

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

11:00 A.M.

\*Please stand if you are able.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Ancient of days, bring your future hope into our world. Bring your love into our lives. Bring your presence into our midst. Open our hearts and minds to your message, that we may respond with hope and trust. With our ancestors of old, may we walk in the lineage of faithful discipleship. AMEN.

Welcome our guest organist, Karen Poplin.

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE *Redeemed How I Love to Proclaim It* ARR. MARK HAYES  
Jeremy Poplin, Piano

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Nancy Hopkins

In promise and covenant, God calls.

**In hope and trust, we respond.**

In love and faithfulness, God saves.

**In gratitude and joy, we come.**

You are no longer just a name.

You are more than just your past.

Come, and put pain and regret aside.

**In Christ, we are renewed and redeemed.**

**Following Christ, we are alive and called to love.**

**Thanks be to God for this glorious gift!**

## INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Nancy Hopkins

**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.**

\*HYMN 625 *Standing on the Promises* PROMISES

RESPONSIVE READING 628 Perseverance Nancy Hopkins

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

\*HYMN 71 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

OFFERTORY *Worthy of Worship* ARR. CAROLYN HAMLIN  
Karen Poplin, organist

\*DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him, above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Charles Qualls

ANTHEM *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* ARR. CLAUDE L. BASS  
Chancel Choir  
Karen Poplin, organist

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 4:13-25 Charles Qualls  
Pew Bible New Testament, Page 155  
This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Lenten Series: But Now I Tell You* Charles Qualls  
The Sacred Journey Goes On



## Franklin Baptist Church – February 25, 2024

### 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](http://franklinbaptist.org/onlinegiving) or mail your offering to the church. Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

### Altar Flowers

Each Sunday, the beauty of our Sanctuary shines through our livestreamed service and flowers on the Altar table. You can honor or remember a family member or friend by placing flowers on the Altar table. To reserve your preferred date, simply call the church office to be added to the Sunday Flower List.

### Franklin Cooperative Ministry

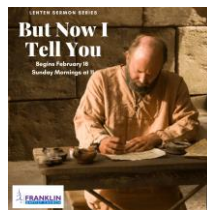
Franklin Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items: Laundry Detergent and Women's Deodorant.



Easter Choir rehearsals have begun! Come and join us on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM** in the choir room as we prepare special music for Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jeremy for more details.



Handbell Choir rehearsals resume **Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** in the JuBELLation Ringers Room. Come and join us as we prepare music for the Easter and Spring season. See Jeremy for more details.



### Lenten Sermon Series – But Now I Tell You

Our 2024 Lenten Sermon Series focuses on what Paul's letters reveal about Jesus Christ. Join us on Sundays at 11:00 AM as we listen and learn more about our Lord and why his life, death and resurrection matters!



### Wednesday Morning Bible Study - 11:00 AM at the Village

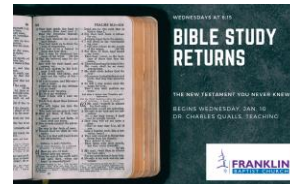
Join our Wednesday Morning Bible Study each week at 11:00 AM at the Village. This unit is titled Body and Spirit, and we will read from Acts, 1 Corinthians, and Psalms. The diverse scriptures will help us to explore the many sides of the physical and spiritual aspects of our lives of faith. As individuals and as communities, we seek to follow God in all these ways as we can experience God's presence and journey together.

It will also be livestreamed on its own page. Look for **Franklin Baptist Weds Bible Studies** page on Facebook each time. Here's the link: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089014699051>



### Wednesday Night Dinners - 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall

To make a reservation, please CALL the church office at 757-562-5135 by Tuesday at noon! You will be responsible for paying for any meals not cancelled by Noon on Tuesday!



### Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study, 6:15 PM in the fellowship hall - Winter Bible Study- The New Testament You Never Knew

We'll draw from Dr. N.T. Wright as we survey the many components that make up our Bible's New Testament. What was Jesus doing through the disciples that led to Gospel stories? What were the apostles doing that birthed a church? How does an epistle differ from the Acts of the Apostles? Come study with us in the fellowship hall at 6:15 PM on Wednesdays. Dr. Charles Qualls will be facilitating.

### Missions - Volunteers Needed

The Missions Committee is supporting the Franklin Cooperative Ministries by providing children's personal hygiene kits on an on-going basis. Our commitment is to provide 40 bags per month. The average cost per bag is \$8.00. Help is needed in making the bags. If you are willing to cut fabric and/or sew bags, we can use your help. Materials will be provided to you. If you have scraps of cotton material (at least ¼ yard or more) lying around and would like to donate them, there will be a box marked "Missions" at the entryway of the fellowship hall. Please see Jackie Howell or Crissie Eubanks if you would like to "lend a hand" to this local mission project.



**Wednesday Lenten Lunch and Worship**

This year our Lenten series of weekly lunch and services will be held at a different church each week. **Worship service begins at 12:00 PM with lunch being served at 12:30 PM.** Franklin Baptist Church will be hosting the service and lunch on February 28<sup>th</sup>!

- February 28: Franklin Baptist Church
- March 6: St. Jude Catholic Church
- March 13: High Street United Methodist Church
- March 20: Hunterdale Christian Church



- March 24 **Palm Sunday - 11:00 AM, Sanctuary**  
During worship we will have a service of special music. Our worship that day will feature our Chancel Choir, strings, soloists, organ, piano, and special hymns to aid us in celebrating this holy season.
- March 28 Seder Meal – 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- March 29 Tenebrae – 7:30 PM, Chapel
- March 31 Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of our Lord  
11:00 AM, Sanctuary

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Sara Hagler (Cindy Jackson’s mother), Larry Johnson  
Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, February 25**

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

**Tuesday, February 27**

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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**Wednesday, February 28**

Morning Bible Study	11:00 am	The Village
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Community Lenten Service	12:00 pm	Franklin Baptist Church
Community Lenten Lunch	12:30 pm	Franklin Baptist Church

Wednesday Night Dinner	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Adult Bible Study	6:15 pm	Fellowship Hall
Choir Practice	7:00 pm	Choir Room
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room

**Thursday, February 29**

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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Each year at Easter, you are able to support a missions cause or add to the beauty of our sanctuary by purchasing a lily. The cost of either option is \$25.00. **All requests must be placed by March 11<sup>th</sup>!**

Forms can be found in the bulletins, Sunday school classrooms, narthex and the church office. Printable forms can be found on our Website under the Bulletins and Weekly Events tab and also on our Facebook page.