

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 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

As we enter the fourth week after Epiphany, we can look back to Christ revealed to us in the manger and look forward to Christ's transfiguration. We find ourselves caught in the middle, between a story of a baby born in a manger and witnessing the revelation of Christ on the mountaintop with Peter, James, and John. As we wait in this middle ground, we are afforded the opportunity to discern who we are and whose we are, and what we are called to do for the sake of the Kin-dom.

Opening Voluntary

Oh Had I Jubal's Lyre — G. F. Handel

David Weigle

†Call to Worship

Congregation

Jesus, Teacher, your teaching surprises us!

Not the world's wisdom, but God's.

You move us with sorrow for the sorrow of the world

And make us strong through our tears.

You offer us humility to admit our failures

And plant seeds of hope in the ashes.

You make us hungry for justice

And give us food that lasts.

You invite us to practice what we preach

And offer joy in that challenge.

You support us in standing firm for truth, even when it costs

And promise the truth will make us free.

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

God of our lives, to your Beloved Child: you are always turning the world upside down, calling us to follow you into new ventures, new challenges, new ways to care, new ways to touch the hearts of all. When we get tired, or feel disappointed, remind us that you can bring change and hope out of the most difficult situations, so that we may do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you always. Amen.

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Rejoice in God's Saints — HANOVER

Welcome to Worshipers

Michael Gregg

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

[Please record your attendance in the blue booklet at the end of the pew and pass it to others.]

Scripture Lesson

Sandy Washington

Matthew 5:1-12 (Pew Bible page 785 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 259

Congregation

Blest Are They — David Haas, arr. Michael Evers
(stanzas 1-3, choir; stanzas 4-5, congregation; refrain, all)

Offertory Prayer

Barrett Wooten

God has led us to this place to heal and inspire us, to gently redirect us, until we see the world as God does and love it with God's love. With our gifts we affirm that God's generosity can make us all into a new creation by the way we give of ourselves.

Liberator Christ, you went to the top of a mountain, and taught a sacred word about the meek and the grief stricken, about the lost and the lonely. Come to this place now, and by these gifts help us to see the world not as it is, but as it could be, that we may become good news to all. Amen.

Offertory

Choir

Awake, My Heart — Jane M. Marshall

*Awake, my heart, and render To God thy sure defender,
Thy Maker, thy preserver, A song of love and fervor.*

Confirm my deeds and guide me: My day, with thee beside me,
Beginning, middle, ending, beginning, middle ending, will all be upward tending.

My heart shall be thy dwelling, With joy and gladness swelling,
Thy word my nurture, thy word my nurture, giv'n To bring me on toward heaven.
—Text: Paulus Gerhardt, 1647, translated by Winfred Douglas

Sermon

Victoria Robb Powers

†Hymn of Commitment 507

Congregation

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian — I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
*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.*

Communion

All Believers

May God be with you

And also with you.

Lift your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the God we love.

We freely give God thanks and praise.

It is right and good, beautiful and holy

that we should, in ceaseless joy

Give our thanks and praise to you,

Holy and merciful God,

Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

And so, in grateful procession of endless praise

With the church that is, was, and shall be forever,

We glorify you, joining this unending song:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power— and might,
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
san - na in the high - est,— ho - san - na in the high-est.

Communion Prayer & Blessing of Bread & Cup

Michael Gregg
Victoria Robb Powers

Response

Life's greatest feast before us,
We excitedly proclaim:



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

Dear God, you transform.
You transform all that is before you
So that at the touch of your grace
We are never the same.

Dear God, you illumine.
You bring light to all peoples
Light to the nations
Light into our hearts
Light on your Way.

(continued)

Dear God, we pray for your Spirit.
Transform, illumine, bless.
Make these ordinary gifts of bread and cup
Into the extraordinary presence of Christ with us.

**In so doing,
Hold us as your own
Renew us as your people
For the sake of the world you love.**

For all honor and glory are yours, O God,
Through Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in your glorious creation
Both now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer (*using trespasses*)

The Receiving of Communion

*Following the choir, please move by way of the center aisle to partake
of communion by intinction* or separate cups.
Gluten free bread is available in the center of the paten. Return via the outside aisles.*

†Passing of the Peace

The light of God shines upon us.
As you greet one another with signs of Christ's peace, remind your neighbor:
Peace. . . Christ's light shines in you. . . **And also in you.**

†Sung Response [see insert]

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow — LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Congregation

Presentation of Decisions

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

†Sending Forth

Michael Gregg & Congregation

As you have learned wisdom,

Let us go and teach.

As you have been fed,

Let us go to feed the hungry.

As you have been set free,

Let us go to set free the imprisoned.

As you have been heard,

Let us proclaim.

And the blessing which you have received from the
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be always with you.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense — Paul Manz

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** - intinction, the administering of the elements of Communion
by dipping the bread in the cup and receiving both together.*

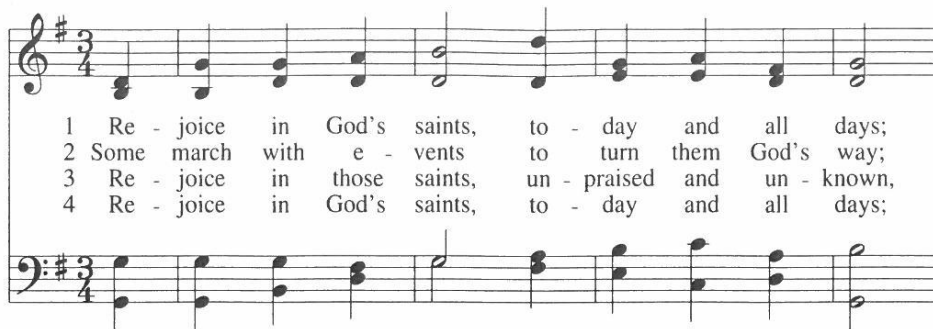
Composer Notes – Jane Manton Marshall

(December 5, 1924 – May 29, 2019)

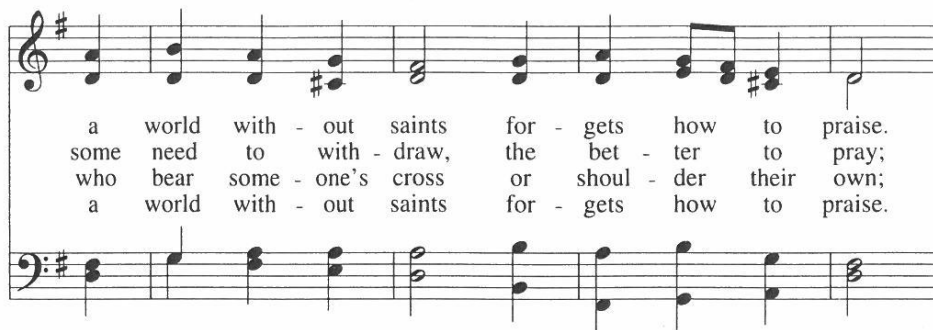
Jane was a complete church musician. She earned a music degree in 1945 from SMU and went on to write more than 200 hymns and other sacred music works. She earned a Masters degree in 1968 from SMU in choral conducting and taught at SMU's Perkins School of Theology and then in its Church Music Summer School from 1975-2010.

In solidarity with Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching, music by women composers will be sung each week in February.

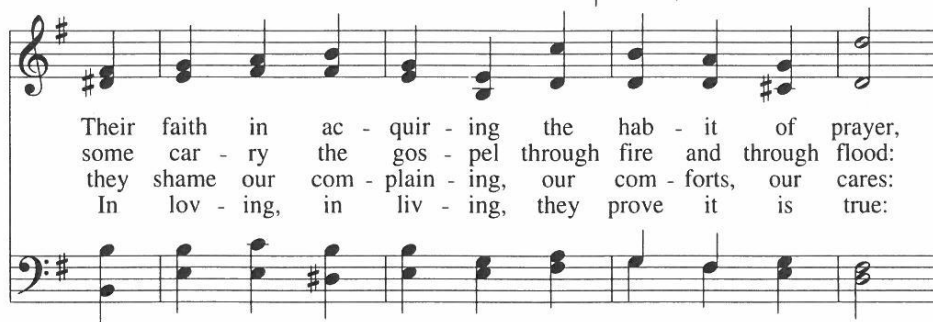
Rejoice in God's Saints



1 Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days;
2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
4 Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days;



a world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
who bear some - one's cross or shoul - der their own;
a world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.



Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
they shame our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:



their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
our world is their par - ish; their pur - pose is God.
what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age, is theirs!
the way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and

low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly

known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Welcome to
Rev. Victoria Robb Powers
Martha Stearns Marshall Preacher
University Park UMC and
Baptist House of Studies Board Member

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers is the Senior Associate Pastor at University Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas. She is a graduate of Baylor University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in religion and philosophy. In 2012, Victoria graduated from Brite Divinity School at TCU with her Master of Divinity. After finishing seminary, Victoria went on to complete a Clinical Pastoral Education residency at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. In 2014, Victoria was ordained to the gospel ministry at Wilshire Baptist Church and serves in the UMC under a special appointment through extension of another denomination. For the four years following her ordination, Victoria served as an associate pastor at Highland Park United Methodist Church where she pastored a Sunday morning service of liturgy and sacrament. Victoria and her husband, Matt, have been married for 9 years and have two children, Benjamin (4) and Ruthie (2). Victoria is passionate about spiritual formation, community, and worship.

Martha Stearns Marshall Preacher
February 9

Rev. Robin Murray
Abundant Life AME and
Faith in Texas Organizer



Worship Leaders

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, New Jersey. She enjoys participating in the life of this church. Sandy is passionate about advocating for and serving the community. Her life revolves around family, especially her three Grandkids, Silas, Soren and Addison.

Barrett Wooten

Barrett has been a member at Royal Lane since 1998. Jacquie and Barrett were married at the church in 2010 and now have three rambunctious kids (Harper, Turner & Harrison). He is the athletic director at Franklin Middle School, Plano ISD.

Robyn Watson – Guest Musician

Robyn is currently pursuing a performance diploma at the Meadows School of the Arts of Southern Methodist University.

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Hymn Notes

Rejoice in God's Saints

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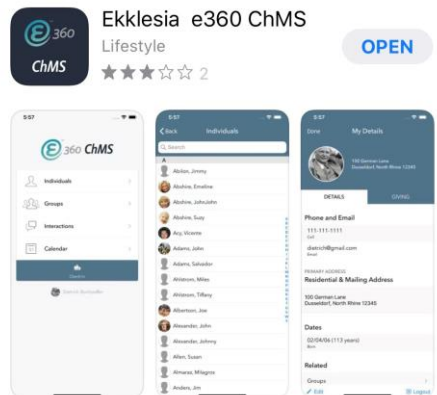
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Stay Connected

Are you still using Realm? Make the swap! Royal Lane's connection to Realm will be discontinued on February 21, 2020.

Need to download the app for the Ekklesia e360 Member database? Here's what it looks like.

An "invite" with your login and temporary password was generated on January 30, 2020, to all who have not logged in to our new member database.



Study for Wednesday Evening
Bible Study with Mike Gregg
Luke 11:33-54, Jesus Rebukes the Leaders

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Isaiah 58: 1-9a (9b-12) Psalm 112:1-9 (10)
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) Matthew 5:13-20

For the Children!

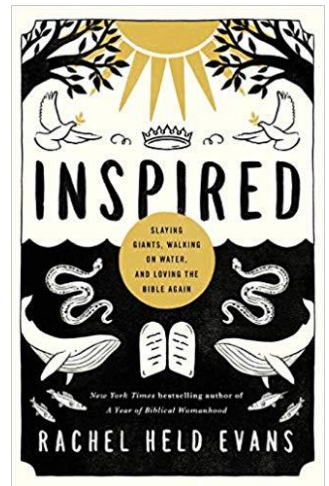
Children's bulletins are available for ages 3-6 and 7-12.
Don't miss the Secret Code to allow your child to unlock on-line games, in a safe environment, that supplement today's scripture at games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

Pastor's Book Group

The Pastor's Book Group is completing our energetic discussion of Ta-Nehisi Coates' powerful book, "Between the World and Me." In two weeks, we will begin "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans. Evans, a famous blogger and author, wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating Scripture's mysteries. She explores what it means for the world to say that the Bible is inspired. Join us!



IN FOCUS

Building and Pursuing the Beloved Community February & March

February 12: Royal Lane Remembers: The Civil Rights '60s, a Conversation led by Dean Dickens. Dean will bring questions from the RLBC youth to the gathered adults about their experiences during the Civil Rights era in the '60s.

March 18: Building Beloved Community through Civil Conversation and Radical Candor. Kristen Warthen will be the presenter for the March IN FOCUS. All are encouraged to read *Radical Candor*, by Kim Scott, prior to this session.

Faith & Film

February 16, 2:30 – 4:30

Vickrey Hall

The Hate U Give

Starr Carter is constantly switching between two worlds: the poor, mostly black neighborhood where she lives and the rich, mostly white, prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officers. Now, facing pressures from all sides of the community, Starr must find her voice and stand up for what's right.

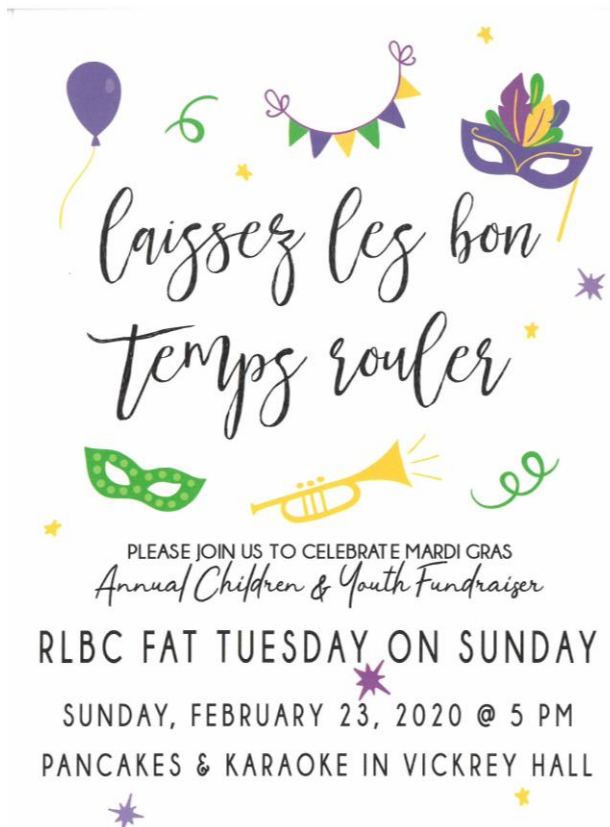
Discussion will be led by Janina Washington with assistance from the RLBC youth.



Hope Supply – February 22

Come join us on Saturday February 22nd from 9am-11am at Hope Supply! We will repackage diapers and Pull-Ups for families experiencing homelessness in our city. Bring your school-aged children if they want to help. Hope Supply has a job for all ages. Please sign up or let Charlotte Sewell know you want to come. Thank you!

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/v3x8w8s>



Laissez les bon
Temps rouler

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS
Annual Children & Youth Fundraiser

RLBC FAT TUESDAY ON SUNDAY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020 @ 5 PM
PANCAKES & KARAOKE IN VICKREY HALL

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **February 2 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**
12:15 pm Education Committee — Room 206
6:00 pm Connections Care Group — Home of the JJ & Terry Berrier
- Tuesday** **February 4**
12:00 pm Pastor’s Book Group — Room 202
- Wednesday** **February 5 – Mosaic**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 Beef Tacos, Beans, Salad, Tres Leches
6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
6:15 pm Children’s Activities — Children’s Building
6:15 pm Midweek Service – Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Vickrey Hall
 Luke 11:33-54, Jesus Rebukes the Leaders
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Thursday** **February 6**
9:00 am First Thursday at Healing Hands — 8515 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, 75243
- Friday** **February 7**
6:00 pm Youth Depart for Midwinter Retreat
- Sunday** **February 9 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**
8:30 am Deacons Meeting — Portable 1 (childcare provided)
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
9:45 am Prayer Place Sunday School Class — Vickrey Hall
9:45 am Non-Traditional Sunday School Class — Room 206
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
 Martha Stearns Marshall Preacher – Rev. Robin Murray
12:00 pm Youth Return from Midwinter Retreat
12:15 pm Program Council — Vickrey Hall

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



WOC – February 16

12:15 pm – Vickrey Hall

Grace Enough . . . to celebrate Valentine’s Day with
Rhonda Megheine as “Dolly Parton”.

Project: Collect gift cards for homeless teens.



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

Charlotte Sewell & Amy Ward-Meier

Godly Play

Patsy Meier, Ed & Don Meier

Safety Shepherd – Jeff & Jennifer Hammett

Young Theologians – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

When WE Give: fellowship meals and Bible study are experienced on Wednesdays!

November 2019 Financials

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

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Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship

The Scripture this morning is Matthew 5:1-12, which may be found on page 785 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

(NRSV)

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