

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



—*John 2:1-11*

The Worship of God

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 20, 2019

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 in the blue booklet at the end of the pew, and pass it to others.

To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.

✠ – *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Chiming of the Hour

The Lord be with you ... **and also with you!**

Sometimes we fall prey to the tendency to see God's activity in predictable places. We expect God's activity in the past. We expect God's activity in moments of healing. We even expect God's activity when God's people go out into the world in helping, human service ministries. We forget that scripture shows us again and again that God acts in unexpected ways. Jesus performs a miracle at a wedding in Cana. Scripture reminds us to stay open to the new places and new ways that God's work is revealed. We must take notice of God's surprising activity in the world.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Trumpet Tune — David N. Johnson

✠Call to Worship

Congregation

God, your steadfast, never-giving-up love is so huge that it fills the heavens.

Your faithfulness is so vast that it rises to the clouds.

Under your loving wings, we find comfort and refuge.

In your house of love, we sit around the table feasting.

Your life and love are like a fountain in our lives.

You are the love-filled Light that allows us to see and understand.

O God, your faithful love is precious to us!

—based on Psalm 36

✠Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

O God of steadfast love, at the wedding in Cana your Son Jesus turned water into wine, delighting all who were there. Transform our hearts by your Spirit, that we may use our varied gifts to show forth the light of your love as one body in Christ. Amen.

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Come, Join in Cana's Feast — ST. THOMAS

Scripture Lesson

Harry Hunter

John 2:1-11 (Pew Bible page 863 of the New Testament)

The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**

Time of Silent Reflection

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Children through kindergarten are invited to Godly Play,

1st through 4th grade to Young Theologians.

You may collect your children in the Children's Building following the service.

A Covenant Prayer of Recommitment to Justice

Joey & Rosa Belgard &
Congregation

In every era, God has chosen individuals to serve the needs of God's people. Such a servant was Martin Luther King, Jr., whose life we remember. We are deeply thankful for this twentieth-century prophet.

May the wisdom and words of Dr. King rekindle our faith.

O God, who has created your children to be free, we attest in word and deed that you are our God and we are your people. From our earliest days as the people whom you intend to be free, O God, you have called us forth from bondage, comfort, complacency, and complaint to freeing and redeeming action for justice everywhere in the world.

You are our freeing God, and we would be your free and freeing people.

O God of Exodus and Burning Bush, we hear your powerful call to your servants to serve all those who are oppressed. At every turn we hear your voice in the cries of the poor, the hungry, the imprisoned, and the broken, for you made yourself one with those who seek justice, freedom, and peace. We share a vision, a promise, and a yearning for the day of your reign, O God.

You are our servant God, we would be your serving people.

O God, our Sustainer, search our hearts and reveal to us our sinfulness, all the ways we contribute to injustice and to self-destroying bondage. Give us deep courage to find the true path of your way, ready to give our very selves as living sacrifices to your will. We have heard your calling. Hear us now as we make our pledge.

(Please rise in body or in spirit.)

(continued)

Let us pray:

†You are our God and we are your people. We pledge ourselves now to pursue relentlessly that living, breathing justice which transforms us. To your desire for justice we commit ourselves and pledge ourselves, our funds, our actions. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

†Hymn 638

Congregation

Lift Every Voice — James Weldon Johnson & J. Rosamund Johnson

Call to Confession

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

In the light of Christ, we see the darkness of our world and of our hearts. Trusting in God's saving love, let us confess our sin, praying;

The Confession of Sin

God of water, wind, spirit, and light, we come before you today asking for your mercy to be poured out on our lives, for the times when we have not sought you in unexpected places, or the expected places. When we are infrequent in our study of your word, when we are impatient in our times of prayer, when we rarely prioritize Christian fellowship and Christian service, forgive us we pray. Lead us back into the familiar rhythms of worship, scripture reading, prayer, fellowship, and service. Then, leave our hearts open to seeing you, hearing you, and meeting you in unexpected ways. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

God takes delight in you and rejoices over you. God's limitless love has the power to turn the troubled waters of resentment and fear into the wine of grace. Let us receive and celebrate this good news.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Choir

The Gift of Love — arranged by Hal Hopson

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ Why the Divine Reluctance? ”

†Hymn of Commitment [see insert] Congregation

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise — ST GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

Please come forward during the singing of this hymn if you wish to confess or reaffirm your faith or identify with this fellowship. A minister will greet and receive you.

Offertory Prayer Gillian Simeon

Offertory David Weigle

Rhosymedre — Ralph Vaughan Williams

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

†Sending Forth Michael Gregg

We stand together in this house of love,
each of us having received amazing love and gifts of grace from God.

**We leave this house, bearing God's love to others,
that everyone might experience the joy, hope, courage and gifts of God.**

Go in love to serve the Lord.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal David Weigle

Festal Flourish — Gordon Jacob

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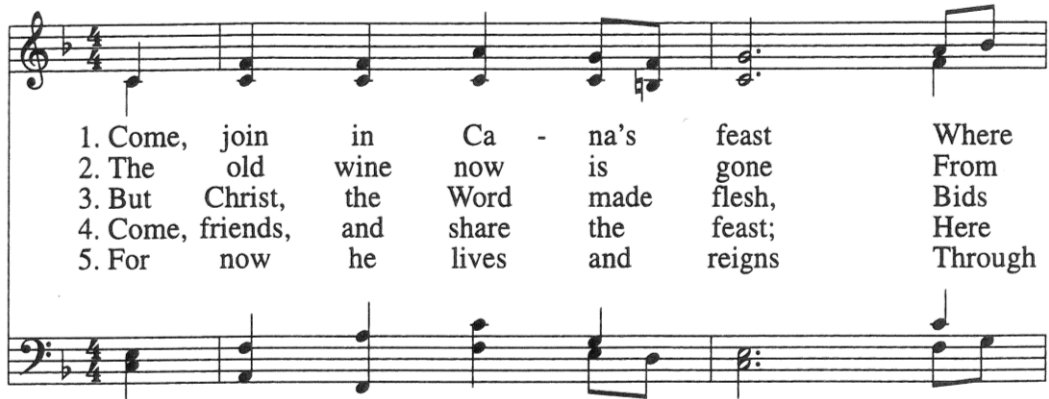
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Children's bulletins are available for ages 3-6 and 7-12.

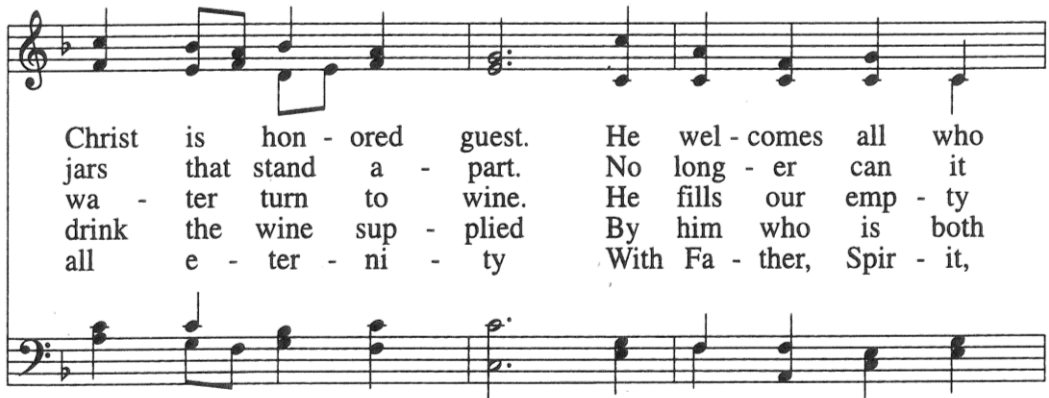
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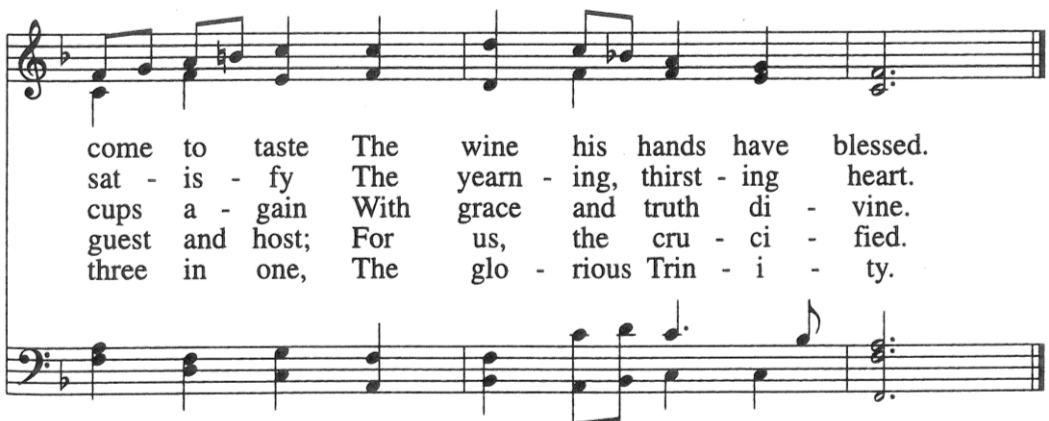
Come, Join in Cana's Feast



1. Come, join in Ca - na's feast Where
 2. The old wine now is gone From
 3. But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids
 4. Come, friends, and share the feast; Here
 5. For now he lives and reigns Through



Christ is hon - ored guest. He wel - comes all who
 jars that stand a - part. No long - er can it
 wa - ter turn to wine. He fills our emp - ty
 drink the wine sup - plied By him who is both
 all e - ter - ni - ty With Fa - ther, Spir - it,

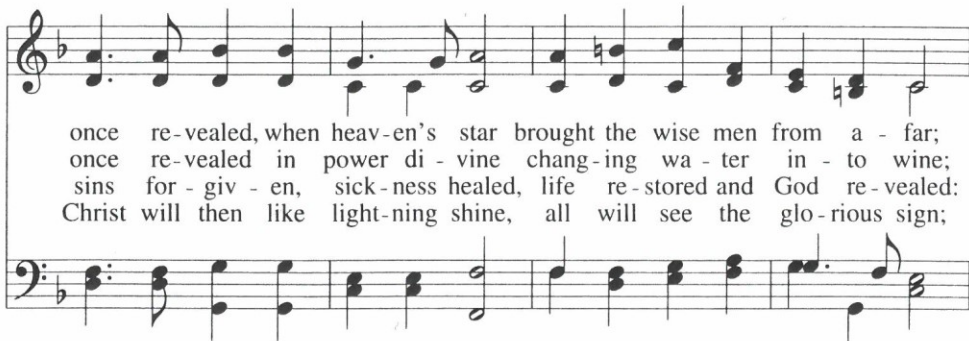


come to taste The wine his hands have blessed.
 sat - is - fy The yearn - ing, thirst - ing heart.
 cups a - gain With grace and truth di - vine.
 guest and host; For us, the cru - ci - fied.
 three in one, The glo - rious Trin - i - ty.

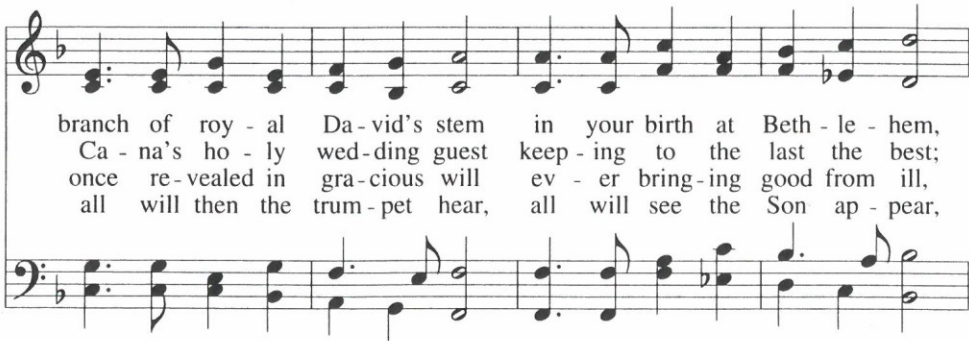
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



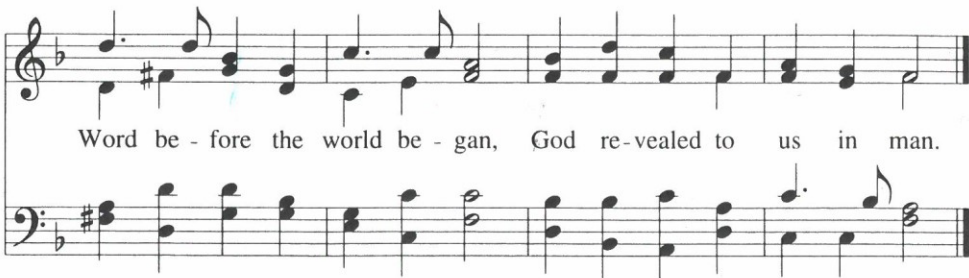
1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to you we raise;
2 God re-vealed at Jor-dan's stream, proph-et, priest and king su-preme;
3 God re-vealed in val - iant fight, con-quer-ing the dev - il's might;
4 Stars shall fall and heav - ens fade, sun and moon shall dark be made;



once re-vealed, when heav-en's star brought the wise men from a - far;
once re-vealed in power di - vine chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
sins for - giv - en, sick-ness healed, life re-stored and God re-vealed;
Christ will then like light-ning shine, all will see the glo-rious sign;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in your birth at Beth - le - hem,
Ca - na's ho - ly wed-ding guest keep - ing to the last the best;
once re-vealed in gra-cious will ev - er bring-ing good from ill,
all will then the trum-pet hear, all will see the Son ap - pear,



Word be - fore the world be - gan, God re-vealed to us in man.

Worship Leaders

Harry Hunter

As a member of RLBC since 2010, I am grateful to RLBC in so many ways. My main focus now is trying to make a life for myself without the love of my life, Steve Dolloff. For it is by the Grace of God that I am here today. I thank God for surrounding me with a huge chosen family of angels.

Gillian Simeon

Gillian was born in Guyana, South America. She immigrated to the US and settled in New Jersey with family in 1980. After 9/11, a career opportunity prompted her to move to Texas with her children and her mom. She settled in Carrollton with her family and currently works at Bank of America in Global Technology and Operations. Gillian has been a member of Royal Lane since 2017 and enjoys fellowship with her RLBC family. In her down time, Gillian enjoys traveling and visiting with her extended family in New York and New Jersey.

Thank you to Terry Berrier for serving as worship music leader today

Hymn Notes

Come, Join in Cana's Feast

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Study for Wednesday Evening

Marv Knox, Fellowship Southwest Update

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

Midweek – January 30

**NEW FRIENDS NEW LIFE
RESTORES and EMPOWERS
FORMERLY TRAFFICKED GIRLS
and
SEXUALLY EXPLOITED
WOMEN and CHILDREN.**

- There are an estimated 400 trafficked teens on the streets of Dallas every night. Human trafficking is modern day slavery and we must be a voice for these children.
- January is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month. The Education Division asks that you join us to learn more about this issue affecting youth in our city. Bill Morse, Community Engagement Director of New Friends New Life, will educate us on this topic on Wednesday, January 30th.

New Friends New Life was started in 1998 by a women's committee from a Dallas area church that began helping a woman who was looking to get out of exotic dancing. As a result, more and more women who wanted to leave sex trafficking began to seek services. New Friends New Life offers a comprehensive program to more than 1,200 formerly trafficked teens, women and their children each year.

www.newfriendsnewlife.org

Social Justice Team Update on Faith in Texas

FiTX will be focused on three priorities that have a direct impact on the work that the Dallas cluster is doing with local leaders:

1. **Protecting Local Control** - FiTX opposes efforts to preempt city control broadly and on the following issues specifically: guaranteed sick leave, fair chance housing and hiring, payday lending regulation, policies separating ICE from local law enforcement efforts, affordable housing, and bail reform.
2. **Bail Reform** - FiTX is working to eliminate cash bail in Dallas County (which was recently found to be unconstitutional) and replace it with a more equitable system.
3. **Immigrant Driver's Licenses** - HB35 would restore the rights of undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses, thereby allowing them to drive legally, reduce insurance rates for everyone, eliminate obstacles to accessing services, and provide a means for proving identity.

How You Can Help

Volunteer for the March 7th FiTX Lobby Day in Austin. FiTX will be taking a bus of volunteers to the capital to discuss these issues with legislators. It's a one-day trip. They will leave in the morning and return in the evening. If you would like to be part of this opportunity, please contact Garland Hamic.

1. Be a part of the Royal Lane Rapid Action Network (RAN). There will be occasions throughout this legislative session when FiTX learns that something important is happening with respect to these priorities. It could be a committee meeting or a bill being introduced or an amendment being added to an existing bill that has gotten very little attention otherwise. At times like these, it is important that voters' voices be heard in Austin - QUICKLY! The RLBC RAN will be activated by Joey Belgard, Trent Juarez or Garland Hamic.

You will be asked to call a specific legislator and express specific concerns that will be provided to you in a script. You'll also be asked to report back to the team that you made your call. This practice has been very effective in derailing legislation that would've had a negative impact on the issues that we care most about.

If you are interested in being part of the RLBC RAN, please let Garland know. He will add you to the roster, and you will receive a text message when it is time to engage.

If you have questions or need additional information, don't hesitate to reach out!
royallane.org/social-justice-team-faith-in-texas-legislative-summit-report

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday January 20 – Second Sunday after Epiphany**
12:30 pm 20/30 Ministry — Cantina Laredo
6025 Royal Lane, Dallas, TX 75230
- Monday January 21**
Church Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day
6:00 pm Women of the Church – Dinner — Family Hall
Chicken Spaghetti & Bread. Bring a Salad or Dessert to Share
6:30 pm Women of the Church – Program — Family Hall
“How to Hygge” with Amanda Gregg
- Wednesday January 23**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm Family Supper — Family Hall
Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Cookies
6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
6:15 pm Children’s Choir/Missions — Children’s Building
6:15 pm Midweek Service — Family Hall
Marv Knox, Fellowship Southwest Update
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Saturday January 26**
2:00 pm Celebration of the Life of Ron Sumter — Sanctuary
Reception following service — Family Hall
- Sunday January 27 – Third Sunday after Epiphany**
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Family Hall
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
10:55 am Morning Worship – Youth Sunday — Sanctuary

The deadline for the order of service, the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.

Initial Meeting of the 20/30

Ministry Participants

Let’s do lunch together after worship today.

12:30 pm

Cantina Laredo, 6025 Royal Lane, 75230

Come, be a part of launching this unique ministry!

Prayer Cards

We invite you to use the Prayer Cards, available in the “pockets” on the back of each pew, to submit prayer requests. These may be placed in the offering plate or handed to a minister or deacon of the week.

Deacons on Call

Percy Parrish & Jaime Clark-Soles

Safety Shepherd – Mike Gill

Godly Play

Charlotte Sewell & Anne Sewell

Young Theologians – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

When WE Give: NDSM can provide dental and health care to their clients.

November 30, 2018 Financials

	YTD	Nov 2018
Budget/Pledges & Plate Offerings	\$ 644,105	\$58,555
Actual Pledges & Plate Offerings	\$ 619,007	\$28,897
Budget/Offerings & Revenues	\$ 737,691	\$63,688
Actual Offerings & Revenues	\$ 696,398	\$34,937
Expenses	\$ 741,864	\$65,542
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$45,466)	(\$30,605)

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The Scripture this morning is John 2:1-11, which may be found on page 863 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God.**