

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
DECEMBER 4, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT - LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE
CHRISTMAS COMMUNION SUNDAY
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming, nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING Charles Qualls

VOLUNTARY *In Excelsis Deo* LEE ELLIS
Jackie Arrington, piano;
Steve Gibson, organ

*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Hope, Peace, Joy and Love* BAUGH

Hope, peace, joy, and love!
These are gifts You bring from above.
Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be
light of Your peace, reflected in me.

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Suzanne Blythe

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as
we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*CAROL 83 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE Ron and Dianne Rusnak

We light this candle as a symbol of the
purity of heart only God can bring.
For he shall purify his people like gold and silver,
until they shine forth his righteousness.
Come, Lord Jesus, come!

SUNG RESPONSE (SEATED) *Emmanuel* MCGEE

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called, Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

RESPONSIVE READING 101 A Child is Born for Us Suzanne Blythe

PASTORAL PRAYER Steve Gibson

*CAROL 81 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* PICARDY

OFFERTORY *Meditation on the Rocking Carol* JOHN S. DIXON
Steve Gibson, organ

*DOXOLOGY What Child Is This GREENSLEEVES

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant king, to own Him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Charles Qualls

ANTHEM *A Christmas Blessing* JOHN PURIFOY
Chancel Choir

The light of the Christmas star to you, the warmth of home and hearth to
you. The cheer and goodwill to you. The cheer and good will of friends to
you, the hope of a childlike heart to you. The joy of a thousand angels, the
light of the Christmas star, the love of the Son of God to you,
and the peace he brings to all.

SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew 3:1-12 Pew Bible New Testament, Pages 2-3 This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.	Charles Qualls
MEDITATION	Keeping Peace in the Wilderness	Charles Qualls
CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION INVITATION, BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS, DISTRIBUTION		
*CAROL 106	<i>He is Born</i>	IL EST NE
*BENEDICTION		Charles Qualls
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>Hope, Peace, Joy and Love</i>	BAUGH
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*VOLUNTARY	Jackie Arrington, piano	



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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER
Charles. L. Qualls, *Senior Pastor*
Steven R. Gibson, *Associate Pastor/Music*
Sharon James, *Associate Pastor/Education Emeritus*

This worship service is broadcast on radio WLQM - 1250 AM and PRAISE 99.1 FM
Facebook Live @ 11:00 AM

Franklin Baptist Church – December 4, 2022

Welcome Guests

We are always grateful to welcome guests who worship with us! Please complete the brief information card found in the pew rack, directly in front of you and place it in the offering plate.

Church Offerings

Help our church remain vital by continuing to give. Gifts can be made online on our website at franklinbaptist.org/onlinegiving or mail your offering to the church. Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

Year-End Contributions

In compliance with IRS regulations, all contributions for 2022 must be **received by December 31, 2022**. Any contributions received after that day will be posted to 2023. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Anyone interested in donating stock to the church prior to the end of the year may use our accounts at Wells Fargo or Edward Jones in Franklin. If you have any questions, please call Bill Howell at 757-650-8893.

Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items for homeless bags: Peanut butter, plastic spoons, Pop Tarts, cereal bars and pear or peach fruit cups!



Missions Team Coat Project

We are looking to provide 120 coats to Franklin High School 8th-12th graders. This is our 5th year donating coats to students.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please include **School Missions in the memo line**. The deadline for donations is **December 31, 2022**. Thank you for your continued support!



As you are aware, our beloved Rev. Steve Gibson will be retiring at the conclusion of the Christmas Eve service this year. If you would like to make a love offering to honor him, please send a check or other method of payment to Franklin Baptist Church. Please make checks payable to **Franklin Baptist Church** and indicate on the memo line **“to honor Rev. Gibson.”** The cut-off for donations will be **December 9th**. If you have any questions, please call Bill Howell at 757-650-8893. Let’s all send Steve off with a nice remembrance from Franklin Baptist Church. **CORRECTION: Your gift will be a tax deductible contribution.**



Help Our Missions Team!

Looking for a project to support as the holidays approach? The Blackwater Library is sponsoring “Santa for Seniors”. For your convenience, we will have collection bins in the narthex and at the entrance of the fellowship hall. Deadline to donate is **December 10th**. Senior’s wishlist items include: Puzzle books, adult coloring books, cross stitch kits, puzzles, playing cards, personal care items, socks, slippers, lap blankets/throws, notepads/pens, walker organizer, knitted gloves/hats/scarves, window bird feeder, costume jewelry, handwritten cards, gift cards.



Community Living Nativity

Drive through the journey to Bethlehem, where Jesus Christ was born.

Please help spread the word about this event which involves many community churches and organizations. The dates are **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, December 14th, 15th, and 16th from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM** at Barrett's Landing Boat Ramp, downtown Franklin.



Faith on Draft Takes a Christmas Break

We've had such a good Fall season. We'll be back in January for our usual monthly session. Mark your calendar now for **January 24!** Meanwhile, have a blessed Advent and a safe, meaningful Christmas!

Advent Calendar

- December 4 Advent II: Lighting the Candle of Peace
- Christmas Communion
- December 11 Advent III: Lighting the Candle of Joy
- Christmas Music Sunday featuring the Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra – *The Gift* by Lloyd Larson
- December 18 Advent IV: Lighting the Candle of Love
- JuBELLation Ringers
- December 24 Christmas Eve:
- 4:00 PM: Pre-Service Music
4:30 PM: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- Our Candlelight Service will include the premiere of a commissioned carol, *His Light*, by John S. Dixon, written in memory of those who have joined the heavenly choir: Loretta Drake Faison, Shirley Pope, Don William Scarboro.
- December 25 Christmas Day Service – 10:00 AM in the Chapel
- (There will be NO livestreaming or radio.)**



Our in-house Christmas message exchange (post office) is back! The “post office” is located in the narthex and will **be available until January 2nd!** No postage is required!

This is the perfect time to take a minute to let someone know you are thinking of them, or that you appreciate their hard work. Just place your cards/messages in the box by last names. Please remember to check for YOUR mail each week!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Betsy Brantley, Anna Garcia,
Carter Lyda (son of De Ann and James Lyda and
grandson of Roy and Carolyn De Brand)

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 4

Sunday School	9:45 am	SS Classrooms
Worship (also Facebook Live/Radio)	11:00 am	Sanctuary
Fellowship Coffee	12:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 5

JuBELLation Ringers	6:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 6

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, December 7

Morning Bible Study	11:00 am	The Village
Wednesday Night Dinner	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday Night Bible Study	6:15 pm	Fellowship Hall
Chancel Choir	7:00 pm	Choir Room
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room

Thursday, December 8

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, December 10

Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal	10:00 am	Sanctuary
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150th Anniversary Ornaments

We still have some 150th Anniversary ornaments available! If you would like to purchase one, please contact the church office. The cost of each ornament is \$20.00.



You are cordially invited to a Retirement Reception for Steve Gibson on **Sunday, December 18th** after the worship service in the fellowship hall. We will be recognizing Steve's faithful service of 17 years to our church family and community. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!