

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 3, 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!

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

Opening Voluntary

David Weigle

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty — Paul Manz

†Call to Worship

Congregation

From the very beginning, God calls us.

God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.

We come up with excuses to avoid our calls for we are afraid.

**But God reassures us in many and various ways
through the course of our days.**

Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,

God is with us and sustains us.

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**Speaker over the waters, word in the prophets' mouths, voice from heaven, word made flesh, your word shapes, guides, claims, and saves us. Open our hearts to encounter your word with fresh ears and clear eyes, that our lives might be renewed to serve you with thankful hearts.
Amen.**

†Hymn 32

God Has Spoken by the Prophets – HYMN TO JOY

Congregation

Scripture Lesson

Luke 4:21-30 (Pew Bible page 835 of the New Testament)

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

Betty Garrett

Time of Silent Reflection

Time for Young Disciples

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.

Laura Keller

†Hymn [see insert]

They Raged at Jesus' Sermon — LLANGLOFFAN

Congregation

Offertory Prayer

Phil Keith

Offertory

Jesus Loves You — Buryl Red

Brittany Wooten, soloist

Choir

Sermon

“ An Offensive Preacher ”

Michael Gregg

†Hymn of Commitment 457

Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed — REGENT SQUARE

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.

Congregation

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.

(continued)

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

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.

(continued)

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

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

Now faith, hope, and love abide as signs of God's care for us. Let us share these signs
with one another as we pass the peace of Christ.

† Sung Response

Hymn 707

Congregation

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow — OLD 100TH

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

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

✠ Sending Forth

Michael Gregg & Congregation

God sends us forth with words of love on our lips.

Christ sends us forth with acts of love in our deeds.

**The Spirit sends us forth with the spirit of love
sustaining our very lives.**

Go in the power of God's love

and be ambassadors of Christ's love and peace.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Overture — Robert J. Powell

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Hymn Notes — *They Raged at Jesus' Sermon*

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Wednesday Evening

Quarterly Church Conference

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13) Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

They Raged at Jesus' Sermon



1. They raged at Je - sus' ser - mon in Je - sus' own home -
 2. God saved a for - eign wid - ow and res - cued her from
 3. In this world's noise and clat - ter, too of - ten va - lues
 4. O God, your love is wid - er than we can com - pre -



town, For in the things he taught them, he
 drought, For when she helped E - li - jah, God
 shift; We say Christ's words don't mat - ter and
 hend; You reach to the out - sid - er and



turned life up - side down; It was - n't just their
 al - so helped her out. In Naa - man, God's own
 throw them off a cliff. We push a - side the
 call the strang - er 'friend.' In Christ you gave a



neigh - bors who knew God's love and grace; For
 fa - vor to oth - ers was re - vealed; Though
 strang - er, we walk right by the poor; We
 mes - sage tran - scend - ing time and place, May



Je - sus said God fa - vors the ones we don't em - brace.
 man - y lo - cals suf - fered, that Sy - ri - an was healed.
 dis - re - gard the pris - oner and say we mat - ter more.
 we your church have cour - age to share your love and grace.

Worship Leaders

Betty Garrett

Betty Garrett is a Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) with over 32 years' experience in the travel, hospitality and speaking industries. She is President/CEO of Garrett Speakers International, a boutique bureau, where she is responsible for the daily operations of the bureau, helping organizations grow their businesses with the RIGHT speaker. While her expertise is being the problem solver for her clients, she is a consultant, author and speaker. Betty was named *Meeting Partner of the Year* by National Speakers Association; received *MPI D/FW Supplier of the Year Award*; the *2006 Colleen Rickenbacher Leadership Award* and received Meeting Professionals International's coveted *Marion Kershner Leadership Award* in July 2006. She was inducted into the *MPI DFW Chapter Hall of Honor* and selected by the *Dallas Business Journal* as one of the 2018 "Women in Business" honorees.

Phil Keith

Phil has been a member of Royal Lane for 17 years. After graduating from Baylor University, he came back to his hometown of Dallas and married fellow Baylor Bear and childhood Royal Laner, Kelley Harrison Keith. They joined forces to bring you creative-and-hilarious Owen (4) and the joyful super-helper Claire (5). Phil currently serves as a director of the Information Technology division and is a member of the Personnel Committee. He enjoys dinners out with Men of the Church and collaborates with Samuel Quesada and Blake Vickrey to produce the sermon videos each week. Phil works as an IT Project Manager for NTA Life.

Valentine Lunch – Sunday, February 10

Men, Women and Children Are Invited . . .
to Women of the Church, **Sunday, February 10.**

Lunch - 12:00 pm

Lasagna (prepared by "Chef Margaret Darden") and more!

Program

Musical entertainment and fun for the entire family.

Childcare by reservation – contact **Janet Schultz** in the church office by noon, Wednesday, February 6. Phone: 214-361-2809, ext. 11.



Martha Stearns Marshall Day of Preaching February 24, 2019 – Tiffany Pittman



Tiffany Pittman is the Director of Admissions at Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, and a member of the Alliance of Baptists board of directors, serving on the development and communications committees.

Beginning in 2007, Baptist Women in Ministry invited Baptist churches to participate in Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching by having a woman preach during the month of February. This annual event has been a deeply significant source of joy and discovery for many churches as they have celebrated the giftedness of women. This annual preaching month is named for Martha Stearns Marshall, an eighteenth-century Separate Baptist woman. Royal Lane joins BWIM in this celebration on February 24, 2019, with Tiffany Pittman as preacher.

IN FOCUS

Midweek Program – February 13, 2019

In observance of Black History Month, the “In Focus” program will be presented by Demetria McCain. Demetria will speak on fair housing issues in Dallas.

Demetria McCain has been with the Inclusive Communities Project (ICP) since its inception and presently serves as its president where she oversees operations as well as engages in advocacy efforts that further ICP’s mission. ICP is a Dallas-based affordable fair housing organization that works regionally for the creation and maintenance of thriving racially and economically inclusive communities, expansion of fair and affordable housing opportunities for low income families, and redress for policies and practices that perpetuate the harmful effects of discrimination and segregation. Conceived by Demetria, ICP’s “Voices for Opportunity” initiative provides advocacy training for low-income renters and community groups fighting for fair housing and neighborhood equity.

Demetria is the recipient of the 2015 Texas Houser Award. She is a frequent panelist and commenter on issues relating to housing mobility, housing choice voucher holders and fair housing matters including the *Melissa Harris-Perry Show* on MSNBC in 2015. She has been quoted in Health Affairs’ policy brief, “Housing Mobility and Health Outcomes”. Before returning to her native Dallas, Demetria worked as staff attorney at the Neighborhood Legal Services Program in Washington, D.C. and as an Equal Justice Works Fellow and staff attorney at the National Housing Law Project in Oakland, CA. Demetria currently serves as a board member of the Poverty & Race Research Action Council and the North Texas Fair Housing Center.

She is a graduate of the Dallas Independent School District, NYU, Brooklyn College and Howard University School of Law. She regularly participates in local community service activities, is an active alumna of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and a member of St. Luke Community United Methodist Church.

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday February 3 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany/ The Gathering**
12:15 pm Education Committee — Room 206
12:15 pm Finance Committee — Library
12:30 pm 20/30 — Einstein’s, 6011 Royal Lane, Dallas TX 75230
- Monday, February 4 – Friday, February 8 – Brite Ministers Week**
- Tuesday February 5**
6:00 pm Personnel Committee — Library
6:30 pm Missions Committee — Room 206
- Wednesday February 6 – Mosaic**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm Family Supper – Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Chocolate Cake — Family Hall
6:00 pm Youth Study Hall — Youth Basement
6:15 pm Children’s Choir/Missions — Children’s Building
6:15 pm Quarterly Church Conference — Family Hall
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Friday, February 8 – Sunday February 10**
Youth Mid-Winter Retreat — Disciples Crossing, Athens, Texas
- Saturday February 9**
7:00 pm Verdigris Concert: “Mass Transmission” — Sanctuary
Tickets: www.verdigrismusic.org/transmission/
- Sunday February 10 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**
8:30 am Deacons Meeting — Portable 1 (childcare by reservation)
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Family Hall
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
12:15 pm WOC Valentine Lunch — Family Hall (childcare by reservation)
Men, Women & Children are invited to enjoy lunch and entertainment
12:15 pm Parents Meeting — Youth Basement (childcare provided)

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

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



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

Blake Vickrey & Charlotte Sewell

Safety Shepherds – Jeff & Jennifer Hammett

Godly Play

Jan Quesada & Don & Patsy Meier

Young Theologians – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

When WE Give: we share Holy Communion to remember.

December 31, 2018 Financials

	YTD	Dec 2018
Budget/Pledges & Plate Offerings	\$ 702,660	\$58,554
Actual Pledges & Plate Offerings	\$ 702,965	\$83,957
Budget/Offerings & Revenues	\$ 800,880	\$63,188
Actual Offerings & Revenues	\$ 790,288	\$93,890
Expenses	\$ 800,196	\$58,532
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 9,908)	\$35.358

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The Scripture this morning is Luke 4:21-30, which may be found on page 835 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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