

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
DECEMBER 11, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT – LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please welcome today's guest musicians:

I Violin: Johnathan Spence

Cello: Jeff Phelps

II Violin: Olivia Cottrell

Flute: Wayla Chambo

Viola: Jocelyn Smith

Oboe: David Garcia

GREETING

Charles Qualls

VOLUNTARY

A Holst Christmas
Chamber Orchestra and Organ

DOUGLAS WAGNER

*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

BAUGH

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

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Travis Felts

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 122

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IL DULCI JUBILO

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY

Dawna and Jim Walton

We light this candle as a symbol of God's
love for us and our love for one another.

**For the Lord rejoices over us, with gladness,
and renews us in his love.**

He exults over us with singing and turns our shame to praise.

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.**

*CAROL 125

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

OFFERTORY

In the Bleak Midwinter
Chamber Orchestra and Organ

JOHN LEAVITT

*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

The Gift

**A Christmas Cantata by Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir and Orchestra**

Narrators: Nancy Bridges and Travis Felts

(Note: The congregation is asked to sing the lyrics found in bold.)

NARRATION

Prepare, Prepare the Way of the Lord

Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord! Your King shall come, the promised one.
Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord! Your King shall come in the morning!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel!

NARRATION

Come, Divine Messiah, Come

Come, O come, divine Messiah, born to set thy people free:
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us
forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thy own eternal Spirit, rule in all
our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.
Come, divine Messiah, come.

NARRATION

Royal David's City

(Text may be found in the Celebrating Grace Hymnal, #104, stanzas 1 and 2)

O holy child of Bethlehem; the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still,
the dear Christ enters in.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child, so dear and gentle, is our Lord,
heaven's gift from above! And he leads his children
on the place where he has gone. Emmanuel; God's gift of love.
Jesus Christ, heaven's gift from above!

NARRATION

Christ is Born This Holy Night

Child of hope, child of peace, heaven's gift, love's purest light!
Child of joy, child of grace, Christ is born this holy night.
Prophets had foretold his coming,
King of kings and Lord of lords!
A humble manger now enthrones him,
newborn King for all the world!
Promised One, God's own son,
heaven's gift sent from on high!
Emmanuel now comes to dwell.
Christ is born this holy night.

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging, angels singing, noels ringing,
tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Christ is born this holy night.

NARRATION

Glory to God in the Highest Heaven!

Glory to God in the highest heaven and peace on earth!
Glory to God in the highest heaven, celebrate the birth
of Emmanuel who comes to dwell with his people from on high.
Rejoice and sing, the newborn King is born this holy night!

There were shepherds in the field on a cold,
dark night keeping watch over their flock by the star's dim light.
Then suddenly the night sky shone as the dark turned into light.
And then the angel said, "Do not be afraid, for I bring good news tonight!"

"Go to Bethlehem," so the angel said, "and there you'll find the babe in a manger bed." Then suddenly the heavens blazed as God's glory pierced the night. "All praise to God!" the angels sang as the music filled the skies. Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Rejoice and sing, the newborn King is born this holy night!

NARRATION

Come and Worship the King

Gentle Mary laid her child in a lowly manger; there he lay, the undefiled, yet to the world a stranger. Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story! Praise this King who comes to earth; praise the King of glory! Come and worship the King; join the shepherds who bring their praise. Worship and adore!
Come and worship the King; join the Magi who bring their gifts.
Come and worship the Lord.

The shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing;
all the plains lit that night; all the hills were ringing.
Sages marveled at his birth, sought the King and found him!
Heaven's star shone brightly forth, glory all around him!

Come and worship the King; join the shepherds who bring their praise. Worship and adore! Come and worship the King; join the Magi who bring their gifts. Come and worship the Lord. O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord. Come and worship the King; earth and heaven shall ring with praise! Come and worship the Lord.

NARRATION

The Gifts We Bring

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its glorious light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle bed,
there to bend the knee before the child, he whom heaven and earth adore;
so, may we with faithful, willing feet ever seek the mercy seat.

Lord, receive our grateful offering, gifts of heart and mind,
and soul and strength. Lord, receive the humble gifts we bring.

As they offered gifts most rare at the cradle rude and bare,
so may we with true and holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
our costliest treasures humbly bring to Christ the newborn King.

Lord, receive our grateful offering, gifts of heart and mind, and soul and strength. What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what can I give him?
Give him my heart. Lord receive the gifts we bring.

NARRATION

Worship God's Great Gift

Child of hope, child of peace, heaven's gift, love's purest light!
Child of joy, child of grace, Christ is born this holy night.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

Lord, receive our grateful offering, gifts of heart and mind, and soul and strength. Lord, receive the humble gifts we bring; Lord, receive the gifts we bring. Come and worship God's great gift, the newborn King!

*CAROL 132 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* CAROL

*BENEDICTION Charles Qualls

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *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 joy, reflected in me.**

VOLUNTARY *Concerto Grosso, Op. 6, No. 8* ARCANGELO CORELLI
Chamber Orchestra and Organ

POINSETTIAS/MISSIONS DONATIONS

THE POINSETTIAS/MISSIONS DONATIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OR IN HONOR OF THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

<u>Given By</u>	<u>In Memory Of/In Honor Of</u>
Jackie Arrington (Poinsettia)	In Memory of Charles J. Arrington, Jr.
Martha Barnes (Missions)	In Memory of James E. Barnes
Walter and Carrie Bernacki (Missions)	In Memory of Bernacki and Lashua Parents
Clay and Jane Best (Poinsettia/Missions)	In Memory of Clayton Louis (Trey) Best III In Memory of Clayton "Louis" and Bessie Best
Karen and Suzan Bond (Poinsettia)	In Memory of Edward, Lynda, Owen and Elizabeth Bond
Ray Bradshaw (Missions/Poinsettias)	In Memory of Burt Bradshaw In Memory of Ben Bradshaw
Warren and Nancy Bridges (Missions)	In Memory of Bessie and Herman Bradshaw
Charles and Beverly Brown (Poinsettia)	In Memory of William and Virginia Carr In Memory of Nan and Adrian Brown
Camp Family (Poinsettias)	In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Camp, Sr. In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Camp, Jr. In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Camp, Sr. In Memory of Mr. William M. Camp, Jr.
Sion and Sally Carr (Missions)	In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Carr, Jr.
Britton and Jo Culpepper (Missions/Poinsettia)	In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Britton B. Culpepper, Sr. In Memory of Sidney Earl and Fannie Lou Long In Honor of Rev. Dr. Charles Qualls and Rev. Steve Gibson
Joyce Davis (Missions and Poinsettia)	In Memory of E.A. and Emma Davis In Memory of Frank Davis
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wilson Drake, Jr. (Missions)	In Memory of Shirley Drake and Roger Wilson Drake III In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Tracy (Smiley) Atkinson, Jr.
David and Irma Drewry (Missions and Poinsettia)	In Memory of Charlie Drewry In Memory of Mary M. Babb
Mark, Kay and Harrison Drumheller (Missions)	In Memory of Bill and Martha Drumheller In Memory of Bob and Oma Joyner In Memory of Margaret Ann Joyner Cunningham
Bobby and June Duck (Missions)	In Memory of John and Martha Duck In Memory of Elizabeth and John Moody
Harriet and Richard Duck (Poinsettia)	In Memory of Alma and Jimmie R. Duck
Beth and Tom Ellington (Missions)	In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Francis Ellington In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Tall Jones

Faison Family (Missions)	In Memory of Loretta Drake Faison In Memory of Tonya Kay Faison
Dan and Patsy Fowler (Poinsettia)	In Memory of Jack and Emily Fowler
Mickey and Pat Futrell (Poinsettia)	In Memory of our parents
Rev. and Mrs. Steven R. Gibson (Missions/Poinsettias)	In Memory of Ray and Catherine Gibson In Memory of Hunter and Hezzie Ritchie In Honor of our Church staff (Charles, Josephine, Patricia, Joe, Harrison and Trina) In Honor of our loving Church family In Honor of our Wednesday morning Bible Study Teachers (Lin Bittick, Betty Britt, Avis Shockley) In Honor of the Chancel Choir In Honor of the JuBELLation Ringers In Honor of my duet partner, Jackie Arrington In Honor of Ron Cornwell In Honor of Noah and Kari Gibson In Honor of Henry and Claire Gibson
Dawn W. Holland (Poinsettia)	In Honor of Alona Voronova and her family still in the Ukraine
Vince and Connie Holt (Poinsettia)	In Memory of Jeffrey David Holt
Their loving families (Poinsettias)	In Memory of Tuck, Janet and Jonathan Hudgins
Stewart Howell Family (Missions)	In Memory of Joe and Tena Goodson
William H. Howell III Family (Missions)	In Memory of JT and Myra Stewart In Memory of William and Helen Howell In Memory of Olivia Rose In Memory of Robert Cobb Howell
William H. Howell's Children and Grandchildren (Missions)	In Honor of William H. Howell III
Mike and Sue Johnson (Missions)	In Memory of our parents
Sarah Lundy and Michael Milteer (Poinsettia)	In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Moody
Shelby Parker (Missions)	In Memory of Edgar Parker
Stell Pierce (Missions)	In Memory of Horace L. Pierce
Rick Poole and Beth and Franklin Drake (Poinsettia)	In Memory of Marion and Dick Poole
Dr. and Mrs. Charles L. Qualls (Poinsettias)	In Memory of Don and Betty Boynton In Memory of Winston Qualls In Honor of Julie Qualls In Honor of our Franklin Baptist Church family In Honor of Steve Gibson

Jim and Eliza Rainey (Missions)	In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Pond, Jr. In Memory of Rev. and Mrs. L.J. Rainey
Rawls Family (Poinsettias)	In Memory of Ann Peace Rawls In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. S.W. Rawls, Sr. In Memory of Sol Waite Rawls, Jr.
Jeff Saunders (Poinsettia)	In Memory of Dot and Charlie Saunders
Avis Shockley and Family (Missions)	In Memory of Martin Shockley
Amy and Lance Simms (Poinsettia)	In Memory of John and Liz Underwood
Everett and Amelia Spivey (Poinsettia)	In Memory of Josephine and Dewey Howell In Memory of Christine and Archer Spivey
Ann Stephens (Missions)	In Memory of Bobby Stephens
Susan, Emily and Madison Suiter (Poinsettias)	In Memory of John Ghio (Ghi) Suiter In Memory of Arthur and Joyce Suiter
Virginia Y. Stone (Missions)	In Memory of Jake M. Stone
Maggie Swain (Missions)	In Memory of George, Frances, Brad and Linda Swain
Rachel Tayloe (Poinsettia)	In Memory of Ralph P. Tayloe
Margaret Vick (Poinsettias)	In Memory of Bobby M. Vick In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Stone
Kaye and Donnie Wade (Missions)	In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Baker
Floyd Wellons (Poinsettia)	In Memory of Martha Wellons
Jim Whitley and Family (Missions)	In Memory of Dolores Whitley In Memory of Doug Whitley In Memory of Trent Whitley
A Friend (Missions)	In Honor of our livestream techs In Honor of building and maintenance crew In Honor of the office staff In Honor of the ministerial staff In Honor of the choir and JuBELLation ringers In Honor of Jackie Arrington

The wreaths on the High Street entrance have been given in loving memory of *Elizabeth Camp Smith* by Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Agelasto, III.

The swag on the Third Avenue entrance has been given in loving memory of *Wallace E. "Buddy" Butler* by his family.

The wreaths on the Second Avenue entrance have been given in loving memory of *Dick C. Poole* by his family.

The wreaths on the Third Avenue sanctuary entrance are homemade and are given in loving memory of *S. A. and Virginia Carr* by their family.

Prayer Concerns

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 11

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

Monday, December 12

JuBellation Ringers	6:00 pm	Sanctuary
Administrative Council Meeting	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 13

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, December 14

Morning Bible Study	11:00 am	The Village
Living Nativity	5:30 pm	Barrett's Landing Boat Ramp
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room

Thursday, December 15

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Hayden Village
Living Nativity	5:30 pm	Barrett's Landing Boat Ramp

Friday, December 16

Living Nativity	5:30 pm	Barrett's Landing Boat Ramp
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Saturday, December 17

Decorating for Reception	11:00	Fellowship Hall
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Wednesday Activities

Wednesday activities will resume again on January 11th. See you then!

Franklin Baptist Church – December 11, 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!



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.



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!



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!



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 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
Join us for a brief worship service including a meditation by Dr. Charles Qualls.
- (There will be NO livestreaming or radio.)**

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.

Christmas Office Hours

The church office will be closed the following days for the Christmas Holiday: Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th; and Monday, January 2nd for New Year's.



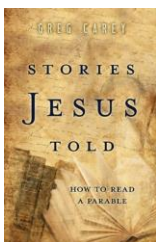
Christmas Day Worship Only at 10:00 AM - Chapel

Christmas lands on The Lord's Day this year. Sunday, December 25th at 10:00 AM we'll gather for a brief service in the chapel. We'll share music, scripture readings, prayers and a meditation titled, "A Gift-Wrapped Merry Christmas." No Sunday School. Bring your company and come as you are!



New Year Day Worship Only at 10:00 AM - Chapel

New Year Day also happens to be The Lord's Day as 2023 dawns. Sunday, January 1st at 10:00 AM we'll gather for a brief service in the chapel. Join us for music and an abbreviated traditional service featuring a meditation entitled, "You Never Know What a New Year Will Bring!" No Sunday School.



Stories Jesus Told

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study resumes at 6:15 PM on January 11th. Dr. Qualls will begin a brand new study of Jesus' parables based on the work of Dr. Greg Carey by the same title: Stories Jesus Told. These stories are powerful. In the process, we may also learn more about how to read a parable. Let's learn together!

UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS

January 1	Communion served by our Deacons - 10:00 AM in the Chapel
January 8	Baptism of our Lord
January 11	All Wednesday Activities Resume: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Bible Study • Dinner • Evening Bible Study • Choir Rehearsal
January 15	Deacon Ordination and Installation



The staff of Franklin
Baptist Church extends our
sincere wishes for a most joyous Christmas season!
Our prayer is that God will continue
to bless us in the New Year!



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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