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God, What Can We Imagine?

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

“God, What Can We Imagine?” lifts up the Servant Song found in Isaiah 42:1-9 and calls the church to think creatively about how we can join in God's work for peace and justice.

God, what can we imagine when all around we see
A world that's lost and fallen, a bruised humanity?
When violence seems a given, and sin is everywhere,
God, what can be our vision — our hope, our answered prayer?

This world is used to tyrants and people who oppress,
And yet you sent your servant in peace and gentleness.
He did not come to conquer, to break or crush the soul;
And so can we imagine a life that's new and whole?

Can we imagine justice that circles round the earth,
Till those who sit in darkness find healing, light, and birth?
Can we imagine prisoners, allowed to start anew?
Can we who've been discouraged now trust again in you?

Could those who've faced oppression find love and welcome here?
Could hungry, homeless children be free of want and fear?
Could we your church find blessing in reaching to the poor?
Can we your church imagine what we've been called here for?

O God of love and justice, may we imagine, too,
How faith, put into practice, can change the world for you.
May what your church imagines when we are at our best
Restore your good creation till all your world is blessed.

Tune: AURELIA, Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864 (“The Church's One Foundation”)

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*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for December 21, 2022 & January 4, 2023.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Carolyn is pictured with her newest book: *God's World is Changing: New Hymns for Advent and Christmas*

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette has been a pastor in rural, small town, suburban, and city churches; she has also served as a hospice chaplain, a hospital chaplain, and a school bus aide helping children with special needs.

Carolyn is a gifted hymn writer who has written over 400 hymns. These hymns have been sung by congregations throughout the United States and around the world — from the Washington National Cathedral to St. Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh, Scotland to St. George's Cathedral in Cape Town, South Africa to small town churches and small household congregations; they have also been sung at national church and international ecumenical meetings.

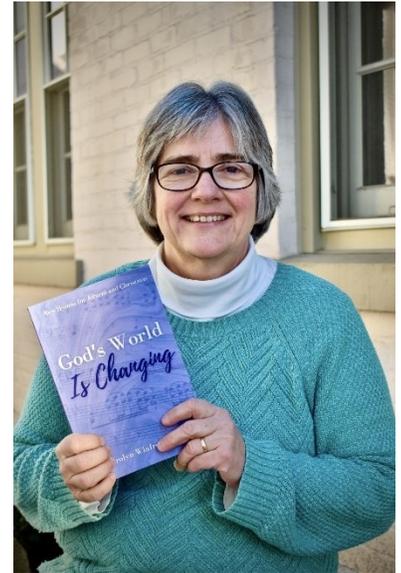
In addition to *I Sing to My Savior: New Hymns from the Stories in Luke's Gospel*, she has written *Gifts of Love: New Hymns for Today's Worship* (Geneva Press) and *Songs of Grace: New Hymns for God and Neighbor* (Upper Room Books). Her hymns have been published in over 20 books. Two of her hymns have been published by the Choristers Guild as anthems. Carolyn was commissioned to write the lead article for the special issue on "Singing Our Lives" for Baylor University's *Christian Reflection* journal. Her hymns have also been in *Call to Worship* journal, *The Chorister* (cover story), *Reformed Worship*, *The Presbyterian Outlook* and on thousands of web sites. All of her hymns can be found on her website with indices to scriptural references, topics, tunes, and the three-year cycle of the Revised Common Lectionary.

The World Council of Churches, National Council of Churches, Church World Service and Churches Uniting in Christ have asked her to write hymns. Habitat for Humanity International used a hymn by Carolyn for their 30th anniversary celebration. Family Promise (Interfaith Hospitality Network) did a music video of her hymn for their ministry with homeless families. The Humane Society of the United States did a music video contest of her hymn for their Blessing of the Animals service. The Presbyterian Church (USA) 216th General Assembly presented her with the "Ecumenical and Interreligious Service Recognition." *Sojourners* did a short video about her hymn writing. A Canadian scholar wrote her biography for the *Cambridge Dictionary for Hymnology*.

Feature stories about Carolyn's hymns addressing concerns facing the Church, nation and world, were done by *The New Yorker*, *The Christian Century*, *America*, National Public Radio, national PBS-TV, and newspapers (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Washington Post*, *New Jersey Courier Post*, *Delaware News Journal*, and others).

Carolyn is a graduate of Lebanon Valley College and Princeton Theological Seminary. She finds joy in parish ministry, hymn writing, and most of all in her family as a wife, mother (and foster mother), grandmother, sister, and human parent to a rescue dog, "Annie."

Carolyn sees her hymn writing as a partnership and is very grateful for prayers for her hymn writing, suggestions for hymns, gifts for hymn use and commissions, and invitations to speak at conferences, workshops, and church gatherings (in person and online). She hopes her hymns nurture people in their discipleship and support churches in their worship and service in the world. Sing to the Lord a new song!



How to Connect

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

Coming Events

- Sunday December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent**
8:30 am Deacon's Meeting — Vickrey Hall
9:45 am Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:10 am Non-Traditional Class — Room 212
10:55 am Morning Worship, Doug Watts, Guest Preacher — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:15 pm Racial Justice — Vickrey Hall
- Wednesday December 14**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall (childcare provided)
Menu: Chicken and Rice Soup, Bread, Salad. Dessert: Pie
6:00 pm Mourning Light (Communion offered) — Vickrey Hall & Zoom (childcare provided)
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Thursday December 15**
9:00 am American Red Cross Blood Drive — Vickrey Hall (9:00 am – 5:30 pm)
- Friday December 16**
6:00 pm Posada y Piñata / Parents Night Out — Vickrey Hall (6:00 – 9:00 pm) (childcare provided)
- Saturday December 17**
Third Saturday Youth Activity
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- Sunday December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**
9:45 am Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:10 am Non-Traditional Class — Room 212
10:55 am Morning Worship, Doug Watts, Guest Preacher — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
- Wednesday December 21**
No Wednesday Activities
- Saturday December 24**
2:30 pm Christmas Eve Service for Families with Children — Sanctuary
6:00 pm Carols, Candlelight, and Communion — Sanctuary (childcare provided)
- Saturday December 25 – Christmas Day**
10:00 am Virtual Christmas Day Service, Doug Watts, Guest Preacher — Royal Lane YouTube Channel
- Monday December 26**
Church Office Closed
- Wednesday December 28**
No Wednesday Activities

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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Stewardship 2023 – Who Are We...(becoming)?



royallane.org/pledge
Pledge Update 12/6/2022
Total units pledged: 61
Total pledged: \$500,320



Poinsettia Dedications

Given in Memory of:

Dan Bohannon, Forrest McKinney
by Shirley Bohannon

Ed and Paula Bright, Forrest McKinney
by Sheila Bright

Linnie & Marion Carpenter
by Rick & Kay Meredith Carpenter

Doud Cox
by Rick Cox

Babs Arnswald
by Rick Crutcher

Lynn Darden
Margaret & Sam Furr
by Margaret Darden

J. C. Edwards – Father
Judge Fred Edwards – Brother
Shelley Webster Weisinger – Friend
Lee Ann Webster Moore – Friend
by Elwanda Edwards

Johan Eloff
by Suré Eloff

Dr. & Mrs. P.D. O'Brian
Doris & Forrest Gambill
by Sheryl Gambill

Gerry Gunnin
by Barbara Gunnin

Anna Marie & Bruce Lowe
by Paulette & Harold Harrison

Steve Dolloff
Fred Binder
by Harry Hunter

Calvin James
Alvie & Pauline Cook
Wendell & Opal James
by Shirley James

Bob VonTour
Cleo Jones
by Brittany & Nathan Jones

Bob & Ruby Jones
by Mike Jones

Ruth & Roy Moore and Sons
Lorraine & Zackary Meachum Sr.
Gene Sprout

Pauline Salazar
by Bettie Meachum

Zackey & Lorraine Meachum
Roy & Ruth Moore, Scottie, Harold, Charles, Billy, and
Bubba

Mary Katherine & John Roberts
John Alexander
by Wayne Meachum

Nancy Roberts
by Patsy Meier

Jewel Ambler – Mother
Lawrence Ambler – Father
Grant Ambler – Brother
Murray Greenberg – Brother-in-law
by Marilyn Munro

Forrest McKinney
Jo Ferguson
Charlie Jaynes, Sr.
George & Maxine Quesada
by Tex & Jan Quesada

Terry L. Simmons
by Karen Simmons

Babs Arnswald
Dick & Alyce Rannells & Richard Stouffer
by Dianna Stouffer

Ray Vickrey
by Sharon Vickrey

Roy Lockett
Mary Walker
Mark Walker
Forrest McKinney
by Jamie & Melissa Walker-Lockett

Barbara Cannon Mandeville – Sister of Sandy
by Doug & Sandy Washington

Maria G. Carranza
Marie L. Will
by Walter Will

Orville & Elnora Wisdom
Charles & Linda Spear
William Logan Irby
Marilyn Ratliff
by Garey Wisdom

Douglas K. Martin
Donna B. & Billy E. Wood
by Scott & Donna Wood-Martin

Poinsettia Dedications

Given in Honor of:

Shirley Bohannon
by Holly Bohannon

Holly, Clay, and Faith
by Shirley Bohannon

The Bereavement Committee
Harry Wooten, Janet Schultz, and
Barbara Merry
Gill, McKinney, and Page Families
Paulette Harrison, Terry Berrier, Charlotte Sewell, Phil &
Kelley Keith
All who have continuously supported the McKinney Family
by Sheila Bright

Evelyn & Holmes Meredith
by Rick & Kay Meredith Carpenter

Bobbie Joyce Edwards - Mother
by Elwanda Edwards

Tom Brekhus
by Suré Eloff

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Darlene Carpenter
by Sheryl Gambill

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by Garland Hamic

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The Keith Family – Phil, Kelley, Claire, and Owen
by Paulette & Harold Harrison

The Percy Parrish Family
by Martha & Kathy Hatcher

Patsy Meier
Vickie & Rick Green
Carol & Jerry Cook
by Shirley James

Tex & Jan Quesada
by Mrs. Charles R. Jaynes

Summer Jones - Granddaughter
by Mike Jones

The Keith Family – Phillip, Kelley, Claire, and Owen
by Mike & Pam Keith

Harry Wooten
by Mark & David McCoy

Kurt, Amy, Allie, Kendall, and Ben Meachum
Aubrey, Adam, Mary Katherine, and
Mac Connatser
Ruth Seib

Royal Lane Ministers and Staff
by Bettie Meachum

Kurt & Amy Meachum, Allie, Kendall, and Ben
Aubrey & Adam Connatser, M.K., and Mac
Suzanne Duvall
by Wayne Meachum

Don Meier
by Patsy Meier

Anne Sewell & Patsy Meier of Holy Rollers
Cara Mullinax & Tim McGuire
Jaclyn Ramirez & Tony Ringuette
by Jack & Judy Mullinax

Our Children
Staff of RLBC
Harry Wooten & the RLBC Music Ministry
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Sandy & Doug Washington
Barrett Wooten
Sarah Plunk
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Victoria Robb Powers
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by Janet Schultz

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Amber Seymour, Kevin, Luke, & Rutledge
by Jamie & Melissa Walker-Luckett

Silas Washington – Grandson
Soren Washington – Grandson
Addison Washington – Granddaughter
by Doug & Sandy Washington

Anne Sewell
Donna Sewell
Bob & Susan Watson
Grace Watson
Emma Watson
Sadie Watson
by Charlotte Sewell & Brian Watson

Noah River Will
by Walter Will

Brad Carter
Linda Hueston
by Garey Wisdom

Jacklyn D. Martin
by Scott & Donna Wood-Martin

Harry & Debi Wooten
Brittany & Nathan Jones
Barrett & Jacquie Wooten, Harper, Turner, and Harrison
Blair Wooten

by Harry Sr. & Nancy Wooten

Blood Drive **Royal Lane Baptist Church**

Vickrey Hall
6707 Royal Ln
Dallas, TX 75230

Thursday, December 15, 2022
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



***The Red Cross is offering a donor incentive for the Blood Drive.**

Incentive: \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, courtesy of Amazon • Come to give blood Nov. 28-Dec. 15 for a \$10 Gift Card by email, thanks to our partners at Amazon!

The RLBC Website

When was the last time you visited the RLBC Website?

On the Home Page you will find a link to materials for Advent, learn more about Royal Lane Baptist Church, find links to the order of worship and to livestream (updated by the end of the day on Friday), view past sermons, make your pledge or give to a fund, view upcoming events and set reminders, find information to help you or family and friends plan a wedding at Royal Lane.

Don't miss the tab for "Connect" to go quickly to Livestream, Sermons, Newsletter, Partnership, Upcoming Events, Social Justice, and Columbarium.

And look under "About Us" and explore "Who We Are" and read the "Church Profile."

Happy Birthday!

December

Sean Berrier	13
Linda Binder	14
David Soames	14
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Jordan Simmons	16
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Deacons of the Week

December 11
Margaret Darden
Sharon Vickrey

December 18
John Helms
Cookie Stokes

December 25
Nate Green
Cheryl Robinson

Midweek Program 6:00 p.m. Wednesday in Vickrey Hall

December 14
Mourning Light

Join us for a Fellowship Meal
at 5:30 pm.

Announcements, Birthday Celebrations
and Prayer Concerns at 6:00 pm.

Scriptures of the Week

December 11

Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-10

Luke 1:46b-55
Matthew 11:2-11

December 18

Isaiah 7:10-16
Romans 1:1-7

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Matthew 1:18-25

December 24

Isaiah 9:2-7
Titus 2:11-14

Psalm 96
Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

December 25

Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)

Psalm 98
John 1:1-14

October 2022 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$601,472
Expenses	\$634,346
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 32,874)

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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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
Staff Love Gift
Columbarium

In the Box Gallery



Debi Wooten

Gallery open by appointment
10-4, weekdays, 10-5 Wednesdays

Staff Love Gift

During this Season of Giving, let us remember those who give so much to us all year. As in the past, if you would like to express your gratitude to our staff, please mail your check to the Church Office or make your donation online. 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.

John Helms, Deacon Chair

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Monday - Friday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm

Christian Education: Saturday & Sunday

Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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