

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Epiphany Sunday

January 6, 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!**

Epiphany reminds us that it is God, not the Herods of this world, who reveals what is of value, setting the conditions—and the freedom—for our lives. There is always more that God is revealing to those who remain alert and wondering.

Opening Voluntary

David Weigle

Kings of Orient — Fred Bock

✠Call to Worship

Congregation

Although the beckoning star heeded by wise travelers long ago
no longer leads the way,

The manger-born Christ is still to be found and followed.

We are not brought to our knees in surprise as were those journeyers of old,

Yet our desire to worship can be as deep as theirs.

And though we do not bear gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh,

We offer ourselves and what we have.

The story continues. The good news abounds.

There is a living Christ to discover and worship and serve.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

✠Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Radiant Morning Star, you are both guidance and mystery. Visit our rest with disturbing dreams, and our journeys with strange companions.

Grace us with the hospitality to open our hearts and homes to visitors filled with unfamiliar wisdom bearing profound and unusual gifts.

Amen.

†Hymn 126

Congregation

Angels, from the Realms of Glory— REGENT SQUARE

Scripture Lesson

Blake Miller

Matthew 2:1-12 (Pew Bible page 783 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.

†Hymn 137

Congregation

Sing We Now of Christmas — NOËL NOUVELET

Offertory Prayer

Margaret Darden

From the prophet Isaiah, the wealth of the nations; from Paul the Apostle, the joyous news of mysterious grace; from the sages from the East, an homage of rich treasure: one after another, we hear grateful praise for the God who makes a home with humanity. We respond, as well: bringing our own treasure; singing our own joy; offering our own wonder. Let us give, richly and boldly.

Let us gather our gifts together

and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

God of every good gift, here we present our offerings. There is money here, fulfilling our pledges to support the ministries we do in your name. There are gifts that we give in response to your Spirit, which we remember in joyful song and holy story, in prayer and silence. And there are other gifts, not physically on this table but held in the altar of our hearts. God, we offer them all to you. We ask your blessing on all that we give, so that your loving care reaches into us and out to all the world, ever more deeply and gracefully. We ask it in Jesus' name; Amen.

Offertory

Choir

We Three Kings — arranged by John Leavitt

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ Home By Another Way ”

The First Nowell — Traditional English carol

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.

Communion

All Believers

May God be with you

And also with you.

Lift your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the God we love.

We freely give God thanks and praise.

It is right and good, beautiful and holy
that we should, in ceaseless joy

Give our thanks and praise to you,

Holy and merciful God,

Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

And so, in grateful procession of endless praise

With the church that is, was, and shall be forever,

We glorify you, joining this unending song:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power— and might,
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
san - na in the high - est,— ho - san - na in the high-est.

Communion Prayer & Blessing of Bread & Cup

Michael Gregg

Response

Life's greatest feast before us,

We excitedly proclaim:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Dear God, you transform.

You transform all that is before you

So that at the touch of your grace

We are never the same.

Dear God, you illumine.

You bring light to all peoples

Light to the nations

Light into our hearts

Light on your Way.

Dear God, we pray for your Spirit.

Transform, illumine, bless.

Make these ordinary gifts of bread and cup

Into the extraordinary presence of Christ with us.

In so doing,

Hold us as your own

Renew us as your people

For the sake of the world you love.

For all honor and glory are yours, O God,

Through Jesus Christ,

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in your glorious creation

Both now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer (*using trespasses*)

The Receiving of Communion

*Following the choir, please move by way of the center aisle to partake
of communion by intinction* or separate cups.*

Gluten free bread is available in the center of the paten. Return via the outside aisles.

** - intinction, the administering of the elements of Communion
by dipping the bread in the cup and receiving both together.*

†Passing of the Peace

Rejoicing in the brightness of God's blessings, let us share signs of peace.

The peace of Christ be with you. . . **The Peace of Christ be with you always.**

†Sung Response

Hymn 131 (stanza four)

Congregation

In the Bleak Midwinter — CRANHAM

**What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part,
yet what I can I give Him: give Him my heart.**

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

†Sending Forth

Michael Gregg & Congregation

Go forth in the light of God's star.

We will go forth and let the star guide us.

Go forth committed to a journey of faith and courage.

We will share with others the journey of life.

Go forth to give the precious gift of your life to Christ.

**We will praise God, for the gift we have received is beyond measure
— Jesus the Christ.**

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Go Tell t On the Mountain — arranged by John Behnke

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Cover Art — *Three Wise Men Are Warned in a Dream by an Angel not to Return to Herod*

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Study for Wednesday Evening
Outline & Introduction to the Gospel of Luke
with Mike Gregg

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

Sunday Morning Spiritual Formations Options

Updated flyer is available in the narthex, Family Hall and at the education desk.

**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!

Worship Leaders

Margaret Darden

Margaret Darden, having been a lifelong active member in the Methodist Church, was delighted when she and now deceased husband, Lynn, were directed to visit Royal Lane Baptist Church in December of 2010. After viewing the chaos of Hanging of the Green their first Sunday and hearing Dr. David Matthews present a sermon on Memory and Vision, the Dardens joined RLBC the following Wednesday night. They were hooked.... Margaret serves on several RLBC Committees. She is a graduate of UT Austin, with a BS in Education and graduate work in Special Education. She and has three daughters, three sons in law, six grandchildren and one great grandson.

Blake Miller

It's funny how influential Royal Lane has been on my life. Not only was Royal Lane my first ministerial job after Divinity School, Royal Lane also became the place of my ordination. It was always special how quickly and intentionally Royal Lane folded me into the family. If that wasn't enough influence on my life already, it just so happened to be the place where I met my fiancé, Shannon Simmons. We are eagerly anticipating our wedding here at Royal Lane, naturally of course, later this summer. After a stint working at River Oaks Baptist Church down in Houston, or as Harry called it "being a missionary to the poor souls that call Houston home;" I made my return to Dallas. I currently serve as the Corporate Chaplain at First Rate Inc., (yep you read that correctly, corporations have chaplains too) and am loving being able to work in my ministerial calling while still being able to attend Royal Lane on Sundays.

Youth Mid-Winter Retreat Registration is Now Open!

Friday, February 8 (6:00 pm) to Sunday, February 10 (12:30 pm)

at

Disciples Crossing Camp, Athens, Texas

We will depart from Royal Lane Baptist church at 6:00 pm on Friday, February 8th and return to the church on Sunday, February 10th by 12:30 pm. We will stop for dinner on Friday evening (included in registration fee).

A non-refundable \$50 deposit is required at registration. Balance must be paid by 2/7/19. Cost is \$125.00 per camper. No refunds after January 17, 2019.

A link to required forms will be mailed to registrants after registration has been completed.

<https://tinyurl.com/y7tsmme7>



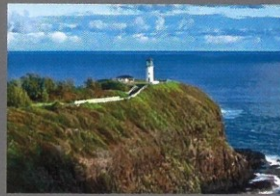
Photography Exhibition

Jim Norman Bush

*All proceeds will be donated to
Royal Lane Baptist Church*

January 10, 2019
5 to 7 pm

The Box-Hawkins Gallery
Royal Lane Baptist Church
6707 Royal Ln Dallas, 75230
www.stevenjamesgallery.smugmug.com



Join us for a reception in the Box-Hawkins Gallery, where we will be featuring the beautiful work of photographer Jim Norman Bush.

Jim is a freelance photographer specializing in landscape, wildlife and nature. His work has been described as bright, colorful and vivid. Jim finds his passion in capturing captivating landscape photos of beautiful settings around the world. Recently retired, Jim is spending his time traveling throughout North America, South America, Europe and the Middle East documenting the scenic beauty of each location.

Visit his website (www.stevenjamesgallery.smugmug.com) to explore ways you may want to have any of his work reproduced for purchase. This is a unique opportunity to view examples of his work on different medium (acrylic, canvas and infused aluminum).

There are many fabulous interior and exterior photographs of Royal Lane Baptist Church that will be of particular interest. All net proceeds of sales from this exhibit will be contributed to the church.

New Year Tea

You are invited to celebrate the fun and possibilities of 2019 at Royal Lane by sharing in our 2nd annual New Year's tea. Children (boys and girls), youth and adults will gather for tea and treats on Saturday, January 12, from 2:00-4:00 pm in Family Hall. The tables will be fully decorated and the room full of sparkle and joy. The day is to be festive and everyone is invited to dress for tea in hats and gloves and pearls (or any of those clothes in the closet you don't have a reason to wear elsewhere). Of course, I have extra hats, gloves and bow ties in case we need to share. We'll invite guests to share music or poetry and play tea party bingo and eat tiny sandwiches - it will be glorious!



Feel free to invite friends - we always are a 'more the merrier' kind of folks. If you plan to come, please let me know so I can set the right number of tables. It is easily a come and go event - so feel free to stop in a short bit if you have an otherwise busy day.

Laura Keller

Faith in Texas Legislative Session

RLBC will be participating with Faith in Texas in a legislative session summit on January 12, 2:30 – 5:00 pm at San Juan Diego Catholic Church, 10919 Royal Haven Lane, Dallas, Texas 75229. This will be an opportunity to help build a strategy around engaging with our Texas state lawmakers on our three justice priorities: racial justice, immigration reform, and healthcare reform.

If you are able to participate, please RSVP to the Social Justice Team at socialjusticeteam@royallane.org

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday January 6 – Epiphany Sunday**
12:15 pm Education Committee— Room 206
- Tuesday January 8**
6:00 pm Personnel Committee — Library
8:30 pm Tech Committee — Conference Call
- Wednesday January 9 – Mosaic**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm Publication/Outreach Committee — Room 206
5:30 pm Family Supper — Family Hall
 Vidalia Onion Chicken, Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Trifle
6:00 pm Youth Study Hall — Youth Basement
6:15 pm Children’s Choir/Missions — Children’s Building
6:15 pm Midweek Service — Family Hall
 Outline and Introduction to the Gospel of Luke with Mike Gregg
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Thursday January 10**
5:00 pm Reception, Jim Norman Bush Photography Exhibition
 Box-Hawkins Gallery (5:00 – 7:00 pm)
- Saturday January 12**
2:00 pm New Year Tea — Family Hall
- Sunday January 13 – First Sunday after Epiphany**
8:30 am Deacons Meeting — Portable (childcare by reservation)
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Family Hall
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
12:00 pm Jim Norman Bush Photography Exhibition
 Box Hawkins Gallery (12:00 – 2:00 pm)

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

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

Nancy Ferrell & Jeff Hammett

Safety Shepherd – Kirsten Fleenor

Godly Play

Charlotte Sewell & Anne Sewell

Young Theologians – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

When WE Give: YBC can feed and minister to Vickery Meadows children.

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 Matthew 2:1-12, which may be found on page 783 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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