

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 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!**

Consideration of and care for those in need, especially those “at our gate,” is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

Voluntary

Prelude in G Major — Felix Mendelssohn

David Weigle

✠Call to Worship

Congregation

When we are lost and uncertain,

**God provides prophets and storytellers
to guide us toward the truth.**

When we are in need of rescue,

**God provides refuge and shelter
during our darkest days.**

When we are looking, seeking, and hoping,

**God provides open arms
to welcome us with love and faithfulness.**

✠Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Holy God, you reach out in love through Jesus Christ to save us so that we may live as faithful servants of you alone. Unchain us from our desire for wealth and power so that we may, in turn, release others from the prisons of poverty, hunger, and oppression. Amen.

†Hymn 319

Congregation

Praise to the Lord — LOBE DEN HERREN

Scripture Lesson

Steve Sumter

Luke 16:19-31 (Pew Bible page 851 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.

Living Out Love

Mike & Jim Rainbolt-Bailey

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

If Only I Had Known — LEONI

Call to Confession

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sins, that grace might bridge, and we might cross, the great chasm between us.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

We have sinned, O God, hoarding what we have, grasping for more, and ignoring those who hunger and thirst. We stay with our own kind; we are complacent in the face of systems that oppress. Forgive us; purify us; remake us, that we might love as you have loved. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

Through Christ we are carried away by the angels,

**comforted by Father Abraham, our hunger—satisfied,
our agony—cooled, and our sins—forgiven.**

Believe the good news:

in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Jesus, Remember Me — Jacques Berthier, Taizé Community

Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

Silence Is Kept

Watch over the church, O God, so that we place your good news above all worldly gain. Deliver us from the temptations of comfort and complacency. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Watch over your creation, especially the life-giving water that sustains us. Heal oceans, rivers, and lakes around the world. Where drought and floods make turmoil of our settled ways, give strength for healing and rebuilding in affected communities. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Watch over the nations. Lead us away from fear and hatred. Show us instead how to welcome the stranger, give shelter to those fleeing violence, and provide food to those who are impoverished. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Watch over those in need. Have mercy on those who are grieving, suffering, lost, lonely, oppressed, underemployed, and imprisoned.

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:

Merciful God, we offer you these prayers in the confidence that you alone have the grace to receive us and the power to deliver us; through Jesus Christ, who has risen from the dead. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

Poor Man Lazrus — arranged by Jester Hairston

Sermon

Amanda Tyler

“ Love is Seeing ”

†Hymn of Commitment 533

Congregation

What Gift Can We Bring — ANNIVERSARY SONG

Sung in grateful appreciation and memory of Jane Marshall, Composer, 1924-2019

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

Homer Terry

Offertory

Choir

How We Love — Beth Nielsen Chapman, arranged by Craig Hella Johnson

Brittany Wooten, soloist

Life has taught me this, every day is new; and if any thing is true,
all that matters when we're through is how we love.

Faced with what we lack, some things fall apart, but from the ashes new dreams start;
all that matters to the heart is how we love.

How we love from the smallest act of kindness in a word, a smile, a touch.

In spite of our mistakes, chances come again, if we lose or if we sin,
all that matters in the end is how we love.

I will not forget your kindness when I needed it so much.

Sometimes we forget, trying to be so strong, in this world of right and wrong,
all that matters when we're gone, all that mattered all along,
all we have that carries on is how we love.

—Text: Beth Nielsen Chapman

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

†Sending Forth

Michael Gregg

Go to live with God every moment of each day.

**May the love of God, the peace of Christ,
and the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
help us to build strong, faithful, relationships.**

Go in Peace.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Autumn from The Four Seasons — Antonio Vivaldi

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Worship Leaders

Steve Sumter

Steve was raised in the Disciples of Christ church where his father was the Senior Minister of the First Christian Church in Huntsville, Texas and graduated from Texas Christian University specializing in Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations. He met his partner John Leonard Gresham in 1982 and has lived with him in Dallas and Sydney Australia. They are both retired and spend time between Dallas and their lake house on Lake Cypress Springs with their two dogs Agnes and Owen.

Homer Terry

Homer has been a member of Royal Lane Baptist Church for ten (10) years. He has had the privilege to work with many committed RLBC leaders including the Property and Grounds Committee, Deacons, and participated in Mission Trips to south Texas, Louisiana, as well as local mission opportunities, Summer VBS and the RLBC Pumpkin Patch. Homer is the proud Paw Paw of Sawyer Terry, a Kindergarten student in the Allen ISD.

Hymn Notes — *If Only I Had Known*

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Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.



Rally Day – September 29 Worship Guest Preacher, Amanda Tyler Baptist Joint Committee

Amanda Tyler is the executive director of BJC in Washington, D.C. She leads the organization as it upholds the historic Baptist principle of religious liberty, defending the free exercise of religion and protecting against its establishment by government.

Tyler often speaks in churches, educational institutions and denominational gatherings, and she provides commentary on church-state issues to the national media. Called a “powerful advocate” and “rising star in the sector” by *The Nonprofit Times*, she was named one of the nation’s top 50 nonprofit leaders in 2018. A member of the Texas and U.S. Supreme Court Bar, she has experience working in Congress, in a private legal practice and serving as a law clerk for a federal judge.

A graduate of Georgetown University and the University of Texas School of Law, Tyler previously served on the staff of U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett.

Tyler grew up hearing about the cherished Baptist principles of religious liberty and the separation of church and state in her Baptist church in Austin, Texas, and she first sought out the organization 20 years ago when she moved to D.C. to attend college. She first served on BJC’s staff as assistant to the general counsel from 1999-2001, which included coordinating the broad coalition in support of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act.

Tyler became executive director of BJC in January 2017. A member of First Baptist Church of Washington, D.C., she lives in the city with her husband, Robert Behrendt, and their son, Phelps. You can follow her on Twitter: @AmandaTylerBJC

**Join us in Vickrey Hall following worship today for the
Rally Day Celebration
Noon – 1:00 pm**

A celebration of how to purposely and passionately invest in ourselves, the church, and our neighbors. It will be a great time of fun, door prizes, food, boundless information, and ways for you to invest in Jesus’ work of love in Dallas.



Deacon Nominees

According to Article VIII, Section 1b of the By-Laws, the Member Resource Committee shall review and supplement such recommendations and shall nominate six (6) persons to serve on the Board of Deacons; such nominations to be published in the Sunday morning orders of worship the last Sunday in the month of September (9/29/19) and the first Sunday in the month of October (10/6/19). The church shall be called into special conference during the Sunday morning worship service of the second Sunday of the month of October (10/13/19) for the purpose of electing six (6) Deacons. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at said special conference, provided that any additional nominees have been contacted in advance and have theretofore agreed to serve if elected.

This year the Member Resource Committee presents the following six (6) nominees to serve three-year terms for outgoing deacons. All terms begin November 1, 2018.

Nominees to serve three-year terms:

Terry Berrier
Alan Greider
Blake Miller
Sarah Fuller Phillips
Cathy Walling
Amy Ward-Meier

Called Church Conference – Election of Deacons October 13, 2019

October 23, 2019 – Quarterly Church Conference

We will vote on proposed Bylaw changes at the quarterly church conference on October 23 that have been approved by the Deacon Board. Copies of the proposed changes are available in the church office. We will also be voting on our 2019-2020 Leadership Roster at this business meeting.

If Only I Had Known

1. "If on - ly I had known the cost of hu - man greed,
2. If on - ly we could see which bar - gains in the store
3. And, too, if we could hear a mo - ther's lul - la - by;
4. If on - ly we could learn what keeps us want - ing more:
5. O Christ, if we could know God's will for all the earth!

Per - haps I would have reached out more to those in need.
Are made in dis - mal sweat - shops that op - press the poor.
She's sing - ing now to calm her hun - gry tod - dler's cry.
We build our big - ger barns so we'll feel more se - cure.
And yet, by your own Spir - it, you have shown God's truth:

But now I see the truth a - cross the__ great di - vide!
For each sub - sis - tence wage, each tin - y, __ crip - ling stitch,
For rich ones came one day, took land and wa - ter rights,
But you a - lone O God, give true se - cur - i - ty;
"Do ju - stice, help the poor, share life__ and love and land,

If on - ly I had known and changed," the rich man cried.
Makes wi - der the di - vide be - tween the poor and rich.
And left the poor with hope - less days and hun - gry nights.
Pos - sessed by our pos - ses - sions, we can - not be free.
And when you see the hun - gry, op - en__ wide your hand."

Study for Wednesday Evening
Bible Study with Mike Gregg
Luke 8:22-56, A Storm, a Demoniac, and the Dead Rise

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Lamentations 1:1-6 Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

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



Sign Up to Work in the Pumpkin Patch!

Sign up on the Royal Lane website
or go directly to <https://bit.ly/2lC0Hny>



Have you recently joined or are you thinking about becoming a member of Royal Lane?
Do you want to know more about how you can connect and partner with the church?

Royal Welcome Class for New Members and Visitors

October 6 – 27
9:45 am — Library

Schedule for the Week

Pumpkin Patch Hours

Saturday: 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

Sunday: 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Monday – Friday: 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm

- Sunday** **September 29 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
- 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
 - 9:45 am Amanda Tyler, BJC, Adult Sunday School Class Session – Vickrey Hall
 - 9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
 - 10:55 am Morning Worship – Amanda Tyler, Worship Guest Preacher — Sanctuary
 - 12:00 pm Stewardship Rally Day — Vickrey Hall
- Wednesday** **October 2 – Mosaic**
- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
 - 5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 Beef Sour Cream Noodle Bake, Salad, Bread, Coconut Cake
 - 6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
 - 6:15 pm Children’s Choir/Missions — Children’s Building
 - 6:15 pm Midweek Service – Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Vickrey Hall
 Luke 8:22-56, A Storm, A Demoniatic, and the Dead Rise
 - 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Sunday** **October 6 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**
- World Communion**
- 8:30 am Finance Committee — Library
 - 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
 - 9:45 am Royal Welcome Class — Library
 - 9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
 - 10:55 am Morning Worship – Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary
 - 12:15 pm Education Committee — Room 206

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

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

Ray Cox & Jeff Hammett

Safety Shepherd – Charlotte Sewell

Godly Play

Amanda Gregg & Kathy Hatcher

Young Theologians – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

When WE Give: our children and youth have a safe place to grow in faith!

August 2019 Financials

	YTD Actual	YTD Adjusted*
Revenues	\$ 543,373	\$ 480,938
Expenses	\$ 493,319	\$ 493,319
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 50,054	(\$ 12,361)

*One-Time Pledges Amortized Monthly

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The Scripture this morning is Luke 16:19-31, which may be found on page 851 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

¹⁹There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'" (NRSV)

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