

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 22, 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!**

*Stewardship is a natural way to focus on the gospel reading today. In Luke, Jesus tells a perplexing parable about the dishonest steward who, after being fired for mismanaging the master's accounts, acts shrewdly to ingratiate himself to those who owe his master money. Jesus challenges the children of light to be as wise with their generation as this dishonest steward. Proper management of our time, talents and treasure matters, for if we cannot be trusted to be good stewards of dishonest wealth, how can God trust us to be faithful stewards of true riches?*

Voluntary

*Fanfare and Processional* — Douglas Wagner

David Weigle

✠Call to Worship

Congregation

Cry out to the Lord, for God hears our pleas.

**May our heads be springs of water**

**and our eyes fountains of tears,**

**for God answers the cries of the suffering.**

Put your faith in God, our great physician.

**We will reach out for the balm of Gilead,**

**for God soothes the sorrows of the faithful.**

Call upon the Lord, for God hears our pleas.

**We will enter God's gates with hope and gladness.**

Come, worship the one who hears our pleas.

—Jeremiah 8, Psalm 79

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**Faithful God, we give you thanks that in Jesus Christ you have entrusted us with the richness of your glory and the treasure of your grace. Make us faithful stewards of your good gifts, that we may show your love to this generation. Welcome us into your eternal home, where we will worship and serve you forever; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

†Hymn 689

Congregation

*Let Justice Flow Like Streams* — ST. THOMAS

Scripture Lesson

Jacquie Wooten

Luke 16:1-13 (Pew Bible page 851 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.*

Living Out Love

Nate & Deanna Green

†Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*A Dishonest Steward* — ASH GROVE

Call to Confession

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

Even though we continually turn away from God, the Lord is eager to forgive.  
Trusting in the promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name's sake. Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given and generous in forgiving others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Silence Is Kept*

*(continued)*

Promise of Forgiveness

Hear the good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Cast Down, O God, the Idols* — RUTHERFORD

(stanza one)

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, and all of God's creation.

*Silence Is Kept*

Faithful God, you call your church to serve you. Free your people from the deceptions of false masters so that we discover the true richness of serving in your name.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Creating God, you have made all kinds of creatures. Protect animals in the midst of seasonal migration, whether by water, through the air, or over land.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Wise God, you rule the nations. When the powerful trample on the needy and take advantage of the poor, turn them from their selfish ways. Show us your ways of truth that lead to justice.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Healing God, you raise up those who have been brought low, and you remember the forgotten. Grant them joy and comfort in your presence.

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:

**Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

*Lost In Wonder* — Claude L. Bass

Sermon

Michael Gregg

## “ Love is Responsibility ”

✠Hymn of Commitment 361

Congregation

*My Jesus, I Love Thee\** — GORDON

*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

Alan Greider

Offertory

David Weigle

*By Still Waters He Leadeth Me* — Charles Callahan

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

✠Sending Forth

Michael Gregg

Go forth and be faithful in little,

**that we may also be found faithful in much.**

Go to be faithful in much,

**that we may be entrusted with the wealth and welfare of others.**

Go to be faithful with the wealth of this generation,

**that we may be given the true riches that come from above.**

Go to be faithful children of light,

**that we may know the grace, hope,  
and peace of the one who is truly faithful.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*O Day of Peace* — Charles Callahan

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*\*The setting of this hymn by Danny Wesley Ray was written in 2009 in honor of Terry Berrier on the 30th anniversary of her membership and ministry at Royal Lane.*

# Worship Leaders

## Alan Greider

Alan is a lifelong Baptist, growing up in Arkansas, Texas and New Mexico, ending up in Plano when he was a high school senior. He is a teacher at Plano West Senior High School and this is his 40th and final year! Alan has two adult sons Travis and Tyler, two daughters-in-law Jessica and Sonya, a granddaughter Avery, and a grandson due in December. Alan has been a member of Royal Lane since spring of 2014.

## Jacquie Wooten

Jacquie joined Royal Lane in 2010 after she and Barrett were married here and moved to Dallas post college. She currently works as a registered nurse on a post-surgical GI floor at Presbyterian Hospital Dallas. Jacquie and Barrett have three amazing kids, Harper, Turner and Harrison. She enjoys singing in the choir and chasing her crazy kids around. Jacquie is so thankful for the support of Royal Lane and loves watching her kids grow up with their second family.

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Hymn Notes

### ***A Dishonest Steward***

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### ***Cast Down, O God, the Idols***

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## Rally Day – September 29 Worship Guest Preacher, Amanda Tyler Baptist Joint Committee



Amanda Tyler is the executive director of BJC in Washington, D.C. She leads the organization as it upholds the historic Baptist principle of religious liberty, defending the free exercise of religion and protecting against its establishment by government.

Tyler often speaks in churches, educational institutions and denominational gatherings, and she provides commentary on church-state issues to the national media. Called a “powerful advocate” and “rising star in the sector” by *The Nonprofit Times*, she was named one of the nation’s top 50 nonprofit leaders in 2018. A member of the Texas and U.S. Supreme Court Bar, she has experience working in Congress, in a private legal practice and serving as a law clerk for a federal judge.

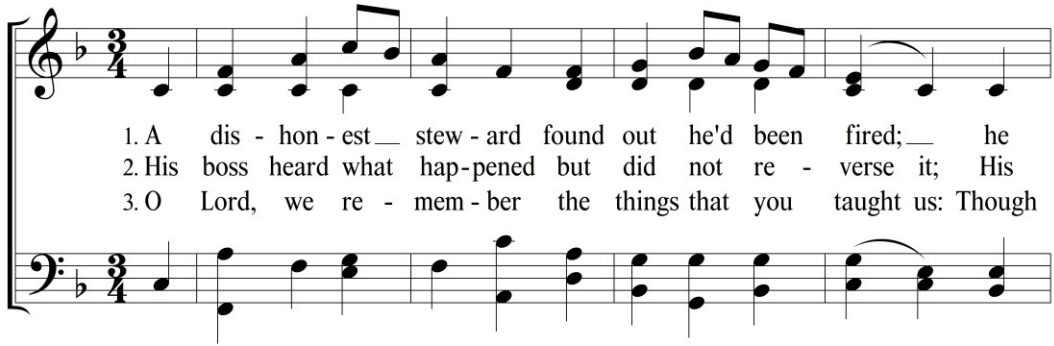
A graduate of Georgetown University and the University of Texas School of Law, Tyler previously served on the staff of U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett.

Tyler grew up hearing about the cherished Baptist principles of religious liberty and the separation of church and state in her Baptist church in Austin, Texas, and she first sought out the organization 20 years ago when she moved to D.C. to attend college. She first served on BJC’s staff as assistant to the general counsel from 1999-2001, which included coordinating the broad coalition in support of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act.

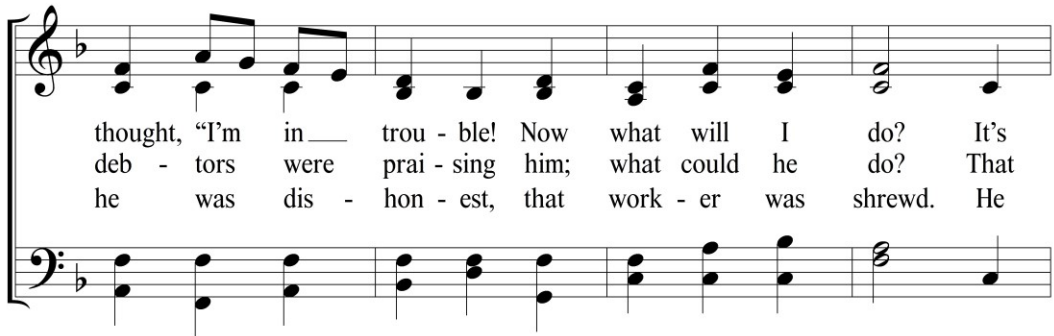
Tyler became executive director of BJC in January 2017. A member of First Baptist Church of Washington, D.C., she lives in the city with her husband, Robert Behrendt, and their son, Phelps. You can follow her on Twitter: @AmandaTylerBJC

Amanda Tyler from the Baptist Joint Committee will host a Sunday School Class at 9:45am on September 29 in Vickrey Hall. Come and learn about the important work of the Baptist Joint Committee and how the BJC is influencing faithful action in the public sphere.

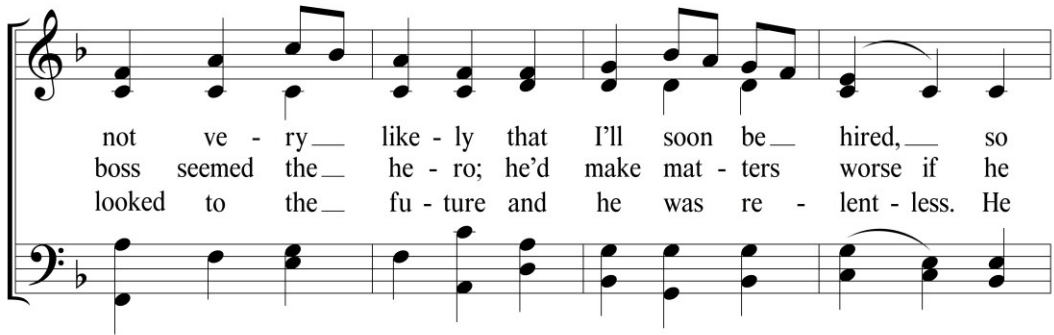
# A Dishonest Steward



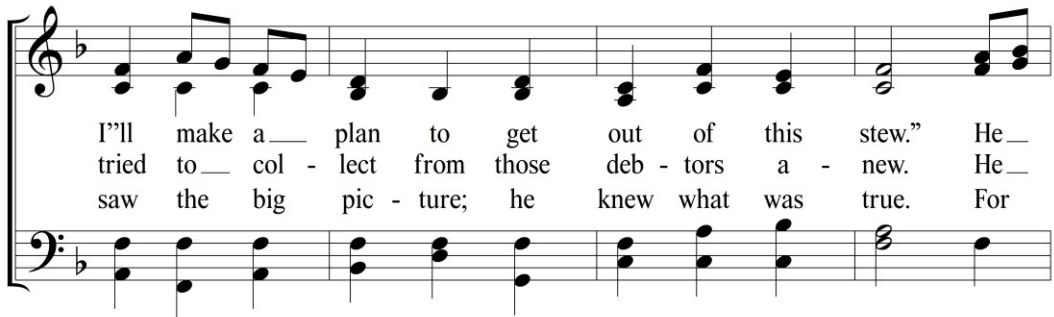
1. A dis - hon - est stew - ard found out he'd been fired; he  
2. His boss heard what hap-pened but did not re - verse it; His  
3. O Lord, we re - mem - ber the things that you taught us: Though



thought, "I'm in trou - ble! Now what will I do? It's  
deb - tors were prai - sing him; what could he do? That  
he was dis - hon - est, that work - er was shrewd. He



not ve - ry like - ly that I'll soon be hired, so  
boss seemed the he - ro; he'd make mat - ters worse if he  
looked to the fu - ture and he was re - lent - less. He



I'll make a plan to get out of this stew." He  
tried to col - lect from those deb - tors a - new. He  
saw the big pic - ture; he knew what was true. For



called up the peo - ple who owed his boss mon - ey; he  
 praised the shrewd work - er but not for de - cep - tion; he  
 mon - ey won't mat - ter; it nev - er can save us. Re -

set - tled their debts at deep dis - count that day. Those  
 praised him for wis - dom for know - ing the score. He  
 la - tion - ships mat - ter when push comes to shove. May

deb - tors were thrilled that their day had turned sun - ny; now  
 praised him for know - ing that peo - ple could help him; when  
 we as a church face the chan - ges a - round us Not

they were in - deb - ted to him, in a way.  
 mon - ey was gone, he'd have what mat - tered more.  
 trust - ing in mon - ey, but seek - ing to love.

# Cast Down, O God, the Idols

F7 C7 Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C

1 Cast down, O God, the i - dols that hold us in their power,  
 2 In vain we search for mean - ing where tran - sient joys a - bound,  
 3 O God, we have our be - ing in you and you a - lone.

F/A C7/G F B<sup>b</sup><sub>6</sub> F/C C C7 F

the emp - ty gods we wor - ship when dark - ness has its hour.  
 and seek the soul's con - tent - ment where peace can - not be found.  
 Re - call us from our wan - derings; re - claim us as your own.

B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup><sub>m</sub> F B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup><sub>m</sub> F

We bow to oth - er mas - ters and by their prom - ise live.  
 We wan - der, lost and home - less, in end - less, aim - less quest,  
 Re - store in us the im - age re - vealed in Christ, your Word,

F/A B<sup>b</sup> F/A C7/G F C7 F

Re - deem our way - ward pas - sions; our re - bel wills for - give.  
 our hearts for - ev - er rest - less, un - til in you they rest.  
 till heart and will pay hom - age to him, our God and Lord.

## *Schedule for the Week*

### **Sunday September 22 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

- 12:15 pm Program Council — Vickrey Hall  
6:00 pm Connections Care Group — Home of the Berrier's

### **Wednesday September 25**

- 5:00 pm Faith & Arts Committee — Room 206  
5:30 pm Member Resource Committee — Room 202  
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall  
Chicken Fajitas, Rice, Salad, Tres Leches  
6:15 pm Children's Choir/Missions — Children's Building  
6:15 pm Midweek Service – Faith and Fear— Vickrey Hall  
Blair Taylor of Moms Demand Action  
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

### **Thursday September 26**

- 7:00 pm Social Justice Team — Library

### **Saturday September 28**

- 8:00 am Men of the Church — Unload Pumpkins  
8:00 am First Pumpkin Delivery — Pumpkin Patch  
Pumpkin Patch, open until 7:00 pm

### **Sunday September 29 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

- 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery  
9:45 am Amanda Tyler, Baptist Joint Committee — Vickrey Hall  
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1  
10:55 am Morning Worship – Amanda Tyler, Guest Speaker — Sanctuary  
12:15 pm Rally Day — Vickrey Hall  
1:00 pm Pumpkin Patch, 1:00 – 7:00 pm

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

Have you recently joined or are you thinking about becoming a member of Royal Lane?  
Do you want to know more about how you can connect and partner with the church?

## **Royal Welcome Class for New Members and Visitors**

October 6 – 27  
9:45 am — Library

# 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 & Harry Hunter

**Safety Shepherd** – JJ Berrier

## Godly Play

Amanda Gregg & Kathy Hatcher

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

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When WE Give: we are wise stewards of our time, our talents, and our treasures.

### July 2019 Financials

	YTD Actual	YTD Adjusted*
Revenues	\$ 495,993	\$ 417,948
Expenses	\$ 436,882	\$ 436,882
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 59,111	(\$ 18,934)

\*One-Time Pledges Amortized Monthly

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The Scripture this morning is Luke 16:1-13, which may be found on page 851 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

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Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. <sup>10</sup>"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." (NRSV)

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