

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY
FOR OUR LORD (1871-2021)
DECEMBER 26, 2021
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING Charles Qualls

VOLUNTARY *I Saw Three Ships* ARR. MARK HAYES
Steve Gibson, Pianist

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Dan Lakeman

**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.**

RESPONSIVE PSALTER 148 Praise for God's Universal Glory Dan Lakeman

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

**He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.**

Praise the Lord!

VOLUNTARY *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* ARR. MARK HAYES
Steve Gibson, Pianist

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:41-52 Charles Qualls
Pew Bible New Testament, Page 59
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

VOLUNTARY *Let There Be Peace on Earth* ARR. MARK HAYES
Steve Gibson, Pianist

SERMON Looking In All The Wrong Places Charles Qualls

*BENEDICTION Charles Qualls

*VOLUNTARY Go Tell It on the Mountain ARR. MARK HAYES
Steve Gibson, Pianist



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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 26, 2021

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.

Worship Service

In response to CDC and VA Adjustments in Covid-19 policies, masks are optional and pews are marked for physical distancing guidelines.

Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School classes December 26th or January 2nd. We will return on January 9th at 9:45 AM.

Large Print Hymnals

Just a reminder that there are binders in the Narthex which contain large print copies of each Sunday's hymns and worship order.

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 2021 must be **received** by December 31, 2021. Any contributions received after that day will be posted to 2022. 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.



The church office will be closed the following days:

Christmas: December 27, 2021

New Year's: December 31, 2021



Our in-house Christmas message exchange (post office) is back! No postage is required! The "post office" will be located in the narthex beginning this Sunday morning. 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! The "post office" will be available until January 2nd!

Wednesday Night Bible Study – The Difficult Words of Jesus

Some biblical texts are just easier than others. Some, if we're honest, leave us perplexed. In fact, when it comes to Jesus, some things leave us observing -- "He said that? Really?"

- "Sell What You Own"
- "Hate your Father and Mother"
- "Whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all" just to name a few.

We'll explore six of these tough texts, beginning on Wednesday night, **January 19 at 6:15 PM.**

150TH Anniversary Information

- ◆ If you would like to purchase an ornament to commemorate our 150th Anniversary, please contact the church office. The cost of each ornament is \$20.00. Please make checks payable to Franklin Baptist Church with 150th Anniversary in the memo line.
- ◆ If you have family that are no longer members or friends that are returning for one of our services between now and the end of April, let the church office know at least ten days in advance and we will recognize them in the bulletin and Charles will greet them in his opening sentences that Sunday morning. Check our website for upcoming events!
- ◆ If anyone has any memorabilia pertaining to the church, please contact Dan and Patsy Fowler at 757-562-4795.



A meal train has been established for Susan and Sonny Vick for the months of December and January.

Please copy this web address and paste in a browser bar for sign-up:

<https://mealtrain.com/70747n>

Chancel Choir

Rehearsals will resume again on Wednesday, January 12th at 7:00 PM. **Because the choir room and choir loft are confined spaces, everyone singing must wear a mask. Masks are available in the choir room.**

Wednesday Night Dinners

Wednesday night dinners will return on **January 12th at 5:30 PM** in the fellowship hall.

Luncheon - 150th Anniversary

Our celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Franklin Baptist Church continues on Sunday, **January 16th**. Immediately following worship, we will celebrate with a catered lunch in the fellowship hall. The menu includes: Pork Tenderloin, Yams, Snap Beans and Chocolate Éclair. **Reservations must be made by January 10th**. There is no cost for this celebration. Please complete the form inserted in the bulletin and place in the collection plate. You can also complete a form on the website or call the church office. There is a limit of 110 people.

Faith on Draft

Did the pandemic alter your faith? Come join us as Faith on Draft returns on Tuesday, **January 18th at 6:30 PM** at Fred's Restaurant Downstairs. Note that this is a new night and we will be meeting downstairs.

Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items: Macaroni & Cheese and Oatmeal (boxes with packets inside).

PRAYER CONCERNS

Nancy Bridges, Warren Bridges, Opal Elks, David Flythe, Joyce Kaplan, Susan Vick, Tootie Wade, Floyd Wellons, Martha Wellons

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 26

Worship (also Facebook Live/Radio)	11:00 am	Sanctuary
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Monday, December 27

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 28

AA Group	8:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, December 29

NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room
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Thursday, December 30

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Hayden Village
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Friday, December 31

Church Office Closed

Coming in January!

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| January 2 | Communion served by our Deacons |
| January 4 | Deacon Banquet |
| January 9 | Baptism of our Lord |
| January 10 | JuBellation Ringers Rehearsal |
| January 12 | All Wednesday Activities Resume: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Bible Study on I, II Thessalonians by N.T. Wright • Dinner • Evening Bible Study • Choir Rehearsal |
| January 16 | Deacon Ordination and Installation |
| January 29 | Deacon Retreat |