

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



Magnificat

The Worship of God

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

10:55 A.M.

*Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Voluntary.
To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.
✠ — Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Chiming of the Hour

The world is turned upside down. Just as we are settling in for a nice Christmas celebration of the Babe of Bethlehem, our world is shaken. What was and is will be no longer. This is revolution! Small Towns will house messiahs; a young woman prophesies with power; the poor will be filled while the rich are sent away empty; the first order is abolished, and a new order is established. How can we sleep in heavenly peace with all this going on? Jesus comes, to bring not only peace and joy but radical transformation—ours, and the world's. Because of faithful women like Elizabeth and Mary, this revolution is birthed into this world. Nothing will be the same again.

Voluntary

Jeanie Chuang

Angels We Have Heard on High — arranged by Anna Laura Page

✠ Call to Worship & Invocation

Congregation

Can you feel something powerful at work in the world?

We can catch glimpses here and there.

We need to look beyond the hustle and bustle
of Christmas to see what's coming:

**Faithful women giving birth to freedom;
a babe who will transform the world.**

The birth quakes are almost here. We can feel it.

Come, let us prepare ourselves in this time of worship,
that we may be ready when our world is turned upside down.

Let us pray:

In-breaking God, as Christmas draws near, it's hard for us to settle down; it's difficult for us to focus on your word. Come to us this morning and shock us out of our complacency. Open us to the transforming love of the one for whom we are waiting. Grant us the faithfulness of Mary and Elizabeth, that we may respond with a full-throated "Yes" to all that is coming. Give us ears to hear and hearts to receive your message of transforming grace. Amen.

✠Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

My Soul Gives Glory to My God — MORNING SONG

Words of Welcome

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Christ be with you ... and also with you!

*Please record your attendance in the blue booklet at the end of the pew and pass it to others.
You may also register online at royallane.org/register or see QR code following Organ Dismissal.
If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,
please refer to pew rack card – “New Member Card” – and leave it in the offering plate.*

Advent Hymn

Congregation

Sing the Songs of Christmas — JEFFERSON

2. Sing the Song of bless-ed Ma-ry, in ex-ul-tant, heart-felt praise;

For the One she is to car-ry top-ples earth's op-pres-sive ways;

See the low-ly be-ing lift-ed, and the hun-gry rich-ly fed;

As in love, the ground is shift-ed, und-er Christ, our liv-ing Head.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Alan Greider, Steven Rhodes, & Kate Thompson

Unison Prayer

Let us pray,

O Mighty One, who scatters the proud and fills the hungry, by your Holy Spirit let your word leap in us and bring to our yearning the joy that comes with new beginnings and renewed lives. Amen.

A Song for Advent

Children's Choir

How Far Is It to Bethlehem — Robert Sterling

Becky Fuller, flute

How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far.

Shall we find the stable room lit by a star?

Can we see the little child? Is He within?

If we lift the wooden latch, may we go in?

Oh what can I give to Him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I'd bring a lamb;

if I were a wiseman, I'd do my part;

yet what can I give to him? Give Him my heart.

—Frances Alice Chesterton, text, stanza 1

—Christina Rossetti, text, stanza 2

Children 3-year through 5th grade may come forward following A Song for Advent are invited to Godly Play.

You may collect your children following the service in the Christian Education Building.

The Confession of Sin

Patrick Burton & Congregation

Let us pray:

Transforming God, we can get so wrapped up in Christmas—the decorating, the gift buying, the parties—that we miss the real event happening in our very midst.

We don't want to see that everything will change.

We are happy and complacent with the way things are.

But Mary's prophesy turns the world upside down—the first order is abandoned and a new order is in our midst even now.

We are afraid of what this will mean.

(continued)

Help us hear your words as good news, not bad—as promises of good things to come if we will but live into those promises.

Help us embrace the courage of Mary, and the faith of Elizabeth.

Help us claim the promise of radical transformation brought by the Babe of Bethlehem.

Help us navigate a world turned upside down. Amen.

We now share silence together.

Promise of Forgiveness

Blessed are we who believe in the fulfillment of what was spoken and promised by God. For the promised one will bring peace and liberation through transformation.

Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

For Ages Women Hoped and Prayed — NOEL

Scripture Lesson

Patsy Meier

Luke 1:46-55 [Pew Bible page 832 of the New Testament]

⁴⁶And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

For the Word of God in Scripture, For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us, **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Choir

Magnifica anima mea from *Magnificat*— Taylor Davis
Jay & John Majernik, percussion

Magnificat anima mea Dominum,
Et exultavit spiritus meus
in Deo salutari meo.
Quia respexit humilitatem
ancillae suae:
ecce enum ex hoc
beatam me dicent omnes generationes.
Quia fecit mihi magna
qui potens est:
et sanctum nomen ejus.

My soul magnifies the Lord,
And my spirit has rejoiced
In God my savior.
For he has regarded the low estate
of his handmaiden:
for behold, henceforth all generations
shall call me blessed.
For he who is mighty
has done great things to me.
and holy is his name.

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“ The Song of Mary ”

Sung Response

Choir

Shall I Rejoice from *Magnificat* — Taylor Davis
Brittany Jones, soprano

Shall I rejoice for Christ in me, the first of such to say?
All that this child shall ever say or be now lives and grows in me.

Shall I rejoice for Christ in me, his name forever mine?
I yield to him my life's identity: Christ lives and grows in me.

Shall I rejoice for Christ in me, both glory and disgrace?
My song shall be both joy and agony; Christ lives and grows in me.

Shall I rejoice for Christ in me, As clouds and shadows rise?
I ponder scenes that I don't want to see. Christ lives and grows in me.

—Terry York, text

Offertory Prayer

Marilyn Munroe

We offer you, O God, not what we have left over after our Christmas spending; we offer our whole selves and our resources for the work of transforming our world. May what we offer make a difference, not only in our community and the world, but in our church and in ourselves. Amen.

Offertory

Jeanie Chuang

Noël Nouvelet — arranged by David Cherwien
We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.
See back cover for ways to give.

✠Benediction

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Organ Dismissal

Jeanie Chuang

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice — J. S. Bach

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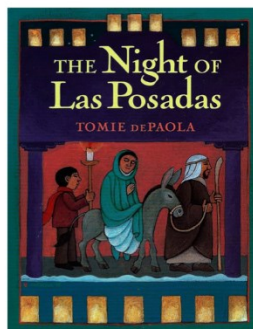
Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



Parents Night Out

Parents night out and kids experiential and fun night learning about the Night of Las Posadas with a re-enactment by the children of RLBC of Mary and Joseph's search for lodging in Bethlehem, and the traditional breaking of the Piñata. (*Childcare provided.*)



Parents Night Out

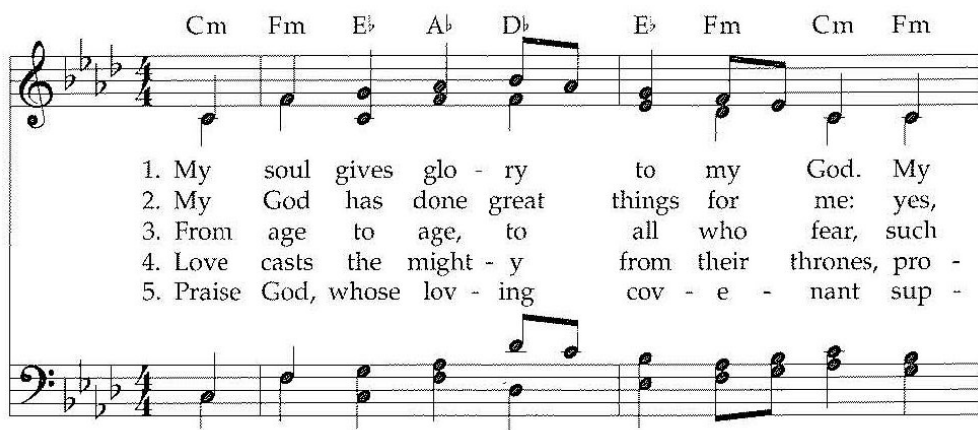
Friday, Dec 15

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Kids Experiential Fun Night
learning about
The Night of Las Posadas

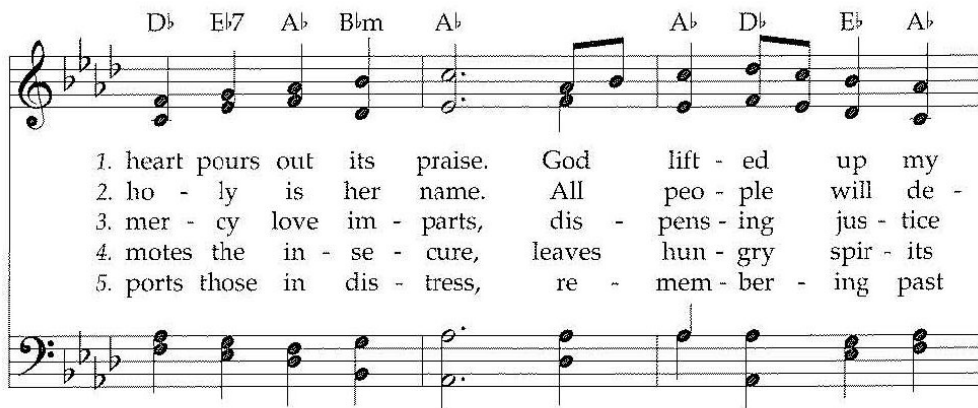
My Soul Gives Glory to My God

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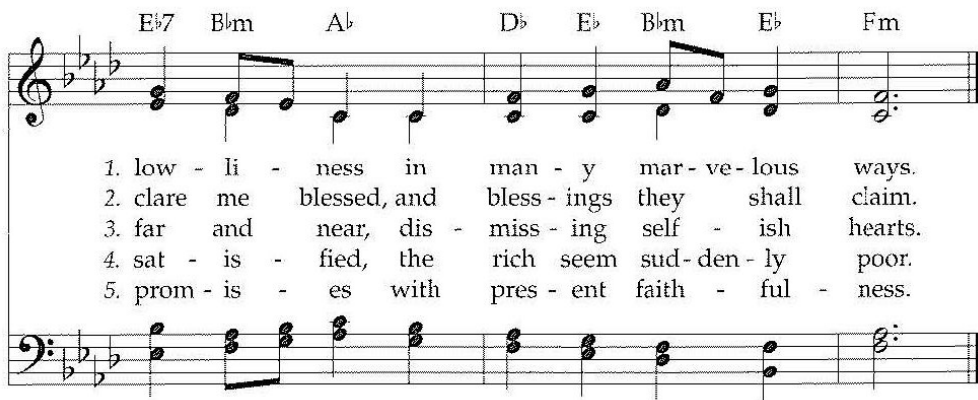
1. My soul gives glo - ry to my God. My
 2. My God has done great things for me: yes,
 3. From age to age, to all who fear, such
 4. Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -
 5. Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -

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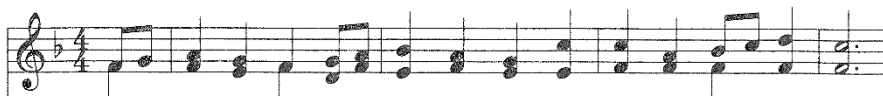
1. heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my
 2. ho - ly is her name. All peo - ple will de -
 3. mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice
 4. motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spir - its
 5. ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past

E^b7 B^bm A^b D^b E^b B^bm E^b Fm



1. low - li - ness in man - y mar - ve - lous ways.
 2. clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.
 3. far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.
 4. sat - is - fied, the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.
 5. prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

For Ages Women Hoped and Prayed



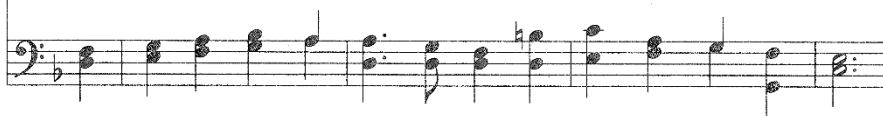
1 For ag - es wom - en hoped and prayed to bear th'a - noint - ed One,
2 Young Ma - ry did not think to hope for mir - a - cles of birth,
3 Our hearts re - joice as Ma - ry's song be - comes our hymn of praise.



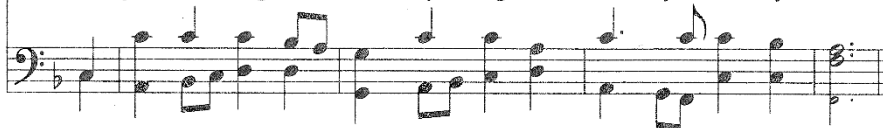
both Is - rael's Sav - ior and the world's, the new day's shin - ing sun.
and God chose her to be the one to make Christ's home on earth.
For Christ has come, Em - man - u - el, to claim our years and days.



Did they not know? Did they not guess what pain would then be theirs,
So Ma - ry sang her heart - felt praise of God who sets things straight;
Both pres - ent now and com - ing still, ac - com - plished fact and dream,



if God's a - noint - ed graced their home in an - swer to their prayers?
the might - y fall, the weak are raised, the hun - gry fill their plate.
we join the song that Ma - ry sings, an earth - ly, heaven - ly theme.



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Study for Wednesday Evening
Sermon Encounter: “The Song of Mary”
with Jonathan Greer
in conversation with Pastor Victoria

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28

For the Children!

Children’s bulletins are included in activity packets for ages 3+ and 7+.
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.

Thank You



Thank you to everyone who donated gifts and/or helped fill the stockings. We could not do it without your generosity.

Mission Committee

Advent & Christmas– 2023

The Songs of Christmas

December 17 – Advent III – Gloria

Sermon: “The Song of the Angels”

Anthem: *Angels Carol* – John Rutter

Guest Artist, Singer, Songwriter: Ken Medema

December 20 – Mourning Light/Advent IV – Nunc Dimittis

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 created to place on the Chrismon Tree.

5:30 pm – Dinner — Vickrey Hall

6:00 – 7:00 pm — Sanctuary

Sermon: “The Song of Simeon”

Anthem: *Nunc Dimittis* – Charles V. Stanford, Chris Denney, bass

December 24 – Christmas Eve

10:55 am – Family Nativity Service — Sanctuary

6:00 pm – Carols, Candlelight, & Communion — Sanctuary (*childcare provided*)



Christmas Eve Events

Family Nativity Service

Join us for a family Christmas Eve service at 10:55 AM. This will be an interactive chance for children to be part of the nativity story, enjoy Christmas Caroling, and celebrate the hope and endless possibilities that the Christ child brings.



Carols, Candlelight & Communion

Sunday, December 24, 6:00 PM

Childcare provided.





Blood Drive

Royal Lane Baptist Church

Vickrey Hall
6707 Royal Lane
Dallas, TX 75230

Tuesday, December 12, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Reservations are light.
The Red Cross needs you to give during this giving season.
Point to QR Code to Make Your Reservation



Schedule for the Week

Sunday December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent

12:15 pm Racial Justice Team — Vickrey Hall

Tuesday December 12

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

Wednesday December 13

3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 201 (3:30 - 5:30 pm)

5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall

Menu: Chili with all the fixings, Salad

6:00 pm Midweek Gathering & Study — Vickrey Hall & Zoom

6:00 pm Children's Gathering — Godly Play Room

6:30 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable

7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary

Friday December 15

5:00 pm Parents Night Out — Vickrey Hall (*childcare provided*) (5:00 – 9:00 pm)

Saturday December 16

2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent

9:45 am Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building

9:45 am Children's SS Classes — Christian Education Building

9:45 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable

10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Godly Play (following Time for Young Disciples) — Godly Play Room

Children 3-year through Fifth Grade

The deadline for the Weekly Mosaic and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.

How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic or Web Calendar for Links and details for
In-Person, Livestream, Virtual or Zoom events — royallane.org/resources/events

Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the Prayer Cards, available in the “pockets” on the back of each pew, to submit prayer requests or the Prayer Request Form, available on the website at royallane.org/prayer
Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.



Deacons on Call – Patsy Meier & Sheryl Gambill

Safety Shepherd – Cheryl Robinson

When WE Give: all ages can share in the preparation for the coming of the Christ child!

October 2023 Financials

| | YTD Actual |
|--------------------|------------|
| Revenues* | \$ 661,934 |
| Expenses | \$ 691,440 |
| Surplus (Deficit)* | \$(29,508) |

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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