

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Baptism of the Lord*

January 12, 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 scripture lessons this week offer insight not only into Jesus' identity and calling but also into our own. Jesus emerges from the waters of baptism and hears the truth of his identity: Beloved Child of God. The same can be said of each one of us. While baptism might mark a beginning in the Christian journey, we are called beloved children of God. Isaiah reminds us that this is not a passive identity, but an active calling to God's work of justice in the world. How are you living out the truth of your identity and calling as God's beloved?*

Voluntary

David Weigle

*Celebratio!* — Karl Jenkins

✠ Call to Worship

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

Created in God's loving image,

**we gather as the children of God.**

Beloved by Christ, who loves us well,

**we gather as the beloved body of Christ.**

Blessed by the Spirit of God,

**we gather in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

✠ Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**Beloved God, we gather as your beloved community in the name of your beloved Son, Christ Jesus. Speak to us with your love and your grace. Part the clouds of our frantic, harried lives, that we may recognize your Spirit moving in our very midst. Speak, for your servants are listening. Amen.**

†Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Down by the Jordan* — LOBE DEN HERREN

Scripture Lesson

Jacquie Wooten

Matthew 3:13-17 (Pew Bible page 784 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 152

Congregation

*When Jesus Came to Jordan* — COMPLAINER

Call to Confession

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

Let us be bold and confess our sins, for God is gracious and always ready to forgive.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Holy One, we come to you as broken people, mired in our own selfishness, stuck in resentment, caked with the mud of pride. And yet you see past the muck and call us Beloved. Help us to be vulnerable now to the waters of your grace.**

*Silence Is Kept*

Promise of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: there is nothing that can separate you from the love of God. Nothing. God's river of love flows deep and wide and is always and forever washing you clean.

**We come to the river of God's love and find grace.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Prayers of the People  
A Song in Times of Trouble

Harry Wooten & Congregation

*Set It Right Again* — by Ana Hernández  
*Sing on direction*

*There's a great trouble in the land.*  
***We're gonna set it right again.***

Universal Prayer for Peace

Lead us from death to life,  
**From falsehood to truth.**

Lead us from despair to hope,  
**From fear to trust.**

Lead us from hate to love,  
**From war to peace.**

Let peace fill our lives,  
**Our world, our universe.**  
**Peace, Peace, Peace.**

*—from the Iona Community*

Anthem

Choir

*Write Your Blessed Name* — K. Lee Scott

Sermon

Michael Gregg

**“ The Beloved Community ”**

†Hymn of Commitment 159

Congregation

*Fairest Lord Jesus* — CRUSADERS' HYMN

*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

Becky Fuller

Offertory

Jasmine & Jayda Parrish

*Air on the G String* — J. S. Bach

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

✠ Sending Forth

Michael Gregg

Beloved children of God,

**we are created to love.**

Blessed children of God,

**we are created to bless.**

**We go forth to love and bless God's world.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*Processional for Peace* — Alan Hovhanness

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Hymn Notes

***Down by the Jordan***

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***Set It Right Again***

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Scriptures for Next Sunday

**Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11**

**1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42**

## **Worship Leaders**

### **Becky Fuller**

Becky has been a member of RLBC since moving to Texas from Arkansas in 2005 and lives in Plano with husband Jonathan and sons Alexander, Franklin, and Josiah. She is an attorney turned stay at home mom for now, and a fitness and reading enthusiast.

### **Jacquie Wooten**

Jacquie joined Royal Lane in 2010 after she and Barrett were married here and moved to Dallas post college. She currently works as a registered nurse on a post-surgical GI floor at Presbyterian Hospital Dallas. Jacquie and Barrett have three amazing kids, Harper, Turner and Harrison. She enjoys singing in the choir and chasing her crazy kids around. Jacquie is so thankful for the support of Royal Lane and loves watching her kids grow up with their second family.

## **Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Preaching February 2-23, 2020**

In 2007, the Baptist Women in Ministry organization invited Baptist churches to participate in Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching by having a woman preach during the month of February. This invitation became an annual event, one that has been a deeply significant source of joy and discovery for many churches as they have celebrated the giftedness of women. The annual preaching month was named for Martha Stearns Marshall, an eighteenth-century Separate Baptist woman.

At Royal Lane, we have always sought to be on the leading edge in supporting, ordaining, and advancing the call of women in ministry. To that end, we not only want to highlight one Sunday in February with a woman as our preacher, but every Sunday in February. So, for each Sunday in the month of February, we will feature a woman from the Dallas area as our guest preacher. Join us as we celebrate and support the Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching and women in ministry.

### **Guest Preachers:**

**February 2** – Rev. Victoria Powers, University Park UMC and Baptist House of Studies Board Member

**February 9** – Rev. Robin Murray, Abundant Life AME and Faith in Texas Organizer

**February 16** – Rev. Kristin Warthen, White's Chapel UMC

**February 23** – Rev. Lisa Hancock, Current PhD Student at SMU on Theology of Disability

# Down by the Jordan

1. Down by the Jor - dan, a proph - et named John was bap - tiz -  
 2. There by the riv - er, the crowd came with great ex - pec - ta -  
 3. Je - sus, you went to be bap - tized a - long with the oth -  
 4. Here in the Church, we are bap - tized and filled with God's Spir -

ing, preach - ing a mes - sage the peo - ple found bold and sur -  
 tion: "Are you God's Cho - sen One, sent here to res - cue our -  
 ers, tak - ing your place a - mong sin - ners, God's lost sons and  
 it. Freed and for - giv - en we're wel - comed with joy! Can you

pris - ing. "God will for - give! Show that you'll change how you  
 na - tion?" "No!" John re - plied. "He who is might - ier than  
 daugh - ters. Then with great love, God's Spir - it came as a  
 hear it? This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're

live! Sure - ly God's new day is ris - ing!"  
 I judg - es and of - fers sal - va - tion."  
 dove! Your work be - gan in those wa - ters.  
 mine!" Let's take the good news and share it!

# IN FOCUS

Study for Wednesday Evening

**IN FOCUS**

**Breaking Bread: At Peace with Your Body  
with Dottie Brashear and Sarah Fuller Phillips**

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

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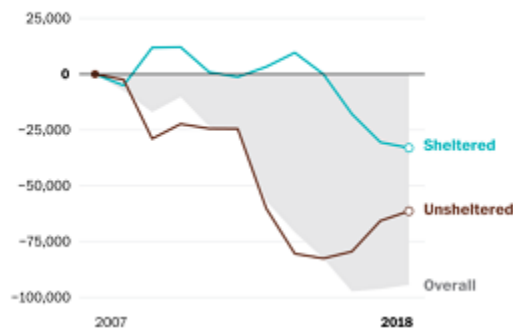
## Counting Our Homeless Population in Dallas

Once a year, along with communities across the country, we count our homeless friends. The Count, a requirement under Federal Law, helps communities understand the extent of homelessness, changing trends, and the measure of their success in making homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring. It's also an important reminder that in Dallas, everybody counts.

The Metro Homeless Alliance needs 1,500 volunteers, aged 18 or above. The count will take place on Thursday night, January 23, 2020 from 7.00pm-12.00am. We will count in Dallas, Balch Springs, Cedar Hill, Desoto, Duncanville, Garland, Grand Prairie, Richardson, Sunnyvale, and Wilmer. Once a group of four people is registered, a beginning location will be determined and an orientation will be provided.

To join a group of four people, contact Karen Miller at [kmiller238@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmiller238@sbcglobal.net) or 214.724.0655 by Monday, January 20.

**Change in U.S. homeless population since 2007**



## Faith & Film

Sunday, January 26, 2:30 – 4:30 – Vickrey Hall  
“Owned: A Tale of Two Americas”



Join us for a screening of this award-winning documentary followed by discussion about housing, facilitated by leaders of our ministry partner, Faith in Texas.

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## A New Year with New Ways to Connect

As we enter a new year, we need each other now more than ever. I am grateful for a passionate and purposeful community of faith that wants to grow people and change this city for the better. I pray this will be a year where Royal Lane members grow closer to one another, share our celebrations and burdens, and find ways to impact our city with the peace of the gospel.

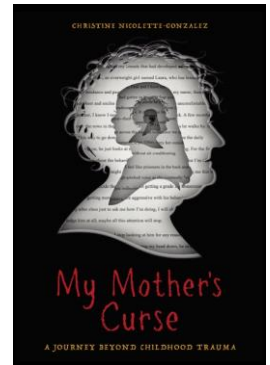
Here are several ways for us to stay connected in this new year:

**Deacon Ministry Groups**  
**Website and Livestream**  
**Ekklesia360 Database**

For more information about each of these ways to connect, watch for Ekklesia360 (e360) training events, see the Weekly Mosaic sent January 8, read the Print/Online Mosaic for January 8 (copies available in the narthex), or see “Notes” on Facebook. —*Pastor Mike*

## Prayer Place Sunday School Class – Book Study

Longtime church member Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez has published an inspirational memoir that tells the story of how she overcame the severe trauma of her childhood. The book, *My Mother's Curse: A Journey Beyond Childhood Trauma*, is available for purchase on the website [laureatelifepress.com](http://laureatelifepress.com). On January 26th, in The Prayer Place Sunday School class, Christine will begin a four-week book study of her memoir. Each of you is invited to join her and the class for this study. If you are one of the hundreds of millions of people who endured a challenging childhood, this month-long study may be particularly meaningful to you. It is not necessary to have purchased or read the book to attend.



Official book launch will be held Friday, February 21 at 6:00 pm with reception, reading and book signing. Hold the date!

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### All are invited to a Royal Lane Baby Shower for the expected newborn son of Walt Will & Humberto Valtierra

Hosted by Paulette Harrison, Donna Ledgerwood, Ruth May,  
Rebecca Rempert, & Cookie Stokes,  
in the church library following worship on Sunday, January 26.  
Noah River Will is expected to arrive in Florida on February 17.  
The excited family is registered at Buy Baby, Inc.



## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday January 12 – Baptism of the Lord**  
12:15 pm Program Council – Calendaring Meeting — Vickrey Hall
- Tuesday January 14**  
12:00 pm Pastor’s Book Group — Vickrey Hall
- Wednesday January 15**  
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202  
5:30 pm Publicity/Outreach Committee — Room 206  
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall  
Chicken & Rice, Salad, Bread, Cookies  
6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement  
6:15 pm Children’s Activities — Children’s Building  
6:15 pm Midweek Service – IN FOCUS — Vickrey Hall  
Breaking Bread: At Peace with your Body  
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Thursday January 16**  
6:30 pm Men of the Church — Bubba’s, 6617 Hillcrest Ave, Dallas TX 75205
- Sunday January 19 – Second Sunday after Epiphany / Youth Sunday**  
9:00 am Equity in Access — Library  
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery  
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1  
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary  
12:30 pm Missions Committee — Library

*The deadline for the order of service, the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Monday, 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](http://games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx)



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

Terry Berrier & Karen Miller

**Safety Shepherd** – Phil Keith

### Godly Play

Charlotte Sewell & Anne Sewell

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

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The Scripture this morning is Matthew 3:13-17, which may be found on page 784 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.  
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<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." (NRSV)  
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Holy Wisdom, Holy Word...**Thanks be to God.**