

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
FEBRUARY 19, 2023  
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
11:00 A.M.

\*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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

PRELUDE *To God Be The Glory* ARR. MARK EDWARDS  
Ron Cornwell, organ

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Dianne Rusnak

O Lord, You call us to go to the mountaintop with you.  
We follow, not quite sure of what is to happen. But we like mountain tops.

**We like the view from up here, we like mountain top experiences.  
Lord sometimes we need mountain top experiences with you.**

Lord, may this experience today with you fill our hearts with your light.

**May we be filled with your love, may we be filled with hope.**

Lord, may we have unveiled faces that reflect your love,  
your hope, and your light. Amen.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Dianne Rusnak

**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 58 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

RESPONSIVE READING # 157 May God Be Gracious Dianne Rusnak

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

\*HYMN 74 *There is a Balm in Gilead* BALM IN GILEAD

OFFERTORY *The Heavens Declare God's Glory* ROBERT POWELL  
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 *Be Not Afraid* CRAIG COURTNEY  
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 17:1-9 Charles Qualls  
Pew Bible New Testament, Pages 18-19  
This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Series: A Great Church Charles Qualls  
*Get Up and Do Not Be Afraid*

\*HYMN 156 *Shine, Jesus, Shine* SHINE  
(v. 1, 3)

\*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 *Based on Lyons* ARR. PAUL FEY  
Ron Cornwell, organ



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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER  
Charles. L. Qualls, *Senior Pastor*  
Sharon James, *Associate Pastor/Education Emeritus*  
Steven R. Gibson, *Minister of Music/Associate Pastor Emeritus*

This worship service is broadcast on radio WLQM – 1250 AM and PRAISE 99.1 FM  
Facebook Live @ 11:00 AM

## Franklin Baptist Church – February 19, 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](http://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, breakfast/granola bars and single serving (like lunchbox) fruit!



### 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.



### 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.

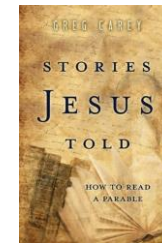
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### Wednesday Night Dinners - 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall

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.

## Upcoming Events



### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 21<sup>st</sup> 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 (757-562-5135).

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



### Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Ash Wednesday (February 22<sup>nd</sup>) 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, Ron Rusnak, Sonny Vick, Jeannie Whitley

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, February 19

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

### Monday, February 20

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| Vision Oversight Committee Meeting | 2:00 pm | Conference Room |
| JuBELLation Ringers                | 6:00 pm | Fellowship Hall |

### Tuesday, February 21

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| Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper | 6:00 pm | Fellowship Hall |
| AA Group                      | 7:00 pm | Community Room  |

### Wednesday, February 22

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| Ash Wednesday Service  | 11:00 am | The Village     |
| Wednesday Night Dinner | 5:30 pm  | Fellowship Hall |
| Ash Wednesday Service  | 6:15 pm  | Fellowship Hall |
| Chancel Choir          | 7:00 pm  | Choir Room      |
| NA Group               | 7:30 pm  | Community Room  |

### Thursday, February 23

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| High Street Seniors | 10:00 am | Fellowship Hall |
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### Wednesday Lenten Lunch and Worship

Our Lenten series of weekly lunch and worship services returns this year after a few years' break. The first such service and lunch begins on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Every week, we'll meet at Hunterdale Christian Church. As we did previously, the lunch opportunities will be offered at both Noon and at 1:00 PM, with a 12:30 PM service in-between on Wednesdays.