

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 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!**

We are invited to the banks of the river Jordan to see how Jesus, the child of God, came into the world to live among God's people as the anointed one, a fulfillment of God's promised reign of justice and love. The power of the voice from heaven and the Holy Spirit makes this identity more fully known. As those who believe in the promises of God and as those united with Christ in Baptism, we, beloved children of God, are also sent to reveal God's reign of love and justice in our communities.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Trumpet Tune — Andrew Carter

✠Call to Worship

Congregation

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

✠Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

God of grace and glory, you call us with your voice of flame to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert — EBENEZER

Scripture Lesson

Kate Thompson

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (Pew Bible page 834 of the New Testament)

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

Time of Silent Reflection

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller, Leslie Cechan

Southeastern Guide Dogs, Raisers, & Sitters

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.

Commissioning & Blessing of the Guide Dogs

Congregation

God of Creation, Imagination and Wonder

You bless us with our children, who surround us today to give your blessing to these puppies, and those who have trained them.

We are mindful that your word teaches us “unless we become like children, we will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Forgive us, God, when we neglect playfulness, wonder, and imagination in our lives. Give us courage to follow the lead of our children and to receive their blessing today. Hear now the prayer of blessing offered by children in the laying on of hands.

Bless the trainers, who must now say goodbye and let go of their puppies. Give them a measure of your grace and hear their grief. Bless these puppies, gifts of your creation, given to help make life better for their new owners.

May these puppies be like the good shepherd to lead them by the green grass for rest, the cool waters for recreation and through the dangerous places, places where there is no light to guide the way. We give this blessing in the name of Jesus Christ, the one who knows our name and is our Good Shepherd. Amen.

†Hymn 23

Congregation

All Things Bright and Beautiful — ROYAL OAK
(stanza one only)

Call to Confession

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

God loves us and calls us each by name. Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved, let us boldly confess our sins before God.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconsistent. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us to one another, and bless us with your peace. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

Beloved, God forgives your sins; know that you are pardoned.

Let us be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world.

Hymn 152

Congregation

When Jesus Came to Jordan — COMPLAINER

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

Sisters and brothers, our baptismal vows call us to compassion and mercy on behalf of those in need. We offer our prayers for the church and the world.

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:

Lord God, you revealed your Son in the waters of the Jordan and anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim good news to all people. Sanctify us by the same Spirit, that we may proclaim the healing power of the gospel by acts of love in your name. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

This Gift Is Free — Fred Gramann

Come to the waters all who are thirsty

O come and drink. This gift is free.

Come to the table all who are hungry,

O come and feast. This gift is free.

Come to the tree of life laden with fruit for you.

O come and taste. This gift is free.

Come to the banquet hall. A place is set for you.

O come and sit awhile. This gift is free.

Why do you buy food which cannot feed the soul?

Or labor for that which will not make you whole?

Come until me and taste the food I give.

Come unto me so that your soul may live.

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ We Are Baptized Beloveds ”

†Hymn of Commitment [see insert]

Congregation

Crashing Waters at Creation — ARISE

*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

Melanie Ferguson

Beloved God, bless these gifts with your loving presence. Bless our very lives with your Holy Spirit, that we may be signs of your mercy and grace in the world. In your loving Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

There is a Spirit that Delights to Do No Evil — Ned Rorem

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

✠ Sending Forth

Michael Gregg

Go to love one another,

for we are loved.

Go to honor one another,

for we are honored.

Go to share life with one another,

for we have been given life.

Go with the power of God,

whose Spirit is always with us, always guiding us.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Rondeau — Joseph Mouret

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Hymn Notes

Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert

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Study for Wednesday Evening
Overview & History of the Gospel of Luke
with Mike Gregg

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11

Worship Leaders

Melanie Ferguson

Melanie began her journey at Royal Lane at birth, early on a Palm Sunday morning. Her growth from childhood to adult has encompassed many areas and she was ordained as a Deacon in October of 2017.

Kate Thompson

Kate Thompson is a member of the choir at Royal Lane and joined the church in January of 2017. A former IBMer, she is currently a guest resolutionist with Ballard Designs Dallas. Her daughter, Megan, plays the clarinet and also sings in the choir. We love our Royal Lane family!

Paws in the Pews

Puppy Raiser

Mike & Karen Berryman

Leslie Cechan

Bryan & Kim Davis

Tim & Missy Griffy

Troy and Laura Ledbetter

Carey & Melissa Leslie

Janet Mills

Puppy

Allen

Arthur

Grace

Millie

Griffy

Dottie

Stephen

Puppy Sitters

Tim & Patti Macmanus

Todd & Laura Robertson, Reid, Reagan, Reece & Ryan

Deb Tessmer

Rick & Michelle Thompson, Jonah & Harper

For the Children!

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

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



Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert

1. Christ, your foot - prints through the des - ert
 2. Christ, you heard the stir - ring sum - mons
 3. Son of God, the road from Jor - dan
 4. God, in bap - tism you have made us

Led to Jor - dan's flow - ing stream.
 As by Jor - dan's bank you stood;
 Led at last to Cal - v'ry's hill.
 One with Christ, our ris - en Lord;

There you heard the her - ald cry - ing
 Bathed, though sin - less, with your peo - ple
 There up - on the cross for - sak - en
 Freed us, claimed us, cleansed, for - giv - en

Is - rael's old, pro - phet - ic dream:
 In the riv - er's cleans - ing flood.
 You ful - filled the Fa - ther's will.
 Through the wa - ter and the Word.

“He is com - ing! He is com - ing!
 High a - bove, the heav - ens o - pened;
 Lamb of God, we see you dy - ing,
 Help us hear your ur - gent sum - mons,

He will cleanse the earth with flame!
 Came the Spir - it as a dove;
 Sin - less, yet for sin - ners slain.
 Call - ing us to serve you now.

Sin - ners, plunge be - neath the wa - ters!
 Spoke a Voice be - yond all hear - ing:
 But where death rose up to tri - umph,
 Send us forth, your sons and daugh - ters,

Wash a - way your guilt and shame!
 “See my Son, the One I love!”
 You be - gan your glo - rious reign!
 With the cross up - on our brow.

Crashing Waters at Creation

Capo 1 Fm(Em)

D \flat (C)

A \flat (G)

1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a -
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the

D \flat (C)

A \flat (G)

E \flat (D)

A \flat (G)

C7(B7)

Fm(Em)

by the Spir - it's breath, first to wit - ness
cap - tives passed on through, wash - ing off the
round the one fore - told, o - pened to re -
thirst and flood the soul. Well - spring, source of

E \flat (D)

A \flat (G)

Fm(Em)

Cm(Bm)

Fm(Em)

day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
chains of bond - age, chan - nel to a life made new.
veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Schedule for the Week

Sunday January 13 – Baptism of the Lord

12:00 pm Jim Norman Bush Photography Exhibit & Reception
Box-Hawkins Gallery (noon – 2:00 pm)

Wednesday January 16

3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm Family Supper — Family Hall
Stacked Beef Enchilada Bake, Rice, Salad, Strawberry Cake
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
Overview & History of the Gospel of Luke with Mike Gregg
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Thursday January 17

6:30 pm Men of the Church — Haystack Burgers & Barley
100 S Central Expressway #17, Richardson Texas

Sunday January 20 – Second 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 — Sanctuary
12:15 pm 20/30 Ministry Lunch

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

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



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

Initial Meeting of the 20/30

Ministry Participants

Let's do lunch together after worship

Sunday, January 20th

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

Harry Hunter & Melanie Ferguson

Safety Shepherd – Phil Keith

Godly Play

Charlotte Sewell & Anne Sewell

Young Theologians – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

When WE Give: we gather in a clean, safe, and welcoming facility.

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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David Weigle, Organist

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The Scripture this morning is Luke 3:15-17, 21-22, which may be found on page 834 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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