

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
OCTOBER 27, 2024
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
BABY DEDICATION SUNDAY
REFORMATION SUNDAY
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Good morning, Lord. I welcome the new day, for it is a gift from you. My petty fears are nothing in the face of your love; in the warmth of your wisdom my anxieties melt away. Make me more faithful than I could be on my own, and use me to reflect your light, for there are so many who need to know of your grace. Walk with me, and show me your way, for I would follow you. AMEN.

GREETING

Charles Qualls

PRELUDE

Waltzes No. 1, 2 & 3 (Op. 69)
Barbara Salter and Jeremy Poplin, Piano

JOHANNES BRAHMS

THE CALL TO COME AND WORSHIP

Holly Poplin

God's judgement and mercy do not always come as we expect them. Often they arrive in surprising ways, at surprising times, and through surprising people. Our story today takes us into the book of Judges. These twenty-one chapters chronicle Israel's dark ages. For in its pages, we see the years when that fledgling nation went into a tunnel. The people of God were in their land of promise, but there was little promise in them. They had wandered long enough in the physical wilderness, now they would wander three times as long in the spiritual wilderness. Through a collection of stories and accounts of the tribes, the author of this book weaves a rough and tumble story of the people of God going on a morally slippery slope sliding out of control. Yet, God has not given up on them. Through even our worse times, the God of mercy hears our prayers and holds them close. When we wander away into places of death and despair, God is always ready to bring us back. For no matter where we go or what we do, we belong to God and God is there for us. Let us call ourselves to worship.

We lift up our eyes to you, O God,
longing for a glimpse of your grace.

We watch for you...and wait,
trying to keep awake and aware,
trying not to fall asleep,
trying not to miss your presence,
trying not to miss our very lives.

Today, we come to you awake -
clothed in faith, decked out in love,
wearing hope for all to see.
Come and meet us here, O God,
in your mercy and your grace.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Holly Poplin

**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 418

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF CHARLOTTE MARY WILSON

Parents: Mary Hudgins and Joshua Wilson

Maternal Grandparents: Robin Hudgins and the late Jonathan Hudgins

Paternal Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Tim Wilson

PRESENTATION

Matthew 19:14

Holly Poplin

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, who said,
"Let the little children come to me and do not stop them;
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Holy Creator of life,
we celebrate the glorious mystery of birth.

You love children into existence and place them in human arms for tender nurture.
We ask that you surround Charlotte and her family with your steadfast love all the days of their lives.

We ask your blessings on the church who will support, love and pray for them.
We pray that as the members of Franklin Baptist Church, we may commit ourselves to assist this precious family.

Holy God, we ask that as Mary and Joshua take this step of faith in dedicating Charlotte to you, that they may walk in your grace, love, and compassion. AMEN.

QUESTIONS

Charles Qualls

Mary and Joshua, by coming forward before God and this congregation, do you hereby declare your desire to dedicate yourselves and your daughter to the Lord? If so, please respond by saying, “we do.”

We do.

Having come freely, I ask now that you enter into the following commitment in the presence of God and this congregation. That Charlotte may walk in the abundant life that Christ offers, do you Mary and Joshua, vow by God’s help and in partnership with the church, to provide Charlotte a Christian home of love and peace, to raise her in the truth of our Lord’s instruction and discipline, and to encourage her to one day trust Jesus Christ as her Savior and Lord? If so, please respond by saying, “we do.”

We do.

There’s an old proverb that says “it takes a village to raise a child.” Parents have first responsibility. But parents need the help and support of the community. So I direct my questions now to the church. I ask now that you make the following commitment to those who stand before you. So that Charlotte may walk in the abundant life that Christ offers, do you vow by God’s help, to be faithful in your

calling as members of the body of Christ, to help Mary and Joshua be faithful to God, and to help teach and train Charlotte in the ways of the Lord so that she might one day trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord? If you accept this responsibility, please respond by saying, “we do.”

We do.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLE AND CERTIFICATE

Charles Qualls

MUSICAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Chancel Choir
Barbara Salter, Organ

JOHN RUTTER

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
to shine upon you and be gracious, be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you,
the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace.
AMEN.*

*HYMN 490

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

HENDON

OFFERTORY

O Lamb of God Most Holy
Barbara Salter, Organ

J.S. BACH

*Doxology

OLD 100TH

**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

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 1:1; 2:10-13, 16-17; 21:25
Pew Bible Old Testament Pages 217; 218-219; 240
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Charles Qualls

MESSAGE	<i>One Story Here We Go Again</i>	Charles Qualls
*HYMN 41	<i>There's a Wideness in God's Mercy</i>	WELLESLEY
BENEDICTION		Charles Qualls
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>A Year of God's Favor</i>	ST. DENIO

**Fulfilled in our living be God's word today,
fulfilled in our loving, our work, and our play,
fulfilled now in justice, in mercy and peace,
in joyful thanksgiving and praise without cease.**

POSTLUDE	<i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i> Barbara Salter, Organ	JOHANN WALTER
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The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of Charlotte Mary Wilson,
on the occasion of her baby dedication, by her family.



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Every Member a Minister

Dr. Charles L. Qualls, *Senior Pastor*

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Sharon James, *Associate Pastor/Education Emeritus*

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

Franklin Baptist Church – October 27, 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 as it passes.

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!

Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry needs the following items: Women's deodorant and toothpaste!

Community Living Nativity - Volunteers

Work has begun to prepare for the Community Living Nativity. The event will be held 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM on December 11th, 12th, and 13th. Volunteers are needed to participate in scenes and physically assist in set up/break down. Please let us know if you can help by contacting Kay Drumheller (757-377-6557), Eliza Rainey (757-377-7523), or Billie Turner (757-651-9137).



Daylight Saving Time ends on **November 3rd, 2024**. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!



All Saints Sunday Remembrance - November 10th

Come join us on **Sunday, November 10th at the 11:00 AM** service for All Saints Sunday where we remember our loved ones who have gone on before us.



Annual Fall Business Meeting

Come join us for our annual fall business meeting on **Wednesday, November 13th at 6:15 PM** in the fellowship hall. Hope to see you all there!

Prayer Concerns

Sandy Edwards, Margaret Gayle, Sara Hagler (Cindy Jackson's mother),
Glenda Jervey, Jeff Kostelnik, Melody White (Holly Ferguson's sister)

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 27

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

Monday, October 28

JuBELLation Ringers	6:00 pm	Sanctuary
Endowment Meeting	7:00 pm	Conference Room

Tuesday, October 29

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, October 30

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

Thursday, October 31

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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Salvation Army - Angel Tree

The Missions Team, working with the Salvation Army, has decided that again this year as a church, we will make a monetary donation to the Angel Tree Program. We are thankful that the Salvation Army has volunteers who will do the shopping and prepare the gifts.

Donations can be made via check made out to: Franklin Baptist Church with "**MISSIONS**" in the Memo Line - or - via our website's online giving portal at www.franklinbaptist/online-giving/. All contributions are due to the church by **Monday, November 18th**.