

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 24, 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

Christ be with you ... **and also with you!**

Reluctance

What makes the Bible interesting and compelling is the company of human beings who through its pages play their parts in the drama of the human and the divine. In the sense that bible stories tell our story, the human story in relationship to the divine, they are true. They are not true because they are in the Bible, they are in the Bible because they are the human experience.

Take, for example, the common theme of reluctance to accept responsibility that God wants to confer. None of the prophets took on their assignments willingly or gladly. Moses complained that he was not eloquent enough and that people wouldn't believe him. Isaiah claimed himself unworthy, "a man of unclean lips." Samuel was just a little boy. Ezekiel was sent out to preach to dead bones. Jonah refused to go to Nineveh, and yet God took these people and turned them into something for his purpose.

—Peter J. Gomes, *The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart*
(New York: William Morrow & Co., Inc., 1996)

Voluntary

David Weigle

Prelude on SLANE — Gilbert Martin

✠Call to Worship

Congregation

God calls our name.

We wonder who is calling.

God calls our name.

We go another way.

God calls our name.

We long to be here.

God calls our name.

We will listen for God's word.

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Creator God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You understand our thoughts, our desires, our joys, and our struggles. You call to us, inviting us to listen to your word. You speak your word, calling us into a deeper relationship with you. Open our hearts, that we may hear you clearly. Strengthen our spirit, that we may have the courage to answer your call. Be present in this time of worship and draw us closer to you. Amen.

†Hymn 477

Congregation

We Are Called to Be God's People — AUSTRIAN HYMN

Scripture Lesson

Sandy Washington

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (Pew Bible page 215 of the Old Testament)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word ... **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 503

Congregation

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak — CANONBURY

Call to Confession

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

Trusting in God whose mercy knows no bounds, let us reflect on our need for grace, making confession together.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Loving God, we know your voice calls us, and we should go. But often we listen instead to many other voices: the ones that say "Stay quiet," the ones that urge "Me alone," the ones that mock "You are not worthy." Forgive us the times that we stray. Give us ears to hear your voice above all others. Then grant us the courage to respond to that call. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

(continued)

Promise of Forgiveness

When we stray, Christ only wants us to turn back to God, so we can receive the forgiveness already obtained for us through him. Because of what Jesus did, and for his sake, your sins are forgiven that you may live an abundant life, and have joy in hearing his voice.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 478

Congregation

God Is Calling Through the Whisper — W ZLOBIE LEZY

Prayers of the People

Michael Gregg & Congregation

Let us pray for all the earth, the church, and all those in need saying, God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the world: for leaders of nations, that wisdom and integrity will prevail for the good of all people, especially the poor; and for regions torn by conflict, that peace may reign. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all people of faith: for the unity of the body of Christ, that divisions might not turn people away from the church. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those in need: for all who are hungry in our nation and world, for those who have no home and no employment, for those who are either unjustly or justly imprisoned, for parents and children who live in fear for any reason, for all who are in mourning. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

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:

With thanksgiving, we remember all those who have shaped us in your ways, O God. Receive our prayers and grant your people's needs; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

The Call — Z. Randall Stroope
Text, George Herbert

Sermon

Tiffany Pittman

“ The Call ”

✠Hymn of Commitment 482

Congregation

Here I Am, Lord — David L. Schutte

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

Tex Quesada

Offertory

David Weigle

Festival Piece on OLD 113TH — Gilbert Martin

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

✠Sending Forth

Michael Gregg

God calls to us, interrupting our lives.

God needs us to speak words of truth.

God asks us to follow.

Be still. Listen for God's voice.

God is calling still.

Go forth with courage, for God has blessed you.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Fanfare — Jacques Lemmens

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Join us for Q & A Luncheon with Tiffany Pittman (childcare provided)

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Worship Leaders

Tiffany Pittman

Tiffany Pittman is the Director of Admissions at Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, and a member of the Alliance of Baptists board of directors, serving on the development and communications committees.

Beginning in 2007, Baptist Women in Ministry invited Baptist churches to participate in Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching by having a woman preach during the month of February. This annual event has been a deeply significant source of joy and discovery for many churches as they have celebrated the giftedness of women. This annual preaching month is named for Martha Stearns Marshall, an eighteenth-century Separate Baptist woman. Royal Lane joins BWIM in this celebration on February 24, 2019, with Tiffany Pittman as preacher.



For the Q & A Luncheon: “We were going to talk about callings and how age has nothing to do with our callings and how we are supposed to live them out even as we retire from our professional careers. We were going to talk about our purpose in life as servants to God and how our callings can be lived out in ministerial and secular settings. I have spent 12 years admitting people into seminary - I have helped over 500 people go on to pursue their masters. Half of these people are 50 years and older. I have fact sheets for over the past 4 years that show how this has been the truth. Also, over 50% are women. I would like to help all people see how their calling is evolutionary and developmental as they go through life.” – Tiffany Pittman

Tex Quesada

Tex has attended Royal Lane since 1988. He and his wife, Jan, have raised four children here and Tex is part of the Non-Sunday School gathering that meets Sunday mornings in Vickrey Hall. When not practicing law, Tex and Jan retreat to their ranch near Abilene.

Sandy Washington

Sandy is a Dallas native who began attending Royal Lane in 1986. She, her husband Douglas and two daughters joined upon relocating from Princeton, NJ. She enjoys participating in the life of this church. Sandy is a Family/Interpersonal Skills Educator. Her life revolves around her three Grandkids, Silas, Soren and Addison.

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday February 24 – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**
12:15 pm Q & A Luncheon with Tiffany Pittman — Vickrey (Family) Hall
- Wednesday February 27**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey (Family) Hall
Sloppy Joe's, Roasted Garlic Rosemary Potatoes, Salad, Apple Pie
6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
6:15 pm Children's Choir/Missions — Children's Building
6:15 pm Midweek Service – Bible Study with Mike Gregg— Vickrey (Family) Hall
Luke 1:26-56, The Birth of Jesus and Mary's Song
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Sunday March 3 – Transfiguration Sunday**
9:00 am Equity in Access — Library
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box-Hawkins Gallery
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
10:55 am Morning Worship – Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary
12:15 pm Education Committee — Room 206
5:00 pm Fat Tuesday on Sunday — Vickrey (Family) Hall

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.

Study for Wednesday Evening **Bible Study – Luke 1:26-56** **The Birth of Jesus and Mary's Song with Mike Gregg**

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

Scriptures for Next Sunday **Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99** **2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)**

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



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

Cathy Webb & Scott Bryant

Safety Shepherd – Jennifer Hammett

Godly Play

Jan Quesada, Don & Patsy Meier

Young Theologians – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

When WE Give: inspired worship feeds our spirits!

December 31, 2018 Financials

	YTD	Dec 2018
Budget/Pledges & Plate Offerings	\$ 702,660	\$58,554
Actual Pledges & Plate Offerings	\$ 702,965	\$83,957
Budget/Offerings & Revenues	\$ 800,880	\$63,188
Actual Offerings & Revenues	\$ 790,288	\$93,890
Expenses	\$ 800,196	\$58,532
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 9,908)	\$35,358

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The Scripture this morning is 1 Samuel 3:1-10, which may be found on page 215 of the Old Testament of the pew Bible.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word... **Thanks be to God.**