



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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The Mosaic

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Advent 2022

The Mystery of Christmas

from Godly Play curriculum

Christ who has come is still coming. This is full of mystery. You know, a mystery is sometimes very hard to enter. That is why this time of Advent is so important. It helps us get ready to enter the Mystery of Christmas.

Sometimes, people walk right through a mystery and do not even know it is there. This time of year you will see people hurrying, shopping, buying things, and doing this and that, but they miss the Mystery of Christmas. They don't know how to get ready to enter a mystery, or maybe they forgot.

The Church learned a long time ago that people need a way to get ready to enter or even come close to a mystery like Christmas. The Church set aside four weeks to get ready. Christmas is such a great Mystery that it takes that long to get ready.

During this time, we are all on the way to Bethlehem. We are all making the journey. We are all getting ready to enter the Mystery of Christmas, so let's go with the Prophets, the Holy Family, the Shepherds, the Angels to make the journey.

Join us on our journey through Advent as we discover the Mystery of Christmas.



*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for December 7 & 21, 2022.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

The Mystery of Christmas

Advent – 2022

Rev. Doug Watts is our guest preacher throughout Advent.

November 27 – Advent I – The Prophets Show the Way

10:55 am — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Scriptures: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Matthew 24:36-44

December 4 – Advent II – The Holy Family Shows the Way

Hanging of the Green

10:55 am — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Scriptures: Micah 5:2-5, Luke 1:26-38

December 7 – Eventful Advent

6:15 pm — Vickrey Hall

December 11 – Advent III – The Shepherds Show the Way

10:55 am — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Scriptures: Psalm 126, Luke 2:15-20

December 14 – Mourning Light

6:15 pm — Vickrey Hall

There will be opportunities to speak the names of those whom you mourn and remember. A Candle will be lit in their memory and an ornament created to place on the Chrismon Tree.

December 16 – Posada & Pinata / Parents Night Out

5:00 – 8:00 pm — Vickrey Hall

December 18 – Advent IV – The Angels Show the Way

10:55 am — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Scriptures: Isaiah 7:10-14, Matthew 1:18-25

December 24 – Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Service for Families with Children — time and location tbd (*childcare provided*)

6:00 pm – Carols, Candlelight, and Communion — Sanctuary (*childcare provided*)

December 25 – Christmas Day

10:55 am — Virtual Christmas — Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Coming Events

Sunday	November 20 – Reign of Christ Sunday
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am	Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
10:00 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:10 am	Non-Traditional Class — Room 212
10:55 am	Morning Worship, Mitch Randall, Guest Preacher — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:30 pm	Program Council — Vickrey Hall
2:30 pm	Racial Justice Team — Vickrey Hall
8:00 pm	Congregational Affiliation Committee — Zoom
Wednesday	November 23
	No Wednesday Activities
Thursday	November 24 – Thanksgiving Day
	Church Office closed
Friday	November 25
	Church Office closed
Sunday	November 27 – First Sunday of Advent
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am	Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
10:00 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:10 am	Non-Traditional Class — Room 212
10:55 am	Morning Worship, Doug Watts, Guest Preacher — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
Wednesday	November 30
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm	Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
	Menu: Chicken Alfredo Pasta with Veggies served with Garlic Toast and a Salad. Dessert: Chocolate Cake
6:00 pm	Midweek Gathering & Study — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
7:00 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

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

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How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic, Weekend Update or Web Calendar for Links and details for In-Person, Livestream, Virtual or Zoom events — royallane.org/resources/events
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

Stewardship 2023 – Who Are We...(becoming)?



Make your pledge today at
royallane.org/pledge
Pledge Update 11/9/2022
Total units pledged: 55
Total pledged: \$474,320



Staff Love Gift



During this time of Thanksgiving, and as we look toward a Season of Giving, let us remember those who give so much to us all year. Our skilled and dedicated church staff lovingly provides many services for us throughout the year. As in the past, if you would like to express your gratitude, please mail your check to the Church Office or make your donation online by December 4. Be sure your contribution is clearly marked "Staff Love Gift" or select the fund "Staff Love Gift" from the Giving option on the Royal Lane website.

John Helms, Deacon Chair



Poinsettia Dedications

It is time to request poinsettias that will be placed in the Sanctuary of Royal Lane Baptist Church during the Advent/Christmas season in honor or memory of a loved one.

Make your requests by Sunday, November 27 so that your dedication can be included in the order of worship for the *Hanging of the Green* on December 4.

Request may be made:

- Online at royallane.org or use the QR code to be directed to online order form
- Email to info@royallane.org
- Mailed request to the church

Payment may be made by:

- Online – Select "Poinsettias Payment" fund from giving menu at Royallane.org
- Check – enter "Poinsettia" in memo line
- Credit Card (contact Janet Schultz in the church office Monday through Thursday in November)
- Request payment from your banking account – "Poinsettia" in memo line

\$12.00 per dedication



Happy Birthday!

November

Laura Keller	16
Scott Martin	16
Larry Forth	17
Ruth May	17
Jayda Parrish	23
Shirley Bohannon.....	24
Joey Belgard.....	26
Sheryl Gambill	26
Anna Mays	27
Richard Lavery	29
Vickie Daniel	29

December

Rosa Belgard.....	1
Sarah Fuller Phillips.....	1
Andres Chastain	2
Ben Helms.....	3
Connie Bechtol	4
Steven Gonzalez	4
Jonah Hammett	4
Derrick Ragsdale.....	4
DeeDee Young.....	4
Mike Keith	5
Charlotte Sewell.....	5
Brodie Keller.....	6

Deacons of the Week

November 20

Dan Thompson

Kelley Keith

November 27

David Doom

Sandy Washington

Scriptures of the Week

November 20

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 1:68-79

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

November 27

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Midweek Program 6:00 p.m. Wednesday in Vickrey Hall

November 23

No Wednesday Activities

Happy Thanksgiving!

November 30

Advent Hymn Sing

Join us for a Fellowship Meal
at 5:30 pm.

Announcements, Birthday Celebrations
and Prayer Concerns at 6:00 pm.

September 2022 Financials

YTD Actual

Revenues* \$517,749

Expenses \$583,462

Surplus (Deficit) (\$ 65,713)

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

Text "GIVE" to 214-609-1200

Follow the prompts to complete the process.

Standard text message rates may apply.

Donate online at royallane.org/give/

Giving menu includes:

General Fund

The Lowe Scholarship Fund

Staff Love Gift

Columbarium

Poinsettia Payment

Time is running out.

We still need items for the Christmas stockings, particularly 20 lip balms, 20 packs of gum for teens, many small toys for middle schoolers and elementary children, and candy canes filled with candy for all of the stockings.



In the Box Gallery



Debi Wooten

Gallery open by appointment
10-4, weekdays, 10-5 Wednesdays

To change mail or email preferences for *The Mosaic*,
contact Barbara Merry, 214-361-2809, ext. 10 or
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Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm

Christian Education: Saturday & Sunday

Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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