

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
DECEMBER 18, 2022  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT - LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE  
11:00 A.M.

\*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING Charles Qualls

VOLUNTARY *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* MAC GIMSEY  
Jackie Arrington, piano

\*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP *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 love, reflected in me.**

\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Maggie Swain

**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 124 *The First Nowell* THE FIRST NOWELL

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF LOVE

Glenn and Billie Turner

We light this candle as a symbol of the joy  
found in your kingdom on earth.  
**For the Lord elevates the lowly, releases the captive,**  
**and brings sight to the blind.**  
**We rejoice in his justice and mercy, faithful to all generations.**  
**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.**

REFLECTIONS ON MY MINISTRY 2005-2022 Steve Gibson

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

\*CAROL 126 *Angels, From the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE

OFFERTORY *Mary's Little Boy Child* HAIRSTON  
Jackie Arrington, piano

\*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

BELL ANTHEM *Carol of the Bells* KATHLEEN WISSINGER  
JuBELLation Ringers

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-25 Charles Qualls  
Pew Bible New Testament, Page 1  
This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON                      Keep Your Hope in Jesus                      Charles Qualls

\*CAROL 143                      *Go, Tell It On the Mountain*                      GO TELL IT

\*BENEDICTION                      Charles Qualls

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE                      *Hope, Peace, Joy and Love*                      BAUGH

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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 18, 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](http://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.

**Wednesday Activities**

Wednesday activities will resume again on **January 11<sup>th</sup>**. See you then!

**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**

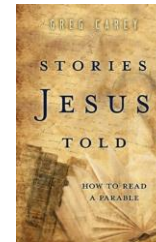
We are looking to provide 120 coats to Franklin High School 8th-12<sup>th</sup> graders. This is our 5<sup>th</sup> year donating coats to students.

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!



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!



**Stories Jesus Told**

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study resumes at **6:15 PM on January 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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!



**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!

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ornaments**

We still have some 150<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>; and Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> for New Year's.

## *Advent Calendar*

- 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.)**
- The Christmas Eve service will be rebroadcasted on the radio today.**



**Christmas Day Worship Only at 10:00 AM - Chapel**  
Christmas lands on The Lord's Day this year. Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Anna Garcia, Brianna Gilliland, 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 18

Sunday School	9:45 am	SS Classrooms
Worship (also Facebook Live/Radio)	11:00 am	Sanctuary
Steve's Retirement Reception	12:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

#### Tuesday, December 20

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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#### Wednesday, December 21

NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room
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#### Friday, December 23

Church Office Closed

#### Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Pre-Service Music	4:00 pm	Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	4:30 pm	Sanctuary

### 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"> <li>• Morning Bible Study</li> <li>• Dinner</li> <li>• Evening Bible Study</li> <li>• Choir Rehearsal</li> </ul>
January 15	Deacon Ordination and Installation