



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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The Mosaic

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Prayer for the Beloved Community

Steve Graham

During worship last Sunday, Phil Keith, chair of the Pastor Search committee, thoughtfully asked for our prayers for the committee as they prepare to begin the search for a pastor.

May this be our prayer as the beloved community during this Advent season!

What life have we, O God, if we have not life together.

Thank you, Lord, for we value the life we share.

Our life together is a good gift.

Never are we more alive than

when we are searching, and discovering, and living together.

Thank you for a place to become all that you have called us to be;

a place where we might give our lives back to You.

Lord, we confess **there is no life not lived in community.**

We really do need you and each other,

We long for you to be born in us,

and we know that if we are to give birth to community,

we must empty ourselves and risk loving unconditionally.

We offer our praise to you, O Lord,

For **there is no community not lived in praise of God.**

May our lives be gifts of praise to You.

Grant us wisdom and courage, but most of all compassion

for the challenges which are set before us.

As we **day**, so may our strength be.

We praise you, O God of peace, love and joy,

and pray in the name of the Christ Child

who brings us all together. Amen.

Words in bold print are borrowed from T.S. Elliot

Words in italics are my favorite translation of Deuteronomy 33:25

The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for December 15, 2021 & January 5, 2022.

The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.

Staff Love Gift – Deadline Sunday, December 5!



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 5. 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. You may also contact Janet Schultz in the church office to pay by credit card.

Terry Berrier, Deacon Chair

Hints for registering your attendance at worship.

- 1) Check the spelling of your name.
- 2) Be sure the email is your preferred email.
- 3) Provide the name of each attendee separately rather than combining two names as a single entry. Attendance registration allows you to "Add Another Worship Attendee" for every member of your family/group.
- 4) Registering as a guest? Welcome!

What happens when we receive incorrect spellings, emails or a combination of two names on one entry line? Our member/visitor database e360 creates a new "person" for each registration and adds it to the database.

Help us keep our member/visitor database clean and useful to you and the staff of RLBC.

What THEN shall we do?

Advent – 2021

November 28 – Advent I – We Do Hope

Scripture: Luke 21:25-36

December 5 – Advent II – We Do Peace

Hanging of the Green

Scripture: Luke 1:68-79

December 12 – Advent III – We Do Joy

Scripture: Luke 1:39-42

December 15 – Mourning Light

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 placed on the Chrismon Tree. Holy Communion offered. — Sanctuary

December 19 – Advent IV – We Do Love

Scripture: Luke 3:7-18

December 24 – Christmas Eve

4:00 pm - Family Christmas Eve — Sanctuary (childcare provided)

6:30 pm – Candlelight and Communion — Sanctuary (childcare provided)

December 26 – First Sunday after Christmas

10:55 am — Sanctuary

Coming Events

Saturday December 4

- 9:00 am WOC Breakfast – Vickrey Hall
10:00 am WOC Stocking Stuffing — Vickrey Hall
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom

Sunday December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent / Hanging of Green

- 9:15 am Children's SS Classes — Zoom
9:45 am Formations Class — Library
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Room 208
10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
In lieu of Godly Play, children will join their family in the Sanctuary for Hanging of the Green
12:15 pm First Sunday Youth Lunch — Six Flags Holiday in the Park
12:30 pm Pastor Search Team — Vickrey Hall

Wednesday December 8

- 10:00 am Holy Rollers — Room 212 (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)
6:30 pm Midweek Study with Steve Graham — Zoom
7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Saturday December 11

- 10:00 am Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
5:00 pm Holiday Parents Night Out — Vickrey Hall (5:00 – 8:00 pm)
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom

Sunday December 12 – Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:15 am Children's SS Classes — Zoom
9:45 am Formations Class — Library
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Room 208
10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:30 am Children ages 3yr through 5th grade — Vickrey Hall
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:30 pm Racial Justice Committee — Vickrey Hall
7:30 pm Deacons Meeting — Zoom (7:15 pm, Deacons Chat)

Monday December 13

- 7:30 pm Transition Support Team — Zoom

Tuesday December 14

- 9:00 am American Cross Blood Drive — Vickrey Hall (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)

Wednesday December 15 – Mosaic

- 10:00 am Holy Rollers — Room 212 (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)
6:15 pm Mourning Light — Sanctuary
7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Saturday December 18

- 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom

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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Ministry Update

Prayers for the Family and Friends of
Lou Ray
on her death Sunday, November 21.

Lou Ray's graveside service was held
Tuesday, November 30, 2021, 2:00 pm
Pecan Grove Cemetery
Industrial Blvd & Highway
McKinney, Tx 75069

*St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Shriners Children's
Hospital are suggested for memorial contributions*

How to Connect

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

What, O What Then Shall We Do?

Text by Michael Glenn Dell for Royal Lane Baptist Church, Dallas, TX
for Advent/Christmas Eve, 2021

ADVENT I:

Come to us who wait and wonder, struggling hard to cope;
Come in clouds of roaring thunder, our redemption's hope.

Light, shed answers to our question: What, O what then shall we do?!

ADVENT II:

Come to us, speak through the greening, 'til all conflicts cease,
Through your mercy, intervening with your calming peace.

Light, shed answers to our question: What, O what then shall we do?!

ADVENT III:

At the home of Zechariah, hearts were filled with joy;
Mary sang that our Messiah would dark pow'rs destroy;

Light, shed answers to our question: What, O what then shall we do?!

MOURNING LIGHT:

Come to us who grieve in sorrow, seeking mourning light,
And the hope that some "tomorrow" ends our longest night;

Light, shed answers to our question: What, O what then shall we do?!

ADVENT IV:

Come, replace our mind's distractions, needless fears thereof;
Light a path to caring actions, deeds of selfless love;

Light, shed answers to our question: What, O what then shall we do?!

CHRISTMAS EVE:

Come to us in meager manger, bathed in candlelight;
Dwell with us, no more a stranger; set our hearts aright;
Be the answer to our questions: all we ever say or do!

Thank You Note

November 24, 2021

Church Staff,

I received another postcard with love and prayers. I so appreciate your kindness and prayers. I returned home from hospital on November 18 after having a total right hip replacement. I'm progressing every day. I walk with a walker, weight bearing as tolerated.

I'm having home health physical therapy until next Monday. After that I will be going to outpatient PT. I'm so blessed with my daughters being able to help me out. Diana, from Dallas, has moved into my house to help me.

Thanks again for your prayers and love. I look forward to when I'm able to attend church in person.

Marilyn Munro

Deacons of the Week

December 5

Barrett Wooten

Terry Berrier

December 12

Nate Green

Cheryl Robinson

**All In-Person
Midweek Services
&**

**Fellowship Meals
Temporarily Suspended**

6:30 p.m. Wednesday

December 8

The Solace of Fierce Landscapes
by Belden Lane
with Steve Graham

6:15 p.m. Wednesday

December 15

Mourning Light
Sanctuary



The Box Gallery
is Temporarily Closed

To change mail or email preferences for *The Mosaic*, contact Barbara Merry, 214-361-2809, ext. 10 or bmerry@royallane.org.

Scriptures of the Week

December 5

Malachi 3:1-4

Philippian 1:3-11

Luke 1:68-79

Luke 3:1-6

December 12

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Philippians 4:4-7

Isaiah 12:2-6

Luke 3:7-18

October 2021 Financials

YTD Actual

Revenues* \$585,450

Expenses \$558,429

Surplus (Deficit) \$27,021

*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

Columbarium

Staff Love Gift

Happy Birthday!

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
Sean Berrier	13
Gillian Simeon	13
Linda Binder	14
David Soames (Gonzalez)	14



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Monday - Friday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Wednesday Midweek: 6:30 pm - Zoom

Sunday School: Saturday & Sunday - Zoom

Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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