

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Reign of Christ Sunday

November 24, 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!

There is a bittersweet beauty to Reign of Christ Sunday. The messiah that was foretold in Jeremiah 23 and celebrated in Zechariah's song in Luke 1, will now reign, as we read in Luke 23, from a cross on a hill. But this kingdom's first subject, a repentant thief, proclaims Jesus as king nonetheless, revealing that Christ's kingdom is not of this world. May God's thoughts become our thoughts. May Jesus' way become our way. And may the Spirit be our guide until love reigns throughout the earth.

Voluntary

Glen Hummel, David Weigle

Aria — Flor Peeters

†Call to Worship

Congregation

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Make your hearts ready for the coming king.

**We will be merciful to prepare our hearts
for the king of mercy.**

**We will seek justice to prepare our world
for the king of peace.**

Prepare the way of the Lord—

the one who has given the ultimate gift of love.

**We will offer our very best as we help
build God's kingdom of justice and joy!**

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Reign in our hearts, O Christ, and grant this world your peace. We rest from our busy pursuits and our ceaseless motion to seek the kingdom you will bring. In our songs of praise, in our prayers, and through ancient words of scripture, restore our souls to peace. Reign in our hearts, that your love may change this world, for it is the only power that can do so, through the grace of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

†Hymn 319

Congregation

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty — LOBE DEN HERREN

Scripture Lesson

Charlotte Sewell

Luke 23:33-43 (Pew Bible page 859 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 98

Congregation

Hail to the Lord's Anointed — SHEFFIELD

Call to Confession

Sarah Macias & Congregation

With humble hearts, trusting in grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Jesus, remember us when we come into your kingdom. We exalt you because you did not stoop to the level of those who mocked you, even as you suffered on a cross. When they taunted and tempted you to fight back, you overcame their hate with love. Forgive the times when we succumb to our meaner instincts. Teach us to answer acts of hate with greater expressions of love. Forgive us and free us from our fears, dear Christ, until your grace reigns in our hearts and throughout the world. Amen.

(continued)

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise,” says the Lord. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 393

Congregation

Jesus, Remember Me — Taizé Community, Jacques Berthier

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

From the cross, Jesus prayed to God, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

Let us pray for our world that does not know the forgiveness of God and does not consider the redemptive power of Christ, saying, Let your Kingdom come.

Silence Is Kept

For the rulers, dominions, and powers of the world who exercise authority over human communities, that they may repent of war and serve the common good, let us pray to the Lord:

Let your kingdom come.

For the planet Earth that God has given to humankind as our home, that we may be good and wise stewards of its resources, and that those with the power to exploit its bounty may restrain the desire for selfish gain, let us pray to the Lord:

Let your kingdom come.

For our enemies, that we may love them in the way of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

Let your kingdom come.

For our friends and neighbors, that we may dwell with them in peace, let us pray to the Lord:

Let your kingdom come.

For those whose bodies are under the demonic reign of addictions, that the power of their addiction may be broken and that they may receive the gentle love of Christ.

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

(continued)

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, hear the prayers of your people for the sake of our world.
Let our prayers be confirmed in our lives, that we may bear witness to
the Lordship of Jesus, through whom we pray. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

My Eternal King — Jane Marshall

My God, I Love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not Must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me Upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, And manifold disgrace.

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ Should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n, Or of escaping hell;

Not with the hope of gaining aught, Not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself has loved me, O ever-loving Lord!

E'en so I love Thee, and will love And in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God, And my Eternal King.

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

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ A Crack in the Crown ”

†Hymn of Commitment [see insert]

Congregation

O Jesus, You Were Born to Be — TRURO

*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

Blake Miller

Offertory

Glen Hummel, David Weigle

Concert Etude — Alexander Goedicke

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

†Sending Forth

Michael Gregg

Let us depart, changed by God's grace,

and filled with God's Spirit.

Let us go to share the love of Jesus,

the king of peace.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

Glen Hummel, David Weigle

Libertango — Astor Piazzola

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Thank you to Glen Hummel, Trumpet.

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Stocking Stuffers for Healing Hands Ministries

Please bring small toys and candy to fill stockings for the children and teenagers who visit the clinic at Healing Hands Ministries. Bring items through the second week in December, then come join us Saturday December 14, when we will fill the stockings at the Women of the Church meeting from 10:00-12:30.

Suggestions: small plush animals, fuzzy socks, small Christmas toys, card games, bubbles, ear buds (for teens), small holiday coloring books, Christmas candy, etc.

Worship Leaders

Blake Miller

Blake was born and raised in the Dallas area, but wasn't introduced to Royal Lane until he went to North Carolina to attend Wake Forest University Divinity School. Not only was Royal Lane his first ministerial job after Divinity School, Royal Lane also became the place of his ordination into the gospel ministry and the place where he met his wife, Shannon Simmons Miller. After a stint working at River Oaks Baptist Church in Houston, Blake made his return to Dallas. He currently serves as the Corporate Chaplain at First Rate Inc., and is loving being able to work in his ministerial calling while still being able to attend Royal Lane on Sundays and serve as a newly elected deacon.

Charlotte Sewell

Charlotte Sewell first came to Royal Lane as an infant, and grew up in the children's and youth programs, and was ordained as a deacon in 2014. She graduated from the University of Texas, and then UT Arlington with a Master's degree in Social Work. She and Brian Watson were married in 1998, and they have three very silly little girls who are now growing up at Royal Lane, just like their mother.

Sarah Macias

Sarah is a Royal Lane member and was ordained to the gospel ministry by RLBC. Sarah currently serves on the Board of Creation Justice Ministries (formerly National Council of Churches Eco-Justice program) as a representative of the Alliance of Baptists. She and her husband Rodney reside in Van Alstyne, Texas where they are developing an agri-spiritual farm retreat called Sister Grove Farm. Their daughters, Mary Katherine and Jane, are both public school teachers.

Staff Love Gift

During this Giving time of year let's not forget those who give so much to us all year. Our church staff willingly and lovingly provide many services for us throughout the year. As in the past, if you'd like to express your personal appreciation, please mail your check to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate by Sunday, December 8. Be sure your contribution is clearly marked "Staff Love Gift."



You may also go online and donate under "Staff Love Offering" at onrealm.org/RoyalLane/Give

Paulette Harrison, Deacon Chair

November 27 – No Wednesday Evening Activities



Come and share Noah's Pudding Wednesday evening, December 4, 2019, with our friends from the Dialogue Institute Dallas.



Scriptures for Next Sunday

Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44

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.

O Jesus, You Were Born to Be

♩ = 78

1. O Je - sus, you were born to be God's gift to
2. You taught the peo - ple eve - ry day as Rab - bi,
3. You are the Bread that sat - is - fies, the Light that
4. You are Mes - si - ah, you are Christ, A - noin - ted
5. O Son of God and Son of Man, you trust - ed
6. O Je - sus, you're the liv - ing Way, the Res - sur -

save hu - man - i - ty; and one great day we're
Teach - er of the Way; O Mas - ter, may we
guides us through our lives, the Gate that leads us
One, God's sa - cri - fice. In you, God's mer - cy
and o - beyed God's plan; the poor, the sick and
rec - tion, God's new Day. You give us hope and

mov - ing toward, all life will bow and call you Lord!
learn from you to love both God and neigh - bor, too.
safe - ly home, the Shep - herd call - ing to your own.
is re - vealed: we're saved from sin, for - giv - en, healed.
those in need cried, "Son of Da - vid, set us free!"
make us new. How won - drous is our life in you!

The Work of Christmas

Advent & Christmas – 2019

December

December 1 – Advent I

10:55 am — Sanctuary

December 4 – Advent Study & Noah’s Pudding

5:30 pm — Vickrey Hall

December 7 – La Fiesta de la Posada & Parents Night Out (childcare provided)

5:00 pm — Children’s Building & Vickrey Hall (5:00 – 8:00 pm)

December 8 – Advent II – Hanging of the Green

10:55 am — Sanctuary

December 13 – Youth Christmas Party

6:00 pm — Youth Basement (6:00 – 9:00 pm)

December 13 – Parents of Children & Youth

6:00 pm — Vickrey Hall (6:00 – 9:00 pm) (childcare provided)

December 14 – Women of the Church

10:00 am — Vickrey Hall (10:00 am – 12:30 pm)

December 15 – Advent III – Choral Music Sunday

10:55 am — “The Work of Christmas” presented by the Sanctuary Choir — Sanctuary

December 18 – Mourning Light & Food Offering (benefiting North Dallas Shared Ministries)

6:15 pm — Vickrey Hall, Holy Communion offered

December 21 – Men of the Church Breakfast

9:00 am — First Watch, Preston Forest

December 22 – Advent IV – Worship

10:55 am — Sanctuary, Festival Carol Sing featuring Glen Hummel’s Classic Brass Quintet

December 24 – Christmas Eve

6:00 pm — Sanctuary

Carols, Candlelight & Communion (childcare provided)

December 25 – Christmas Day

Church Office Closed, No Wednesday Activities (Activities resume January 8)

December 29 – First Sunday after Christmas – Worship

10:55 am — Sanctuary



Advent Devotions

A Special Edition of The Mosaic with Advent Devotions is available in the narthex. Copies have been mailed to those that regularly receive a mailed copy of The Mosaic.

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday November 24**
12:15 pm Program Council — Vickrey Hall
12:30 pm Holiday in the Park — Six Flags Over Texas (12:30 – 10:00 pm)
- Tuesday November 26**
12:00 pm Pastor's Book Group — Vickrey Hall
- Wednesday November 27**
No Wednesday Evening Activities
- Thursday November 28**
Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- Friday November 29**
Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- Sunday December 1 – First Sunday of Advent**
9:00 am Prayer Place Sunday School Class — Library
9:00 am Tech Committee — Room 206 (childcare provided)
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
12:15 pm Education Committee — Room 206

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

Stewardship Update

As of November 21, we have received pledges from 98 giving units with a total pledged of \$631,695.00. Our goal is 110 giving units for a total of \$700,000.00.

You may pledge today by placing pledge card in the offering plate, turning it in to the church office, or pledging online at royallane.org/stewardship-2020/

If you have pledged online and have not received an acknowledgement, contact Janet Schultz in the church office, 214-361-2809, ext. 11.



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

Alan Greider & Paulette Harrison

Safety Shepherd – JJ Berrier

Godly Play

Kelley Keith & Lisa Chastain

Young Theologians – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

When WE Give: our children learn the importance of missions and reach out to others.

September 2019 Financials

	YTD Actual	YTD Adjusted*
Revenues	\$ 585,374	\$ 538,549
Expenses	\$ 554,376	\$ 554,376
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 30,998	(\$ 15,827)

*One Time Pledges Amortized Monthly

Text **Royallane** to **73256** to give to the General Fund.

Standard text message rates apply.

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at onrealm.org/RoyalLane/Give



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The Scripture this morning is Luke 23:33-43, which may be found on page 859 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (NRSV)

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