

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
JANUARY 29, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress* ARR. MARY McDONALD
Ron Cornwell, organ

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Shara Pearce

Eternal Wisdom, we acknowledge that all understanding and all life-giving counsel comes from you and belongs to you.

Your ways are always highest and best.

Yet we have tried to fashion and follow our own way.

We have clung to our darkness rather than following your light.

Forgive our selfish waywardness,
**and help us by your Spirit to follow the
light of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Shara Pearce

**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 2 *Come, Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN

RESPONSIVE READING # 30 God, the Revealer Shara Pearce

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

*HYMN 48 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

OFFERTORY *Only Jesus* ARR. TIM DORAN
Ron Cornwell, organ

*DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

ANTHEM *The Gift of Love* HAL H. HOPSON
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING John 9:1-34 Charles Qualls
Pew Bible New Testament, Pages 102-103
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Series: A Great Church Charles Qualls
Claiming to See

*HYMN 641

Higher Ground

HIGHER GROUND

*BENEDICTION

Charles Qualls

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him! How I've proved him o're and o're!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!**

*POSTLUDE

How Excellent Is Thy Name
Ron Cornwell, organ

ARR. TIM DORAN



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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

Charles. L. Qualls, *Senior Pastor*

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 29, 2023

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!

Altar Flowers

Each Sunday, the beauty of our Sanctuary shines through our livestreamed service and flowers on the Altar table. You can honor or remember a family member or friend by placing flowers on the Altar table. To reserve your preferred date, simply call the church office to be added to the Sunday Flower List.

Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items: Peanut butter and women's deodorant! They are also in need of plastic grocery bags!



JuBELLation Ringers

JuBELLation Ringers meet on Mondays at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study - 11:00 AM at the Village

Join our Wednesday Morning Bible Study each week at 11:00 AM at the Village. Come join us as we will study and discuss our teacher's favorite scripture readings.

It will also be livestreamed on its own page. Look for **Franklin Baptist Weds Bible Studies** page on Facebook each time.

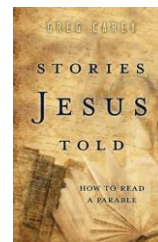
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Wednesday Night Dinners - 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall

To make a reservation, please CALL the church office at 757-562-5135 by Tuesday at noon! You will be responsible for paying for any meals not cancelled by Noon on Tuesday!

All meals will now be served on a dinner plate. If you need your meal to be a "takeout" meal, takeout containers will be available for you. The servers will fill the orders as you come through, and give it to you at the end of the line. You will be responsible for adding dessert and taking it from there.



Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study – Stories Jesus Told

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study meets at 6:15 PM in the fellowship hall. 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!



Chancel Choir

Chancel choir meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the choir room.



A Great Church (Winter Sermon Series)

Join us on Sundays at 11:00 AM for our Winter sermon series. The Church in America has faced a lot of challenges in the past decades. Now, in a post-pandemic culture how can we rediscover our identity and passion? What does our faith say about our worship? We'll explore these topics together here at Franklin Baptist Church.

Upcoming Events



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 21st at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall

Shrove Tuesday is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Please join us for a pancake supper, games and other activities. To participate, you **MUST** make a reservation with the church office (562-5135).

The deadline to sign up for this free pancake supper is **Sunday, February 19th** so that adequate food will be prepared.



Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Ash Wednesday (February 22nd) marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a season that we prepare for Easter. It begins with Ash Wednesday, a time to confront death and to acknowledge God as our source of life. Lent is a time of self-examination where the individual seeks to emulate Christ, by studying the teaching and example of Christ. The color for Lent is purple, which represents its focus on penitence.

Lent is also a time of renewal for Christians as we prepare to receive the Risen Christ once again. Lent comes from an Old English word for spring, indicating the anticipation of new growth and new life that comes with resurrection. Lent lasts 40 days (not including Sundays) before Easter and recalls Jesus' wilderness journey in which he confronted and overcame temptation.

Franklin Baptist marks Ash Wednesday with two services - **11:00 AM (at the Village) and 6:15 PM in the fellowship hall**. Come and join us as we begin our Lenten Journey on Ash Wednesday.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Graham Copeland, Anna Garcia, Stuart Howell, Carter Lyda, (son of De Ann and James Lyda and grandson of Roy and Carolyn De Brand), Janna Qualls, Jeannie Whitley

We express Christian sympathy to the family of William Elbert Brown, who passed away on January 21, 2023.

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Cheryl Diane Estep, (Michael Kloster's wife), who passed away on January 22, 2023. Michael Kloster is Bea Ross' grandson.

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 29

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

Monday, January 30

JuBELLation Ringers	6:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Endowment Committee Meeting	7:00 pm	Conference Room

Tuesday, January 31

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, February 1

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

Thursday, February 2

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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Winter Business Meeting

The Winter Business Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 8th at 6:15 PM in the fellowship hall**.

Just a friendly reminder to all Committee Chairs that your 2022 report for the Book of Reports is due to the church office by **January 30th**.