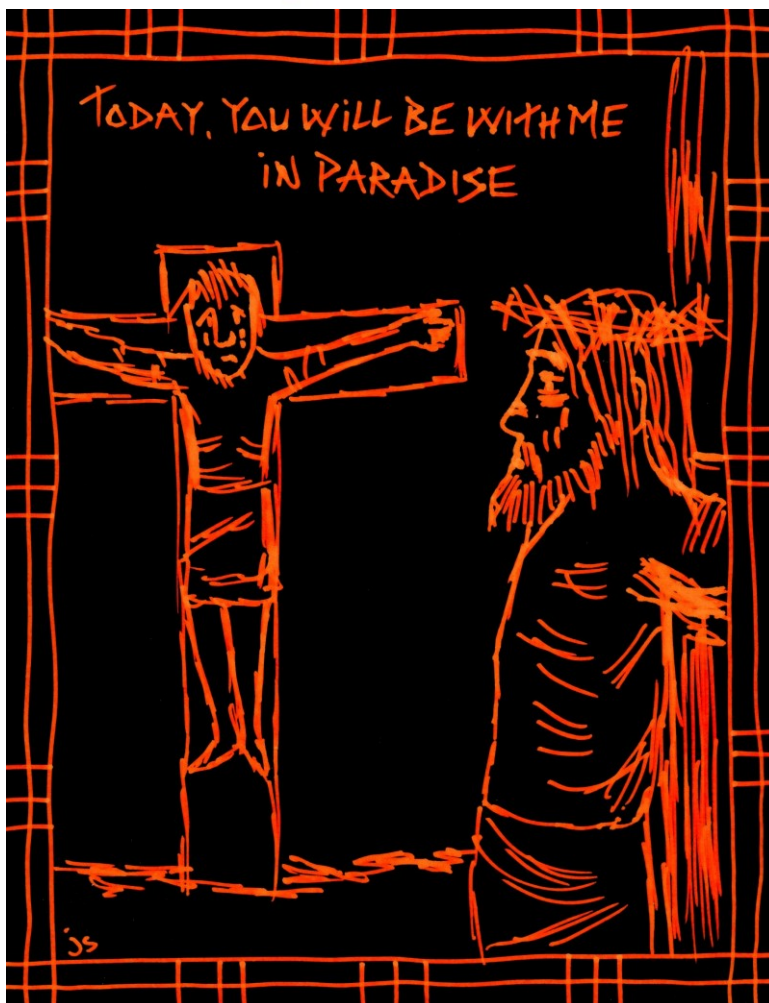


# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *First Sunday in Lent*

**March 10, 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!**

*Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call Christ the Messiah, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah is to give one's life for others. Christ uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands. May God's thoughts become our thoughts. May Jesus' way become our way. And may the Spirit be our guide until love reigns throughout the earth.*

Voluntary

Maryanne Visconti Pfeffer

*Meditation* — Théodore Dubois, adapted by Olive Nelson Russell

✠Call to Worship

Congregation

We gather to remember and share stories of faith;  
rejoice in the goodness of the loving God.

**Before our stories began, there was God;  
through all our days, God walks with us.**

Worship the one who gives and sustains life;  
sing praises to the one who is our refuge.

**There is no place we can go where God is not;  
amid life's terrors, God's promises hold true.**

Delight in God, whose protection we enjoy;  
dance with the God who frees us for new possibilities.

**We call out to God, expecting to be heard;  
we listen, knowing there is truth to be received.**

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**Guide us today, O God, into a season of examination. Show us our ancestors' ways: journeying, even wandering, boldly; remembering deliberately who they were and who we are. Guide us inward to the Word felt in our hearts, and outward to the Word heard on the lips of others. Grant us a season of depth and courage, we pray. Amen.**

†Hymn 169

Congregation

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* — ST. FLAVIAN

Scripture Lesson

Karen Miller

Luke 23:35-43 (Pew Bible page 859 of the New 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 184

Congregation

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus* — ST. CHRISTOPHER

Call to Confession

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom. We exalt you because you did not stoop to the level of those who mocked you, even as you suffered on a cross. When they taunted and tempted you to fight back, you overcame their hate with love. Hear now our confessions.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Forgive the times when we succumb to our meaner instincts. Teach us to answer acts of hate with greater expressions of love. Forgive us and free us from our fears, dear Christ, until your grace reigns in our hearts and throughout the world. Amen.**

*Silence Is Kept*

*(continued)*

Promise of Forgiveness

“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise,” says the Lord. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 393

Congregation

*Jesus, Remember Me* — Jacques Berthiér

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom.

Hear our intercessions.

For your church around the world,

**we ask new life.**

For all who carry out ministries in your church,

**we ask inspired discipleship.**

For believers of every land,

**we ask new unity in your name.**

For Jews and Muslims and people of other faiths,

**we ask your divine blessing.**

For those who cannot believe,

**we ask your faithful love.**

For leaders and rulers in every land,

**we ask your guidance.**

For people who suffer and sorrow,

**we ask your healing peace.**

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:

**Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

*Second Word from The Seven Last Words of Christ* — Théodore Dubois

Rita Nsumbu, Blair Wooten, Brittany Wooten, soloists

*Verily, thou shalt be in Paradise today with me.*

*Amen, so I tell thee.*

Hear me, O Lord, and remember me,  
when Thou comest into Thy kingdom.

Sermon

Michael Gregg

**“ Today, You Will Be With Me in Paradise ”**

†Hymn of Commitment 183

Congregation

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory* — RATHBUN

*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

Daryl Willey

Offertory

Maryanne Visconti Pfeffer

*Jesus Paid It All* — arranged by Mark Hayes

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

†Sending Forth

Michael Gregg

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with us on the road.

**May the Christ who serves with wounded hands  
stretch out our hands to serve.**

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open our hearts to love.

**May we see the face of Christ in everyone we meet,  
and may everyone we meet see the face of Christ in us.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

Maryanne Visconti Pfeffer

*Grand Triumph Chorus* — Alexander Guilmant, arranged by Thomas Chesterson

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## Worship Leaders

### Karen Miller

Karen is a retired Special Educator, with a long and diverse career in Richardson ISD. A life changing event in her life was the adoption of her daughter, Lauren, in Honduras. She loves being a part of the work of the Missions Committee and the Equity in Access task force. Teaching 3, 4 and 5-year-olds in Sunday School is a blessing. She was ordained as a deacon in October, 2018. She and Lauren feel at home here, and look forward to feeding and being fed by the diverse God centered people of Royal Lane for many years.

### Daryl Willey

Daryl Willey Graduated from University of Kansas, Lawrence with BA degree in zoology. He spent six years as a navigator in the Air Force, including a tour of duty in AC-130 gunships in Thailand during Viet Nam. Daryl then worked for a returned POW as the CFO of a services contracting company. This led to a two year contract in Israel as part of an ITT consortium building one of the airbases resulting from the Camp David Agreement. Upon returning to the states Daryl worked for several computer software/hardware companies, and ended his tech career after 12 years as the email system administrator for Alcatel International. Meanwhile Daryl, and his partner Bob Webb, managed a successful antique shop for many years in Dallas' Uptown area. Daryl is in his last year of a second tour of deacon duty.

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# IN FOCUS

In honor of National Women's History Month, the March IN FOCUS will highlight inspirational and transformational women in our Baptist history. Paulette Harrison and Laura Keller will highlight three diverse North American Baptist preachers: Ella Pearson Mitchell, Helen Barrett Montgomery, and Edna Lee de Gutiérrez. Table discussion will be encouraged – who are the female teachers, preachers, friends in faith and saints in your spiritual journey?

## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday March 10 – First Sunday in Lent**  
12:15 pm Second Sunday Youth Lunch (meet in the Library following worship)  
12:15 pm 20/30 Ministry — Shake Shack, 6025 Royal Lane, 75230p
- Tuesday March 12**  
6:00 pm Personnel Committee — Library  
8:30 pm Tech Committee — Conference Call
- Wednesday March 13**  
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202  
5:30 pm Publicity/Outreach Committee — Room 206  
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall  
Pot Roast, Salad, Rolls, Variety of 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 — Vickrey Hall  
IN FOCUS: National Women’s History Month  
The Legacy of Baptist Women in Ministry  
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Thursday March 14**  
6:30 pm Missions Committee — Library
- Sunday March 17 – Second Sunday in Lent**  
9:00 am Equity in Access — Library  
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery  
9:45 am OWL – Our Whole Lives, March Study for Adults — Vickrey Hall  
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1  
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary

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

**Scriptures for Next Sunday**  
**Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27**  
**Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35**

### **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](http://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

Daryl Willey & Karen Simmons

**Safety Shepherd** – Phil Keith

## Godly Play

Kirsten Fleenor, Don & Patsy Meier

**Young Theologians** – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

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### January 31, 2019 Financials

Budget/Pledges & Plate Offerings	\$ 54,028
Actual Pledges & Plate Offerings	\$ 117,741
Budget/Offerings & Revenues	\$ 58,611
Actual Offerings & Revenues	\$ 126,775
Expenses	\$ 62,004
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Ray Vickrey, Pastor Emeritus  
David Weigle, Organist  
Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship



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The Scripture this morning is Luke 23:35-43, which may be found on page 859 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

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<sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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