

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

January 19, 2020

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

Brodie K.

“Many citizens of these United States still long to live in a *society* where *beloved community* can be formed—where loving ties of care and knowing bind us together in our differences. We cannot surrender that longing...Those of us who are not cynical, who still cherish the vision of *beloved community*, sustain our conviction that we need such bonding not because we cling to utopian fantasies but because we have struggled all our lives to create this community.”

—bell hooks, *Killing Rage: Ending Racism*

Voluntary

Jonah H., French Horn

*How Great Thou Art* — arranged by Waite/Wood

†Invitation to Worship

Mara T. & Congregation

I waited patiently for God, who turned to me and heard my cry,  
who lifted me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud and quicksand,  
and set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

**We sing a new song!**

**Our mouths are full of the praise of God.**

Blessed are we when we put our trust in God,  
instead of human egos or people blind to the truth.

**We sing of all your many wonders, O God,  
too many to declare them all.**

Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,  
but our ears you have pierced and a body you have prepared for us.

**We sing, “Here I Am! I have come!**

**I desire to do your will, my God;**

**I will proclaim your justice in the Great Assembly.”**

—*Psalm 40*

†Opening Prayer

Mara T. & Congregation

Let us pray:

**God you have singled us out.  
Our ears have been pierced by your call,  
Our bodies are made like polished arrows to serve you,  
Our voices to sing your praises.  
We acknowledge that you have chosen us.  
Meeting you here on this day in this time,  
We will listen and walk with you,  
As we worship together in the beauty of holiness.**

†Hymn 298

Congregation

*God Is Here!* — ABBOT'S LEIGH

Welcome

Tim Schaefer & Ryah H.

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

Scripture Lesson

Jacob H.

Isaiah 49:1-7 (Pew Bible page 592 of the Old Testament)

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

Time of Silent Reflection

Time for Young Disciples

Carson G.

*Children through kindergarten are invited to Godly Play,  
You may collect your children in the Children's Building following the service.*

The Ordinance of Christian Baptism

Rev. Laura Keller & Rev. Reann Tiemann

Brodie – Son of Laura & Matt Keller

Penelope – Daughter of Ed and Amy Ward-Meier

Mara – Daughter of Reann Tiemann

Dear friends, as we come to this font of living water, let us recall the meaning of baptism. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many are one body, so it is with Christ.

**For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all are invited to drink of one Spirit.**

*(continued)*

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Baptism is the ordinance through which we are united to Jesus Christ and given part in Christ's ministry of reconciliation. Baptism is the visible sign of an invisible event: the reconciliation of people to God. It shows the death to self and the rising to a life of obedience to Divine Love and praise. It shows also the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on those whom God has chosen. In baptism, God works in us the power of forgiveness, the renewal of the Spirit, and the knowledge of the call to be God's people always.

**This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, one in Christ, and members of Christ's body.**

Baptismal Prayer

Congregation

**Merciful God, you call us by name and promise to each of us your constant love. Watch over your servants, Brodie, Penelope, and Mara. Give to the newly baptized: strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ who makes us one. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

*We Are Singing for the Lord is Our Light* — arranged by Hal Hopson  
(*Siyahamba*)

Homily 1

Samuel Q.

**“ Our Role ”**

Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*In Christ There Is No East or West* — ST. PETER  
(*stanza 1 and 2*)

Homily 2

Jasmine P.

**“ Send to Serve ”**

Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*In Christ There Is No East or West* — ST. PETER  
(*stanza 3 and 4*)

Homily 3

Jonah H.

**“ Leadership in Abundance ”**

†Prayers of the People

Austen M. & Congregation

As we remember and honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we embrace his global vision of Beloved Community, in which all people can share in the wealth of the earth. We pray for a world that honors standards of human decency which refuses to tolerate poverty, hunger, and homelessness. We pray for the eradication of racism and all forms of discrimination, bigotry, and prejudice. We pray that love and trust will triumph over fear and hatred. We pray that peace with justice will prevail over war and military conflict. With all this in our hearts and on our minds, we come to you in prayer.

God of mercy and justice:

We ask for your guidance as we strive towards Beloved Community.

As your servants, you call us to the mission of continuing this work.

We are not about to turn around.

**We are on the move now.**

Yes, we are on the move and no wave of racism can stop us.

**We are on the move now.**

Acts of violence against our places of worship will not deter us.

Fear and hatred that target your beloved children will not dissuade us.

**We are on the move now.**

The shooting and killing of our young people will not divert us.

**We are on the move now.**

Like an idea whose time has come,

not even the marching of mighty armies can halt us.

**We are on the move now.**

And we are on the move because the Spirit of God is upon us...

to preach good tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted,

to proclaim liberation to the captives,

and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.

**We are on the move and we thank you God for going with us.**

**Amen.**

—Adapted from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech in  
Montgomery, AL on March 25, 1965.

†Sung Response 638

Congregation

*Lift Every Voice and Sing* — LIFT EVERY VOICE

Offertory Prayer

Penelope M.

Offertory

Melissa R.

*Your Peace Will Make Us One* — Audrey Assad

†Benediction

Daniel R.

Go in peace—  
love and care for one another in the name of Christ;  
—and may the power of the Holy Spirit  
make the rough places in your life smooth,  
—may the dark valleys of your hearts  
be filled and the rugged mountains leveled  
and the way of the Lord be made ready in you,  
—and may God come unto you  
and bless you and shine forth from you  
both now and forevermore. Amen.

—based on Isaiah 40:1-11

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*Strong Tower Postlude* — Matthias Nagel

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Cover Art

*Beloved Community* — by Rocio S.

# In Christ There Is No East or West

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in  
2. In Christ shall true hearts ev' - ry - where their  
3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
4. In Christ now meet both east and west in

him no south or north, but one com - mu - ni -  
high com - mun - ion find; his ser - vice is the  
e'er your race may be; all chil - dren of the  
him meet south and north; all lov - ing hearts are

ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

## Wednesday Evening Quarterly Church Conference

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

Scriptures for Next Sunday  
**Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9**  
**1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23**

### 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)



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

## Faith & Film

Sunday, January 26, 2:30 – 4:30 – Vickrey Hall  
“Owned: A Tale of Two Americas”



Join us for a screening of this award-winning documentary followed by discussion about housing, facilitated by leaders of our ministry partner, Faith in Texas.



## Counting Our Homeless Population in Dallas

Once a year, along with communities across the country, we count our homeless friends. The Count, a requirement under Federal Law, helps communities understand the extent of homelessness, changing trends, and the measure of their success in making homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring. It's also an important reminder that in Dallas, everybody counts.

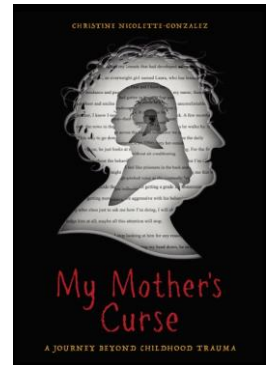
The Metro Homeless Alliance needs 1,500 volunteers, aged 18 or above. The count will take place on Thursday night, January 23, 2020 from 7.00pm-12.00am. We will count in Dallas, Balch Springs, Cedar Hill, Desoto, Duncanville, Garland, Grand Prairie, Richardson, Sunnyvale, and Wilmer. Once a group of four people is registered, a beginning location will be determined and an orientation will be provided.

To join a group of four people, contact Karen Miller at [kmiller238@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmiller238@sbcglobal.net) or 214.724.0655 by Monday, January 20.

## Prayer Place Sunday School Class – Book Study

Longtime church member Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez has published an inspirational memoir that tells the story of how she overcame the severe trauma of her childhood. The book, *My Mother's Curse: A Journey Beyond Childhood Trauma*, is available for purchase on the website [laureatelifepress.com](http://laureatelifepress.com). On January 26th, in The Prayer Place Sunday School class, Christine will begin a four-week book study of her memoir. Each of you is invited to join her and the class for this study. If you are one of the hundreds of millions of people who endured a challenging childhood, this month-long study may be particularly meaningful to you. It is not necessary to have purchased or read the book to attend.

Official book launch will be held Friday, February 21 at 6:00 pm with reception, reading and book signing. Hold the date!



# Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Preaching February, 2020

In 2007, the Baptist Women in Ministry organization invited Baptist churches to participate in Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching by having a woman preach during the month of February. This invitation became an annual event, one that has been a deeply significant source of joy and discovery for many churches as they have celebrated the giftedness of women. The annual preaching month was named for Martha Stearns Marshall, an eighteenth-century Separate Baptist woman.

At Royal Lane, we have always sought to be on the leading edge in supporting, ordaining, and advancing the call of women in ministry. To that end, we not only want to highlight one Sunday in February with a woman as our preacher, but every Sunday in February. So, for each Sunday in the month of February, we will feature a woman from the Dallas area as our guest preacher. Join us as we celebrate and support the Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching and women in ministry.

## Guest Preachers:



**February 2** – Rev. Victoria Powers  
University Park UMC and  
Baptist House of Studies Board Member



**February 9** – Rev. Robin Murray  
Abundant Life AME and  
Faith in Texas Organizer



**February 16** – Rev. Kristin Warthen  
White's Chapel UMC



**February 23** – Rev. Lisa Hancock  
Current PhD Student at SMU on  
Theology of Disability

## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday**     **January 19 – Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
12:15 pm    Missions Committee — Library
- Monday**    **January 20 – MLK Day**  
Church Office closed
- Tuesday**   **January 21**  
12:00 pm    Pastor’s Book Group — Room 202
- Wednesday** **January 22 – Mosaic**  
3:30 pm     Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202  
5:30 pm     Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall  
              Beef & Vegetable Soup, Salad, Bread, Chocolate Cake  
6:00 pm     Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement  
6:15 pm     Children’s Activities — Children’s Building  
6:15 pm     Quarterly Church Conference — Vickrey Hall  
7:15 pm     Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Thursday**   **January 21**  
7:00 pm     Counting Our Homeless (7:00 pm – 12:00 am)
- Sunday**     **January 26**  
9:30 am     Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery  
9:45 am     Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1  
10:55 am    Morning Worship — Sanctuary  
12:15 pm    Baby Shower — Library  
2:30 pm     Faith & Film – “Owned” — Vickrey Hall

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

## **All are invited to a Royal Lane Baby Shower**

for the expected newborn son of  
Walt Will & Humberto Valtierra

Hosted by Paulette Harrison, Donna Ledgerwood, Ruth May,  
Rebecca Rempert, & Cookie Stokes,  
in the church library following worship on Sunday, January 26.

Noah River is expected to arrive in Florida on February 17.  
The excited family is registered at Buy Buy Baby, Inc.

# 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

Dennis Turnbull & Cathy Webb

## Godly Play

Amanda Gregg & Anne Sewell

## Safety Shepherd – Mike Gill

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	YTD
Revenues	\$ 753,206
Expenses	\$ 669,667
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 83,539

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The Scripture this morning is Isaiah 49:1-7, which may be found on page 592 of the Old Testament of the pew Bible.

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Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup>he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

*(NRSV)*

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