

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

November 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!**

*Where we focus our thoughts and energies defines our perspective and either opens or limits our possibilities. The Sadducees focus on denying the resurrection and tricking Jesus with challenging questions, and so they experience conflict rather than the new life and learning this holy one brings to their midst. Focused on Christ, our center, we find faith, hope, life, and love. Anticipating these gifts, we bring our hearts of praise to worship.*

Voluntary

Scott Green

*Flourish, op. 3* — Richard Crosby

†Call to Worship

Congregation

Children of the living God,  
why have you come to this house of worship?

**We come to worship the God of the living.**

Children of the loving God,  
what do you bring to honor the Holy One?

**We bring our hearts of hope and love.**

Children of the faithful God,  
how will you worship our God on high?

**We will worship in trust and faith this day.**

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**Living, loving God, breathe among us this day. Breathe new life into our midst, that we may remember and reclaim our place as children of the resurrection. As we sing our praises and offer our prayers, speak courage and hope to us, that our voices may grow in confidence and our hearts may grow in faith. In your living presence, we offer our prayers and praise. Amen.**

†Hymn 45

Congregation

*The God of Abraham Praise* — LEONI

Gospel Lesson

Joey Belgard

Luke 20:27-38 (Pew Bible page 855 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 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Some People Who Questioned* — ASH GROVE

Psalms 23

Daniel Solyom

Toby Rotman, flute

Call to Confession

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

The psalmist tells us that the Lord is near to all who call on God in truth. Therefore let us now turn to God in prayer, trusting in the nearness and compassion of the Holy One.

*(continued)*

## The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**When sin floods our lives with deadly temptation, lift us from the flood into the safety of your mercy and grace. When our despair overwhelms your vision in our lives, shine the truth of hope, that your vision may become closer to us once more. When our faith is shaken, reclaim us with your steadfast faithfulness. When death seems ever near, speak life to our weary souls. Restore our focus on Christ our center, and revive our purpose and passion as we walk joyously with you on the path of love and life. Amen.**

## *Silence Is Kept*

### Promise of Forgiveness

Take courage, for Christ is our strength and rest assured, that we are safe in the arms of God's love and grace.

**In Christ's resurrection, we are given new life to be children of the living God, now and forevermore.**

## Hymn 407

Congregation

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee* — OLIVET  
(stanza one only)

## Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Silence Is Kept*

Loving Redeemer, by grace you have chosen us to live boldly as resurrection people. Strengthen us to stand firm and proclaim the good news to the world.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Maker of all, you bless us with the change of seasons. Create safe pathways as plants and animals prepare for winter, and make us good stewards of your bountiful creation.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

(continued)

Divine judge, your justice and mercy are revealed to us in your steadfast love. Grant rest and peace to our faithful veterans, and give courage to government officials who lead, serve, and protect.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Listening God, your beloved people call to you and you answer them. Hear the cries of those who are poor and unemployed, those who seek refuge, those who suffer from addiction, and all who are sick.

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:

**Guard them and keep them in your loving care. Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

*Air on Sim Shalom* — Daniel Solyom

Daniel Solyom, tenor; Toby Rotman, flute

Grant peace everywhere goodness and blessing,  
Grace, loving kindness and mercy to us and unto all Israel, Your people.  
Bless us, our Father, all of us as one with the light of Your face;  
For by the light of Your face You have given us, Adonai our God,  
The Torah of life, and love of kindness, and righteousness  
and blessing and mercy and life and peace;  
And may it be good in Your eyes to bless Your people Israel at all times  
and in every hour with Your peace.  
Praised are you, Adonai, who blesses His people Israel with peace.

Sermon

Michael Gregg

**“ God of the Living ”**

✠Hymn of Commitment 545

Congregation

*In the Bulb* — PROMISE

*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

Sandy Washington

Offertory

Scott Green

*Largo* — Daniel Gawthrop

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

✠ Sending Forth

Michael Gregg & Congregation

As children of the living God,

**we go forth with the promise of new life,**  
the hope of resurrection in our world,  
**and the passion to keep our hearts**  
**focused on God's love and life.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

Scott Green

*Recessional* — Daniel Gawthrop

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Illumination from a medieval Book of Hours probably written for the De Grey family of Ruthin.

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Hymn Notes

***Some People Who Questioned***

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## Worship Leaders

### Joey Belgard

Joey and his wife Rosa joined Royal Lane in October of 1986. He has served as a deacon, been involved with Missions and the Youth Ministry, and sings tenor in the Sanctuary Choir. He currently serves on the Lowe Scholarship Committee and on the Missions Committee. Joey has been a math and science educator in public schools for more than thirty years.

### 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.

### Scott Green – Guest Organist

Scott is a member of Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, and holds degrees from Baylor University, Southern Seminary, and Texas Christian University. He is a former member of the Dallas Symphony Chorus and has served as Organist/Choir Director and substitute organist in Texas, Kentucky, Washington, DC and throughout the metroplex. Scott is active in LGBTQ organizations and Board VP for AIDS Outreach Center in Fort Worth and a member of the Board of Visitors for Brite Divinity School (TCU) in Fort Worth.



## Stewardship Update

As of November 7, we have received pledges from 90 giving units with a total pledged of \$602,985.00. Our goal is 110 giving units for a total of \$700,000.00.

You may pledge today by placing pledge card in the offering plate, turning it in to the church office, or pledging online at [royallane.org/stewardship-2020/](http://royallane.org/stewardship-2020/)

If you have pledged online and have not received an acknowledgement, contact Janet Schultz in the church office, 214-361-2809, ext. 11.

# CitySquare

Transition Resource  
Action Center

## Study for Wednesday Evening

### **IN FOCUS: Youth Homelessness**

The November IN FOCUS session will highlight homeless youth. Madeline Reedy, Senior Director of the Transition Resource Action Center for CitySquare, will speak on “Life Without a Safety Net – Helping At-Risk Youth Find Self-Sufficiency.”

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

## **Deacon Ministry Groups**

You have a deacon! You are now part of a Deacon Ministry Group, a way for you to have an extra person to help stay connected to the clergy and ongoing ministries of the church. As part of this new initiative, you will have an assigned deacon who will check in with you once a month to hear how you are doing. Your deacon will let you know about church events you might be interested in and to find out if you need support from the church’s ministry staff. The deacons of Royal Lane hope that these new Deacon Ministry Groups will strengthen our bonds with each other as we better care for one another on our spiritual journeys.

## Scriptures for Next Sunday

**Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12**

**2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19**

### **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.asp](http://games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.asp)





# Some People Who Questioned



1. Some pe - o - ple who ques - tioned that there's re - sur - rec - tion Asked  
 2. "Not one time, but se - ven! When she gets to\_\_ hea - ven, Now  
 3. O God, we're still try - ing to un - der - stand dy - ing And



Je - sus to\_\_ tell them of hea - ven - ly life. "The teach - ing of\_\_  
 which bro - ther's wife will that poor wi - dow be?" So Je - sus said  
 ma - ny\_\_ still won - der if hea - ven is real. Yet Christ clear - ly\_\_



Mo - ses says our faith sup - po - ses A bro - ther must mar - ry his  
 clear - ly the an - swer's not near - ly The same as\_\_ the\_\_ map - ping of  
 told us that death can - not hold us; We'll know of\_\_ a\_\_ new life your



dead bro - ther's wife." They said, "It's a\_\_ sure thing; a man needs some  
 some fam' - ly tree. "In\_\_ this life\_\_ folks mar - ry, but those who are\_\_  
 love will re - veal. Through Je - sus, re - mind us, by your lo - ving



off - spring, So one wo - man mar - ried her dead hus - band's  
 wor - thy Find hea - ven is\_\_ dif - f'rent; they won't mar - ry  
 kind - ness, As A - bra - ham, I - saac and Ja - cob still



kin. 'Twas first to one\_\_ bro - ther, and then to\_\_ a -  
 there. Like an - gels in\_\_ hea - ven, as God's cher - ished  
 live, When all stand be - fore you, we'll praise and\_\_ a -



no - ther, Not one time but ma - ny she mar - ried a - gain."  
 chil - dren, They'll know of\_\_ a\_\_ life that's be - yond all com - pare."  
 dore you; And sing with the an - gels of life that you give!

# *The Work of Christmas*

Advent & Christmas – 2019

## November

**November 20 – Eventful Advent**

6:00 pm — Vickrey Hall

**November 24 – Holiday in the Park – Youth, Children & their Families**

12:30-8:00 pm — Six Flags over Texas

## December

**December 1 – Advent I**

10:55 am — Sanctuary

**December 7 – Posada y Piñata (Parents Night Out)**

5:00 pm — Children’s Building & Vickrey Hall (5:00 – 8:00 pm)

**December 8 – Advent II – Hanging of the Green**

10:55 am — Sanctuary

**December 13 – Youth Christmas Party**

6:00 pm — Youth Basement (6:00 – 9:00 pm)

**December 13 – Parents of Children & Youth**

6:00 pm — Vickrey Hall (6:00 – 9:00 pm) (childcare provided)

**December 14 – Women of the Church**

9:00 am — Vickrey Hall (9:00 am – 12:30 pm)

**December 15 – Advent III – Choral Music Sunday**

10:55 am — “The Work of Christmas” presented by the Sanctuary Choir — Sanctuary

**December 18 – Mourning Light & White Gift Service**

6:15 pm — Vickrey Hall, Holy Communion offered

**December 21 – Men of the Church Breakfast**

9:00 am — First Watch, Preston Forest

**December 22 – Advent IV – Worship**

10:55 am — Sanctuary

**December 24 – Christmas Eve**

6:00 pm — Sanctuary

Carols, Candlelight & Communion (childcare provided)

**December 25 – Christmas Day**

Church Office Closed, No Wednesday Activities (Activities resume January 8)

**December 29 – First Sunday after Christmas – Worship**

10:55 am — Sanctuary



## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday November 10 – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**  
12:15 pm Second Sunday Youth Lunch (Meet in the Library following worship)  
12:30 pm Missions Committee — Library
- Tuesday November 12**  
12:00 pm Pastor’s Book Group — Vickrey Hall  
8:30 pm Tech Committee — Conference Call
- Wednesday November 13**  
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202  
5:30 pm Publicity/Outreach — Room 206  
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall  
Pot Roast with Veggies, Salad, Bread, Vanilla Sheet Cake  
6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement  
6:15 pm Children’s Activities — Children’s Building  
6:15 pm Midweek Service – IN FOCUS: Youth Homelessness — Vickrey Hall  
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Saturday November 16**  
10:00 pm Women of the Church — Vickrey Hall (10:00 am – 12:30 pm)  
Grace Enough ... to Cook with Gourmet Garey
- Sunday November 17 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:00 am Equity in Access — Library  
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery  
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 Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.*

## **Eventful Advent**

**Wednesday, November 20 – 6:00-7:30 pm in Vickrey Hall**



On November 20 our children will host the evening as an opportunity to spend time with you! We will sing advent carols and hear from several of our young musicians, learn about a variety of advent traditions and fellowship over crafts and conversation. Please come and enjoy time with your Royal Lane family before we are swept away in the busyness of the holiday season.

## 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

Terry Berrier & Karen Miller

**Safety Shepherd** – Phil Keith

### Godly Play

Kelley Keith & Lisa Chastain

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

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When WE Give: we encourage artistic endeavors in the furtherance of worship.

### September 2019 Financials

|                   | YTD Actual | YTD Adjusted* |
|-------------------|------------|---------------|
| Revenues          | \$ 585,374 | \$ 538,549    |
| Expenses          | \$ 554,376 | \$ 554,376    |
| Surplus (Deficit) | \$ 30,998  | (\$ 15,827)   |

\*One Time Pledges Amortized Monthly

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*Standard text message rates apply.*

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The Scripture this morning is Luke 20:27-38, which may be found on page 855 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

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<sup>27</sup>Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him <sup>28</sup>and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; <sup>30</sup>then the second <sup>31</sup>and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup>Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup>Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup>Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive." (NRSV)

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