

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY
FOR OUR LORD (1871-2021)
JANUARY 2, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
COMMUNION SUNDAY
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING Charles Qualls

VOLUNTARY *Pastorale from the Christmas Concerto* ARCHANGELO CORELLI
Steve Gibson, Organist

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Betty Britt

The Word became flesh and lived among us.
And we have seen his glory.
The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.
Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ.
Glory to God forever!

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Betty Britt

**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.**

VOLUNTARY *Un Flambeau, Jeanette Isabelle!* CHRISTOPHER UEHLEIN
Steve Gibson, Organist

RESPONSIVE EPISTLE Ephesians 1:3-14 Betty Britt

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
**who has blessed us in Christ with every
spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,**
just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world
to be holy and blameless before him in love.
He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ,
according to the good pleasure of his will,
**to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely
bestowed on us in the Beloved.**

In him we have redemption through his blood,
**the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace**
that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight
he has made known to us the mystery of his will,
according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,
as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him,
things in heaven and things on earth.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance,
having been destined according to the purpose of him
who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,
so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ,
might live for the praise of his glory.

In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth,
the gospel of your salvation,
**and had believed in him, were marked with the
seal of the promised Holy Spirit;**
**this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption
as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.**

PASTORAL PRAYER Steve Gibson

VOLUNTARY	<i>Meditation on Rocking Carol</i> Steve Gibson, Organist	JOHN S. DIXON
SCRIPTURE READING	John 1:10-18 Pew Bible New Testament, Pages 91-92 This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.	Charles Qualls
SERMON	He Came To What Was His Own	Charles Qualls
CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION INVITATION, BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS, DISTRIBUTION		
*BENEDICTION		Charles Qualls
*VOLUNTARY	<i>Variations on Antioch</i> Steve Gibson, Organist	JEFFREY B. HARTMANN



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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 – January 2, 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.

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 on 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!



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 12th 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!



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

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

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

Chancel Choir

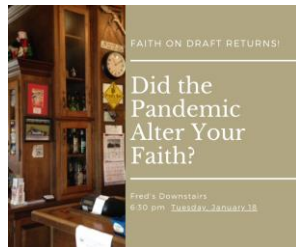
Rehearsals will resume again on Wednesday, January 12th at 7:00 PM. **Because the choir room and choir loft are confined spaces, everyone singing must wear a mask. Masks are available in the choir room.**

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 Returns

Did the pandemic alter your faith? Faith on Draft returns on Tuesday, **January 18th at 6:30 PM** at Fred's Restaurant Downstairs. Note a new night. We'll be downstairs in January. Come celebrate our return and join in the conversation!

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, David Flythe, Joyce Kaplan, Susan Vick, Floyd Wellons, Martha Wellons

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Johnie Pollard (J. Michael Pollard's father), who passed away on December 24, 2021.

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Opal Elks, who passed away on December 29, 2021.

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Tootie Wade, who passed away on December 29, 2021.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 2

Worship (also Facebook Live/Radio) 11:00 am Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 4

Deacon Banquet 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

AA Group 8:00 pm Community Room

Wednesday, January 5

NA Group 7:30 pm Community Room

Thursday, January 6

High Street Seniors 10:00 am Fellowship Hall

January Highlights

- January 9 Baptism of our Lord
- January 10 JuBellation Ringers Rehearsal
- January 12 All Wednesday Activities Resume:
 - 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