

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

February 16, 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

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

*The Bible is filled with the companionship of the confused and seeking, ordinary people made of the most ordinary stuff who often fail to understand, who make mistakes, whose humanity is transparent, but who encounter the living God and whose lives thereby are changed. When Paul says that he regards no one any longer from a merely human point of view, he means that in Christ the limitations of the human perspective are overcome. People are not taken out of this life, but are given strength and power and purpose to live in it.*

—Peter J. Gomes, *The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart*  
New York): William Morrow & Company, Inc, 1996

### Voluntary

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* — Robert Hebble

David Weigle

### ✠Call to Worship

We delight to draw near to you, gracious God.

We rejoice in the many gifts you have given us.

**We lift up our hearts and voices in praise.**

**We humble ourselves before the God of all worlds.**

We gather to remember God's commandments.

We seek for ourselves the wisdom God imparts.

**The wisdom of God is not like any other.**

**It draws us away from the world's agenda.**

God sends us into the world with new priorities.

We are grounded in the Spirit that we might be discerning.

**We are filled with the mind of Christ.**

**We are already citizens of God's realm.**

Congregation

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**May our voices rise like trumpets to greet you, holy God. May our ears be attuned to know your ways. May our hearts be steady, focused on you. Praise be to you, O God, whom we worship with awe and delight. Guide us, we pray, in this time of worship. Touch us at the points of our deepest need. Stir us amidst our entrenched complacency. Make us strong to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the things of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free. Then your light will break forth like the dawn and we will experience your healing care. Amen.**

†Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Christ for the World! We Sing* — ITALIAN HYMN

Scripture Lesson

Quinn K.

1 Samuel 28:3-25 (Pew Bible page 237 of the Old 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 243

Congregation

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* — MORECAMBE

Call to Confession

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

We have come together, not to be confirmed in our prejudices, but to be changed, not to be affirmed for our righteousness, but to uncover the immaturity of our faith that we might grow. Thus, we confess to God our failure to live by the best we know, and our limited response to the vision God sets before us.

*(continued)*

## The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Gracious God, there are so many times when our hearts turn away from you: when we become angry or judgmental; when we speak falsehoods; when we squander your blessings; and when we covet the things that are not ours. Forgive us. Help us speak words of encouragement and love and help us follow your ways, that we may be your faithful followers. In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

## *Silence Is Kept*

### Promise of Forgiveness

Our loving God has said, “I have set before you today, life and prosperity, death and adversity. . . Choose life.” In the name of God, you are forgiven. Now, choose life, and turn your hearts toward God.

**Thanks be to God. Amen!**

Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*God, How Can We Forgive* — LEONI

### Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

Almighty God, through the testimony of those who know your love you have guided us to ask for what we need. Our Lord Jesus called his disciples to live as a city on a hill and a lamp on a stand, that all may see the glory of God.

**We pray for the church, the community of disciples. Grant that we, who claim the name of Christ, may shine as light into our dark world.**

### *Silence Is Kept*

You teach us to offer food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted. We pray for the sick, the hungry, the poor, the homeless, and those who are oppressed.

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:

**To you, O God, we pray, through Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

*Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal* — arranged by Alice Parker  
(see “composer notes” for text)

Sermon

Kristin Warthen

**“Witchy Woman”**

†Hymn of Commitment 660

Congregation

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* — MARYTON  
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

Sadie W.

Offertory

David Weigle

*18th Variation on a Theme by Paganini* — Sergei Rachmaninov

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

†Sending Forth

Michael Gregg

The wisdom of God empowers us to live wisely.  
God’s generosity prompts us to be generous.

**We go forth to share what we have learned.**

**We reach out to give as we have received.**

The Spirit has touched our spirits and changed us.  
Our spiritual awareness has been deepened.

**How amazing are the gifts of God to us!**

**We cannot hide the light God entrusts to us.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*Festal Postlude* — Robert J. Powell

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**Welcome to**  
**Rev. Kristin Warthen**  
**Martha Stearns Marshall Preacher**  
White's Chapel UMC  
Pastor for Marriage and Family Ministries

Rev. Kristin Warthen joined the White's Chapel staff in July of 2018. She recently completed her Master of Divinity at Brite Divinity School in May of 2019 and is pursuing ordination. Kristin has served in ministry for most of her adult life in various roles that have ranged from youth ministry, to church camp staff, to district administrator for the East District office of the United Methodist church. She also spent some time as an English teacher and as a call National Sales Trainer in the telecommunications field before following god's call to full-time ministry. She married her high school sweetheart, Josh, in 2001, and together they adventure through life with their two daughters, Mikayla and Catherine.

**Martha Stearns Marshall Preacher**  
**February 23**  
**Rev. Lisa Hancock**  
PhD candidate in Religious Studies at  
Southern Methodist University



# Worship Leaders

## Quinn K.

Quinn is a 3rd grader at Dealey Elementary (right next door). His likes are math and reading books and his dislikes are cleaning his room and practicing piano. He plays Dealey soccer, basketball, baseball and even competes on the Dealey tennis team. He is a cat person.

## Sadie W.

Sadie has been coming to Royal Lane since she was born. She is in the fifth grade at The Covenant School. She loves dogs, quokkas (look them up!), and climbing on everything. She loves her Royal Lane family and puppies.

Cover Art — *The Endorian Sorceress Causes the Shade of Samuel*  
Dmitry Nikiforovic Martynov, 1857

Hymn Notes

*Christ for the World! We Sing*

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*God, How Can We Forgive*

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## Study for Wednesday Evening

### **Bible Study with Mike Gregg**

Luke 12:1-34, Discipleship and Parables

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

## Scriptures for Next Sunday

**Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 99**

**2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9**

## 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)





## WOC – Today, February 16

12:15 pm – Vickrey Hall

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

All are Invited! Bring gift cards for homeless teens.

Any amount. \$5, \$10, \$25 – Target, Walmart, restaurants. Think like a Teenager!

### Faith & Film

February 16, 2:30 – 4:30, Room 101

#### 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.

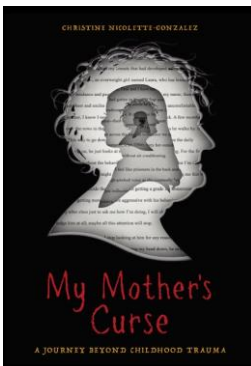


Discussion will be led by Janina Washington with assistance from the RLBC youth.

### Book Launch – February 21

#### *My Mother’s Curse: A Journey Beyond Childhood Trauma*

by Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez



Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez is so grateful to each of you who have attended the four book talks she has given prior to her book’s official launch on Friday, February 21st. The evening will begin with a Happy Hour Reception in Vickrey hall, complete with music from the 60s and 70s by Danny Ray, followed by a reading in the church sanctuary at 7:00 pm, which will begin with some hymns as only Garey Wisdom can play them. She will be available to sign her books in the church library at the conclusion of the event. If you know anyone who experienced a traumatic childhood, this event may be particularly meaningful to them.



## 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>



## Composer Notes – Alice Parker

Alice Parker is an internationally renowned American composer, arranger, conductor, and pedagogue. Alice is probably best known for arrangements of spirituals, mountain hymn, and folk songs, early American hymns, and international folk-songs.

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

### Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

Hark, I hear the harps eternal Ringing on the farther shore,  
As I near those swollen waters, With their deep and solemn roar.

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, praise the Lamb,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM.*

And my soul though stained with sorrow, Fading as the light of day,  
Passes swiftly o'er those waters To the city far away.

Souls have crossed before me, saintly, To that land of perfect rest,  
And I hear them singing faintly In the mansions of the blest.



*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



# Columbarium Garden

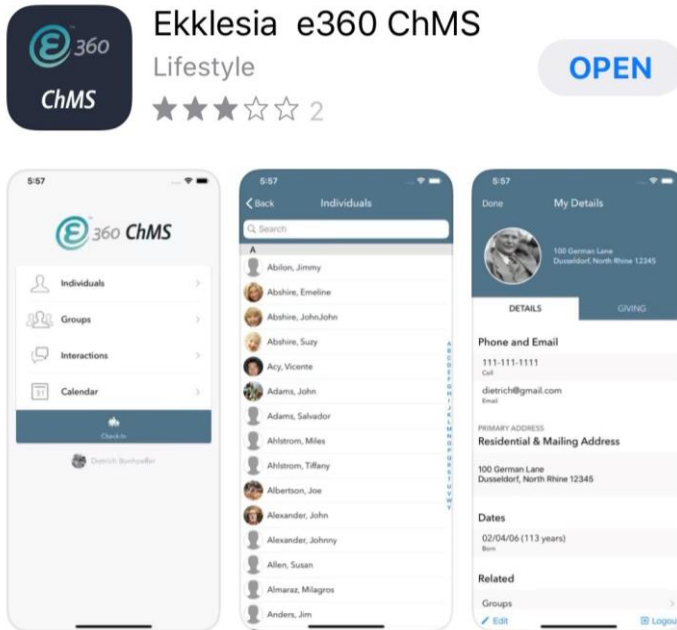
Royal Lane is blessed to have a Columbarium available to its members and loved ones. The RLBC Columbarium is nestled in a lovely garden between the Cunningham Arcade, the Sanctuary, and the Library. It is a Spiritual Site that affords Church members, their families, and loved ones the opportunity to have their final resting place surrounded by their Church and faith community, which has been a central part of their lives.

Visit [royallane.org/columbarium](http://royallane.org/columbarium) or call the Church office at 214-361-2809, ext. 11 for an application.

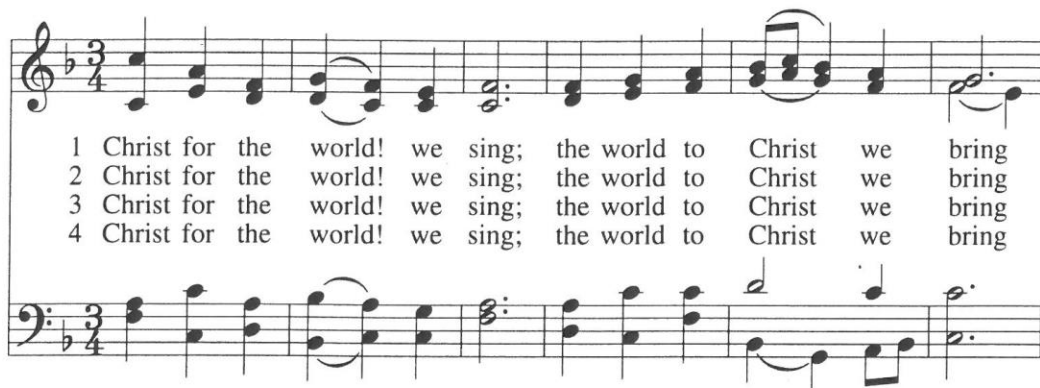
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Are you still using Realm? Make the swap! Royal Lane's connection to Realm will be discontinued on February 21, 2020.

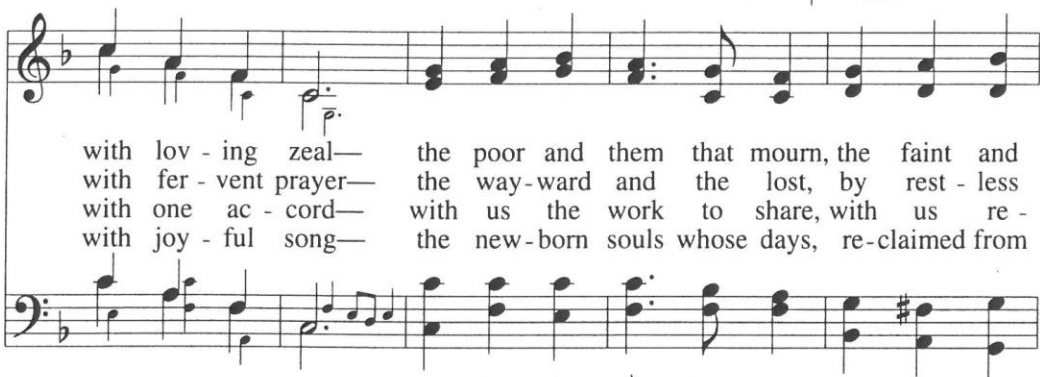
Need to download the app for the Ekklesia e360 Member database? Here's what it looks like. (For Android phones – use Google Play to download app. For iPhone – use App Store.)



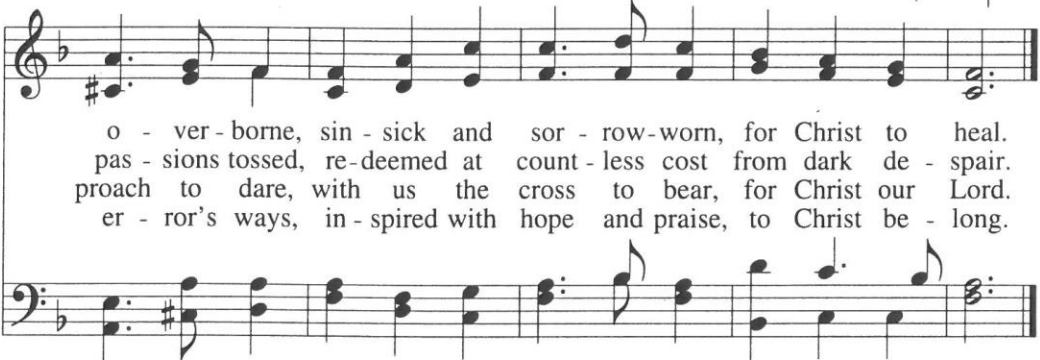
# Christ for the World! We Sing



1 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring  
2 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring  
3 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring  
4 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring

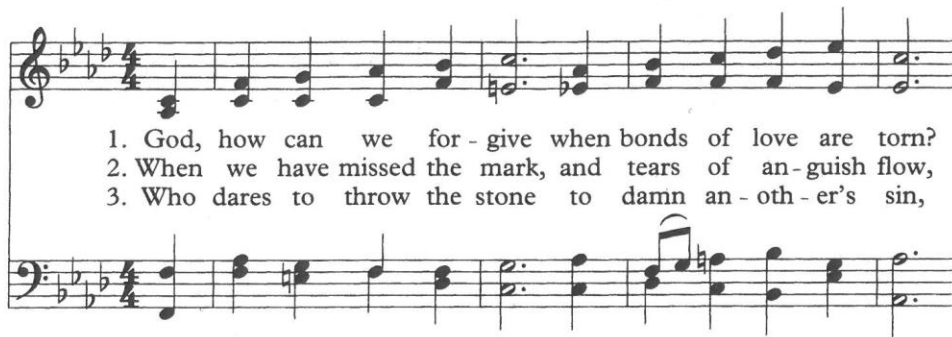


with lov - ing zeal— the poor and them that mourn, the faint and  
with fer - vent prayer— the way - ward and the lost, by rest - less  
with one ac - cord— with us the work to share, with us re -  
with joy - ful song— the new - born souls whose days, re - claimed from

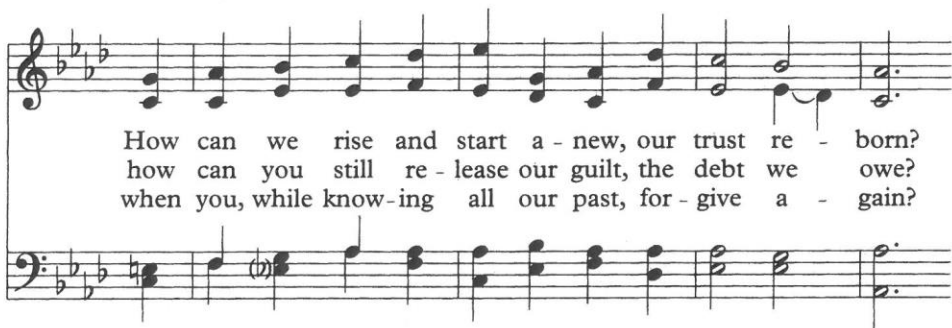


o - ver - borne, sin - sick and sor - row - worn, for Christ to heal.  
pas - sions tossed, re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.  
proach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.  
er - ror's ways, in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

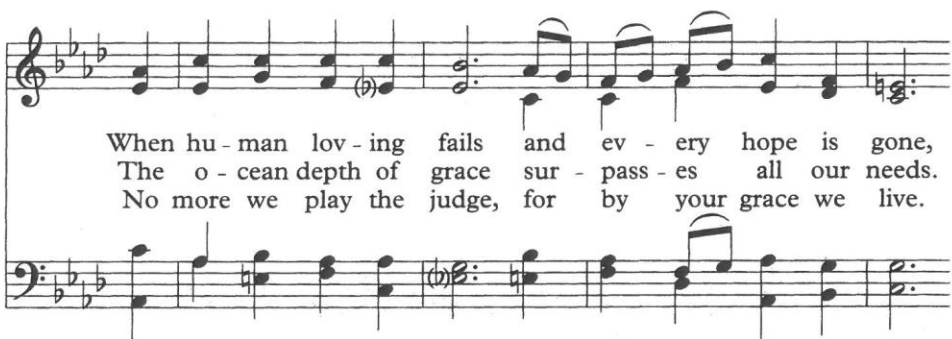
# God, How Can We Forgive



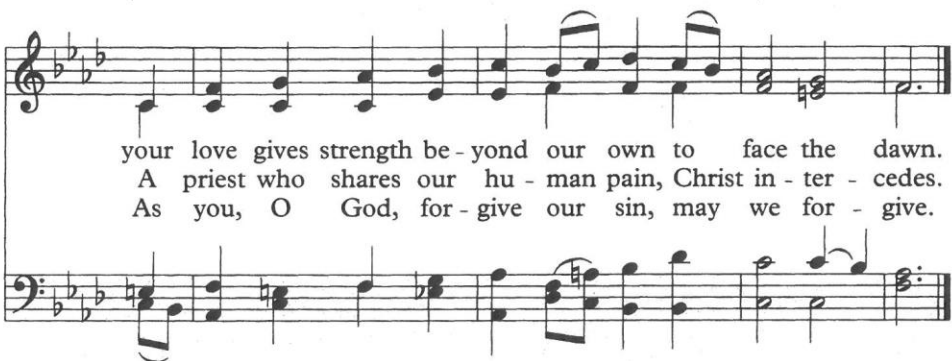
1. God, how can we for - give when bonds of love are torn?  
2. When we have missed the mark, and tears of an - guish flow,  
3. Who dares to throw the stone to damn an - oth - er's sin,



How can we rise and start a - new, our trust re - born?  
how can you still re - lease our guilt, the debt we owe?  
when you, while know - ing all our past, for - give a - gain?



When hu - man lov - ing fails and ev - ery hope is gone,  
The o - cean depth of grace sur - pass - es all our needs.  
No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.



your love gives strength be - yond our own to face the dawn.  
A priest who shares our hu - man pain, Christ in - ter - cedes.  
As you, O God, for - give our sin, may we for - give.

# Lent & Holy Week



## Lenten Theme:

*Traveling Light: From Suffering to Salvation...*

- Sunday**      **February 23 – Fat Tuesday on Sunday**  
5:00 pm      Royal Lane Mardi Gras & Karaoke — Vickrey Hall (5:00 – 7:00 pm)  
                    Fundraiser for Children’s and Youth Ministries
- Wednesday**      **February 26 – Ash Wednesday**  
6:15 pm      Join us in Vickrey Hall as we transition, in prayer, to the Sanctuary  
6:30 pm      Ash Wednesday Service — Sanctuary
- Sundays**      **March 1 – March 29 – First thru Fifth Sundays in Lent**
- Sunday**      **April 5 – Palm/Passion Sunday**  
10:55 am      Morning Worship – Procession of Palms — Sanctuary
- Wednesday**      **April 8**  
6:15 pm      Children’s Seder — Children’s Building
- Friday**      **April 10 – Good Friday**  
5:30 pm      Choir Dinner — Library  
6:30 pm      Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary  
8:00 pm      Good Friday Service – Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary (*childcare provided*)  
                    A service of solemn remembrance & Communion  
8:00 pm      Children’s Good Friday Service — Children’s Building
- Saturday**      **April 11**  
2:00 pm      Walk Through Holy Week & Easter Egg Hunt (2:00 – 4:00 pm)  
                    For children and families to recount the events of Holy Week
- Sunday**      **April 12 – Easter Sunday**  
8:00 am      Flowering of the Cross — Sanctuary & Front Lawn  
8:30 am      Church-wide Breakfast — Vickrey Hall  
9:45 am      Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1  
10:55 am      Morning Worship — Sanctuary  
                    Featuring Classic Brass & Percussion



## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday February 16 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**  
12:15 pm Women of the Church – Valentine’s Day with “Dolly Parton” — Vickrey Hall  
12:15 pm Third Sunday Youth Lunch (meet in the Library following worship)  
2:30 pm Faith & Film – “The Hate U Give” — Room 101
- Wednesday February 19 – Mosaic**  
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202  
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall  
Beef Stuffed Peppers, Rice, Salad, Chocolate Cake  
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 12:1-34, Discipleship and Parables  
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Friday February 21**  
Official Book Launch of Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez’ memoir:  
*My Mother’s Curse: A Journey Beyond Childhood Trauma*  
6:00 pm Happy Hour Reception for Book Launch — Vickrey Hall  
7:00 pm Book Reading — Sanctuary  
followed by Book Signing — Library
- Sunday February 23**  
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery  
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1  
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary  
Martha Stearns Marshall Preacher – Lisa Hancock  
12:15 pm Congregational Affiliation Committee — Room 202  
5:00 pm Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday on Sunday — Vickrey Hall

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



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

# 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

Jeff Hammett & Garey Wisdom

**Safety Shepherd** – Bryan Chastain

## Godly Play

Jan Quesada, Don & Patsy Meier

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

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When WE Give: during times of grief our church family remembers.

### December 2019 Financials

	YTD
Revenues	\$ 829,218
Expenses	\$ 737,229
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 91,989

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David Weigle, Organist  
Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship



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The Scripture this morning is 1 Samuel 28:3-25, which may be found  
on page 237 of the Old Testament of the pew Bible.  
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<sup>3</sup>Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. Saul had expelled the mediums and the wizards from the land. <sup>4</sup>The Philistines assembled, and came and encamped at Shunem. Saul gathered all Israel, and they encamped at Gilboa. <sup>5</sup>When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. <sup>6</sup>When Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, not by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets.

<sup>7</sup>Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, so that I may go to her and inquire of her." His servants said to him, "There is a medium at Endor." <sup>8</sup>So Saul disguised himself and put on other clothes and went there, he and two men with him. They came to the woman by night. And he said, "Consult a spirit for me, and bring up for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>9</sup>The woman said to him, "Surely you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the wizards from the land. Why then are you laying a snare for my life to bring about my death?" <sup>10</sup>But Saul swore to her by the LORD, "As the LORD lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing." <sup>11</sup>Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" He answered, "Bring up Samuel for me." <sup>12</sup>When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice; and the woman said to Saul, "Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!" <sup>13</sup>The king said to her, "Have no fear; what do you see?" The woman said to Saul, "I see a divine being coming up out of the ground." <sup>14</sup>He said to her, "What is his appearance?" She said, "An old man is coming up; he is wrapped in a robe." So Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and did obeisance.

<sup>15</sup>Then Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" Saul answered, "I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams; so I have summoned you to tell me what I should do." <sup>16</sup>Samuel said, "Why then do you ask me, since the LORD has turned from you and become your enemy?" <sup>17</sup>The LORD has done to you just as he spoke by me; for the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand, and given it to your neighbor, David. <sup>18</sup>Because you did not obey the voice of the LORD, and did not carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore the LORD has done this thing to you today. <sup>19</sup>Moreover the LORD will give Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines; and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me; the LORD will also give the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines."

<sup>20</sup>Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of the words of Samuel; and there was no strength in him, for he had eaten nothing all day and all night. <sup>21</sup>The woman came to Saul, and when she saw that he was terrified, she said to him, "Your servant has listened to you; I have taken my life in my hand, and have listened to what you have said to me. <sup>22</sup>Now therefore, you also listen to your servant; let me set a morsel of bread before you. Eat, that you may have strength when you go on your way." <sup>23</sup>He refused, and said, "I will not eat." But his servants, together with the woman, urged him; and he listened to their words. So he got up from the ground and sat on the bed. <sup>24</sup>Now the woman had a fatted calf in the house. She quickly slaughtered it, and she took flour, kneaded it, and baked unleavened cakes. <sup>25</sup>She put them before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they rose and went away that night.

*(NRSV)*

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