The Holy Family Shows the Way ”

✠Hymn of Commitment 96 [see insert]

Congregation

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

*If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,
please refer to pew rack card – “How to Become a Member”*

Offertory Prayer

Cynthia Kupres

Loving God, we want to invest in your promise of endless peace when the authority of your holy child is established. Let your peace come here and now as we dedicate ourselves and our offerings for the purpose of upholding justice and extending the gift of salvation to all people. May our offerings and our lives be a blessing to others, proclaiming good news of great joy in ways that all of us can understand. Amen.

Offertory

Choir

The Very Best Time of Year — John Rutter

Christmas trees and boughs of holly, Yuletide logs and mistletoe;
Candles burning bright, and meadows frosty white, and faces in the firelight's glow;
Sounds of happy children's voices singing carols that you love to hear;
Then the silence of the night and the winter air so still and clear.

Feels like you could reach and touch the sky, or catch a star and fly away;
Feels like you could wish for peace on earth, and all at once it would come, some day.

*Families and friends together Feel a special kind of love and cheer,
Sharing all the joys of Christmas time the very best time of year.*

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

✠Sending Forth

Doug Watts

Let us pray:

And now may God, Creator of light and trees and flowers, grant us peace.

As we have decorated this place of worship,

may we also live lives of worship,

decorated with God's forever things . . .

forever love,

forever life,

forever . . . green.

In the name of God's love and light.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

GENEVAN — arranged by Craig Philips

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



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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.



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

Make your pledge today at royallane.org/pledge

Pledge Update 11/28/2022

Total units pledged: 57

Total pledged: \$488,220



The Hanging of the Green

CIRCLE OF LOVE

in honor of members of the Royal Lane Baptist Church Altar Guild - David Doom, Lyn and Gordon Brown, Daryl Willey, Advent, 2010

Allegretto grazioso ♩. = 76-82

DANNY WESLEY RAY (ASCAP)



1. With - in its boughs, the light, — like stars, that ho - ly night, — il -
2. Each *chrismon* hang - ing there — be - comes an *Ad-vent* prayer. — The
3. The an - gel's sil - ver wings, — the gold - en bell that rings, — The
4. The God of heav'n and earth — be - came, through hu - man birth, — the



lu - mi - nates — the fra - grant pine, ex - pres - sion of — our God's de - sign.
can - dles, pink — and pur - ple, tell how Love comes in — our hearts to dwell.
po - in - set - t'as, red and white, re - tell the leg - end with de - light.
seed of Da - vid's roy - al line, Christ Je - sus, King — and Lord di - vine.



The sto - ry of God's liv - ing cir - cle of love. —



— The sea - son's tree of life, our fest - ive ev - er - green - a



sign of God's e - ter - nal love, re - demp - tion's gift sent from a - bove, Good



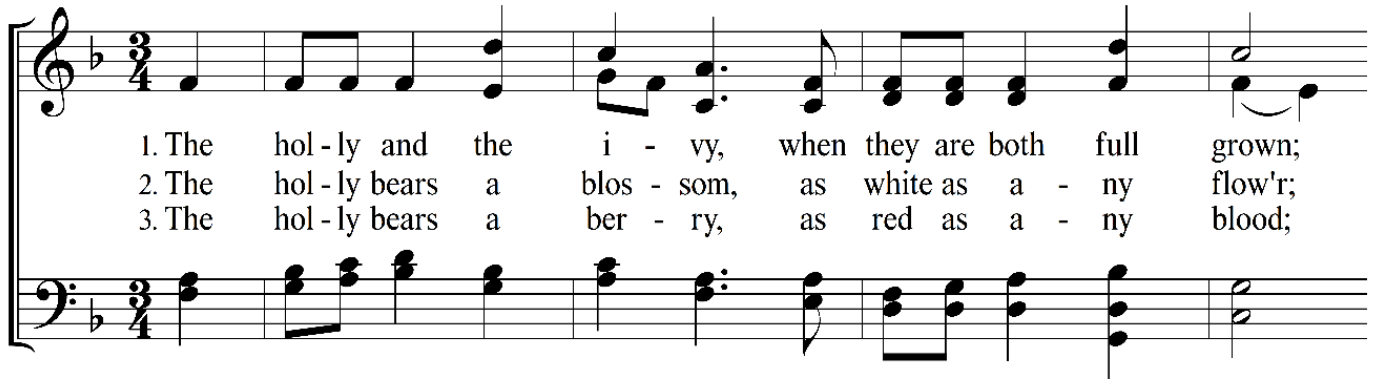
News of Je - sus, our Friend, — with no be - gin - ning, no end. — Come



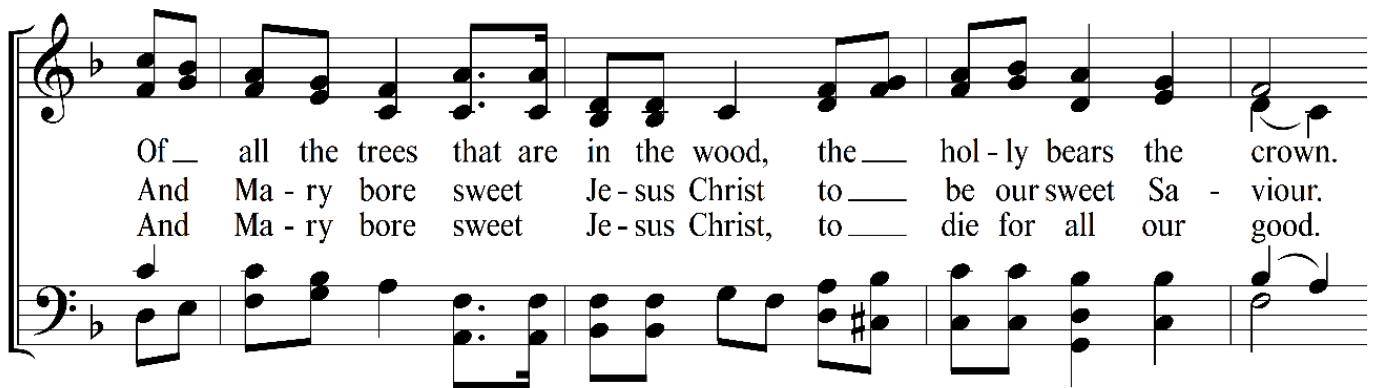
join our Ad - vent scene - the hang - ing of — the green. —

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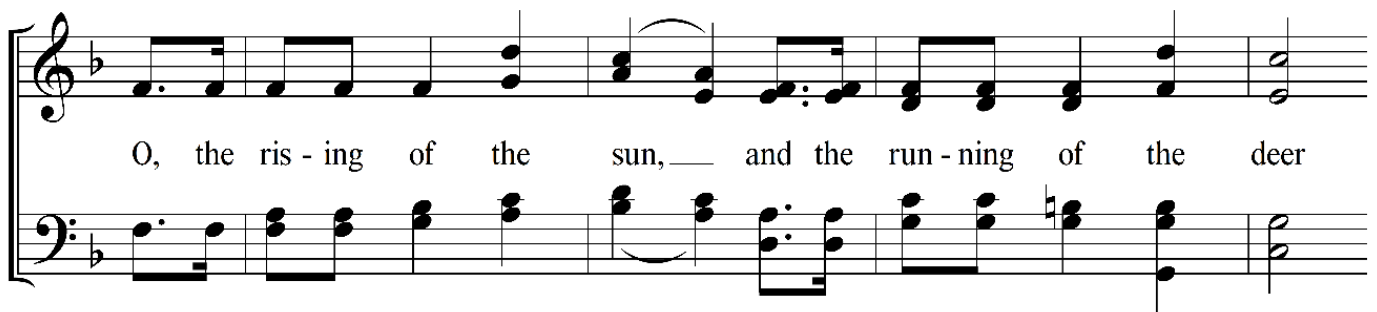
The Holly and the Ivy



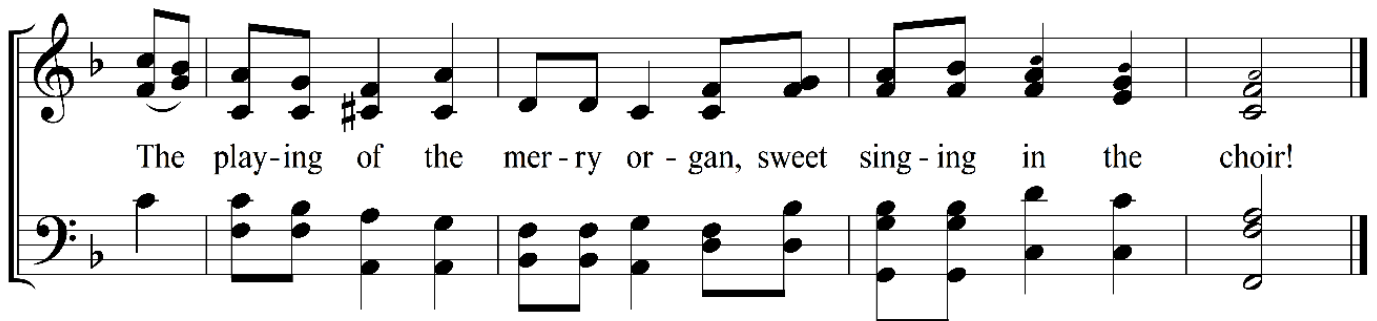
1. The hol - ly and the i - vy, when they are both full grown;
2. The hol - ly bears a blos - som, as white as a - ny flow'r;
3. The hol - ly bears a ber - ry, as red as a - ny blood;



Of all the trees that are in the wood, the hol - ly bears the crown.
And Ma - ry bore sweet Je - sus Christ to be our sweet Sa - viour.
And Ma - ry bore sweet Je - sus Christ, to die for all our good.



O, the ris - ing of the sun, and the run - ning of the deer



The play - ing of the mer - ry or - gan, sweet sing - ing in the choir!

Evergreen and Ever-fragrant

1. Ev - er - green and ev - er - fra - grant sym - bol of e - ter - ni - ty,
2. Light of lights to all de - scend - ing, white of per - fect pur - i - ty,
3. Star and creche and her - ald an - gel tell of love and mys - ter - y,
4. Cross of sac - ri - fice and suff - ring, crown of life and vic - to - ry,

tell - ing of the Christ with - in us, stands the won - drous Chris - mon tree.
gold of maj - es - ty and glo - ry crown the ra - diant Chris - mon tree.
cel - e - brate the Christ a - mong us, wel - comed by the Chris - mon tree.
Je - sus Christ our Lord re - veal - ing: hon - ored through the Chris - mon tree.



O Christmas Tree



1. O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, your
 2. *O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, you*
 3. O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, in



branch - es are up - lift - ed, You seem to say that
shine like stars a - bove us; And with your beau - ty
 plain - ness you were grow - ing un - til we came and



on this day our world's su - preme - ly gift - ed. The
si - lent say, "How great - ly God must love us!" You
 brought you here and set your branch - es glow - ing. Your



shin - ing of your can - dles bright, re - minds us Light has
show us him who with God's face, brought to our hearts the
 liv - ing beau - ty helps us see how clothed with Christ our



come to - night. O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, you
gift of grace. O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, you
 lives can be. O Christ - mas tree, O Christ - mas tree, you



lift our eyes to hea - ven.
lift our eyes to hea - ven.
 lift our eyes to hea - ven.

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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the voice, and a grand staff (treble and bass) for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats), and the time signature is 3/4. The score is divided into six systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with some words hyphenated across lines. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands, providing harmonic support for the vocal melody.



The Mystery of Christmas

Advent – 2022

Rev. Doug Watts is our guest preacher throughout Advent.

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 y 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

2:30 pm – Christmas Eve Service for Families with Children — Sanctuary

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

December 25 – Christmas Day

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

The Scripture this morning is Luke 1:26-38, which may be found on page 831 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

(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!**

Poinsettia Dedications

Given in Memory of:

Dan Bohannon, Forrest McKinney

by Shirley Bohannon

Ed and Paula Bright, Forrest McKinney

by Sheila Bright

Linnie & Marion Carpenter

by Rick & Kay Meredith Carpenter

Doud Cox

by Rick Cox

Babs Arnswald

by Rick Crutcher

Lynn Darden

Margaret & Sam Furr

by Margaret Darden

J. C. Edwards – Father

Judge Fred Edwards – Brother

Shelley Webster Weisinger – Friend

Lee Ann Webster Moore – Friend

by Elwanda Edwards

Johan Eloff

By Suré Eloff

Dr. & Mrs. P.D. O'Brian

Doris & Forrest Gambill

by Sheryl Gambill

Gerry Gunnin

by Barbara Gunnin

Anna Marie & Bruce Lowe

by Paulette & Harold Harrison

Steve Dolloff

Fred Binder

by Harry Hunter

Calvin James

Alvie & Pauline Cook

Wendell & Opal James

by Shirley James

Bob VonTour

Cleo Jones

by Brittany & Nathan Jones

Bob & Ruby Jones

by Mike Jones

Ruth & Roy Moore and Sons

Lorraine & Zackary Meachum Sr.

Gene Sprout

Pauline Salazar

by Bettie Meachum

Zackey & Lorraine Meachum

Roy & Ruth Moore, Scottie, Harold, Charles,

Billy, and Bubba

Mary Katherine & John Roberts

John Alexander

by Wayne Meachum

Nancy Roberts

by Patsy Meier

Jewel Ambler – Mother

Lawrence Ambler – Father

Grant Ambler – Brother

Murray Greenberg – Brother-in-law

by Marilyn Munro

Forrest McKinney

Jo Ferguson

Charlie Jaynes, Sr.

George & Maxine Quesada

by Tex & Jan Quesada

Terry L. Simmons
by Karen Simmons

Babs Arnswald
Dick & Alyce Rannells & Richard Stouffer
by Dianna Stouffer

Ray Vickrey
by Sharon Vickrey

Roy Luckett
Mary Walker
Mark Walker
Forrest McKinney
by Jamie & Melissa Walker-Luckett

Barbara Cannon Mandeville – Sister of Sandy
by Doug & Sandy Washington

Mariea G. Carranza
Marie L. Will
by Walter Will

Orville & Elnora Wisdom
Charles & Linda Spear
William Logan Irby
Marilyn Ratliff
by Garey Wisdom

Douglas K. Martin
Donna B. & Billy E. Wood
by Scott & Donna Wood-Martin

Poinsettia Dedications

Given in Honor of:

Shirley Bohannon
by Holly Bohannon

Holly, Clay, and Faith
by Shirley Bohannon

The Bereavement Committee
Harry Wooten, Janet Schultz, and
Barbara Merry
Gill, McKinney, and Page Families
Paulette Harrison, Terry Berrier, Charlotte
Sewell, Phil & Kelley Keith
All who have continuously supported the
McKinney Family
by Sheila Bright

Evelyn & Holmes Meredith
by Rick & Kay Meredith Carpenter

Bobbie Joyce Edwards - Mother
by Elwanda Edwards

Tom Brekhus
by Suré Eloff

Clinton Gambill
Darlene Carpenter
by Sheryl Gambill

Sandy Washington
The Pastor Search Committee
by Garland Hamic

The Hammett Family – Jeff, Jennifer, Jonah,
and Jacob
The Keith Family – Phil, Kelley, Claire, and
Owen
by Paulette & Harold Harrison

The Percy Parrish Family
by Martha & Kathy Hatcher

Patsy Meier
Vickie & Rick Green
Carol & Jerry Cook
by Shirley James

Tex & Jan Quesada
by Mrs. Charles R. Jaynes

Summer Jones - Granddaughter
by Mike Jones

The Keith Family – Phillip, Kelley, Claire,
and Owen
by Mike & Pam Keith

Harry Wooten
by Mark & David McCoy

Kurt, Amy, Allie, Kendall, and Ben Meachum
Aubrey, Adam, Mary Katherine, and
Mac Connatser
Ruth Seib
Royal Lane Ministers and Staff
by Bettie Meachum

Kurt & Amy Meachum, Allie, Kendall, and
Ben
Aubrey & Adam Connatser, M.K., and Mac
Suzanne Duvall
by Wayne Meachum

Don Meier
by Patsy Meier

Anne Sewell & Patsy Meier of Holy Rollers
Cara Mullinax & Tim McGuire
Jaclyn Ramirez & Tony Ringuette
by Jack & Judy Mullinax

Our Children
Staff of RLBC
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Susie Jaynes
Laura Keller
Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez
Sandy & Doug Washington
Barrett Wooten
Sarah Plunk
(continued next column)

Harry Wooten
Victoria Robb Powers
by Tex & Jan Quesada

Laurence Schultz
by Janet Schultz

James Walker
Zadie Luckett
Joey & Rosa Belgard
Amy Stewart, Aaron, Aidan, AJ, & Avery
Amber Seymour, Kevin, Luke, & Rutledge
by Jamie & Melissa Walker-Luckett

Silas Washington – Grandson
Soren Washington – Grandson
Addison Washington – Granddaughter
by Doug & Sandy Washington

Anne Sewell
Donna Sewell
Bob & Susan Watson
Grace Watson
Emma Watson
Sadie Watson
by Charlotte Sewell & Brian Watson

Noah River Will
by Walter Will

Brad Carter
Linda Hueston
by Garey Wisdom

Jacklyn D. Martin
by Scott & Donna Wood-Martin

Harry & Debi Wooten
Brittany & Nathan Jones
Barrett & Jacquie Wooten, Harper, Turner,
and Harrison
Blair Wooten
by Harry Sr. & Nancy Wooten

Wednesday Evening Eventful Advent

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Isaiah 35:1-10 Luke 1:46b-55

James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

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.

Staff Love Gift – Deadline Today



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

Blood Drive **Royal Lane Baptist Church**

Vickrey Hall
6707 Royal Ln
Dallas, TX 75230

Thursday, December 15, 2022
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*The Red Cross is offering a donor incentive for the Blood Drive.

Incentive: \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, courtesy of Amazon • Come to give blood Nov. 28-Dec. 15 for a \$10 Gift Card by email, thanks to our partners at Amazon!



Schedule for the Week

Sunday	December 4 – Second Sunday of Advent
12:00 pm	WOC & Missions, Stocking Stuffing — Vickrey Hall (12:00 – 3:00 pm)
12:15 pm	First Sunday Youth Lunch
7:30 pm	Education Division — Zoom
Wednesday	December 7 – Mosaic
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm	Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
	Menu: Hamburgers with fixings, roasted potatoes, and salad. Dessert: Pie
6:15 pm	Eventful Advent — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
7:00 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable
7:15 pm	Choir — Sanctuary
Thursday	December 8
6:30 pm	Publicity/Outreach — Zoom
Saturday	December 10
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
Sunday	December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent
8:30 am	Deacon's Meeting — Vickrey Hall
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am	Children's SS Classes — Christian Education Building
10:00 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable
10:10 am	Non-Traditional Class — Christian Education Building, Room 212
10:55 am	Morning Worship, Doug Watts, Guest Preacher — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel

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
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 placed in the offering plate.



Deacons on Call – Patsy Meier & Barrett Wooten
Safety Shepherd – Melanie Ferguson

When WE Give:
We can bring joy to children and youth at Healing Hands Ministries!

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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