

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FEBRUARY 26, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* PUER NOBIS
JuBELLation Ringers

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Lin Bittick

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

**I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore all the faithful will make their
prayers to you in times of trouble.

**Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are put away.**

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Lin Bittick

**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 17 *This Is My Father's World* TERRA PATRIS

RESPONSIVE READING # 160 The Vision of Daniel Lin Bittick
(Reader and Congregation in Unison)

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

*HYMN 171 *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE

OFFERTORY *Allein Gott* JAMES COE
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 *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* JOHN CARTER
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:1-11 Charles Qualls
Pew Bible New Testament, Page 3
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Passing Up the Easier Life Charles Qualls

*HYMN 474 *Softly and Tenderly* THOMPSON

*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 *Orgelstuck* A. KEHRER
Ron Cornwell, organ

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of David Flythe, by his family.



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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

Charles. L. Qualls, *Senior Pastor*
Sharon James, *Associate Pastor/Education Emeritus*
Steven R. Gibson, *Associate Pastor/Music 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 26, 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, breakfast/granola bars and single serving (like lunchbox) fruit!



Faith on Draft – February 28th

Come join us on **February 28th at 6:30 PM at Serve** (special events room) where our topic will be “Hurtful things that Christians say to hurting people”.



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.

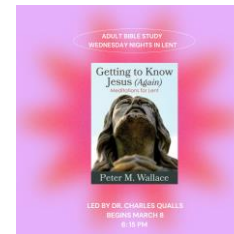
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Wednesday Night Dinners - 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall

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 – 6:15 PM

Spend four weeks with us this Lent as we study around Jesus' life of ministry and sacrifice. We'll lean on Peter Wallace's book, Getting to Know Jesus (Again). What a powerful way to prepare our hearts for Easter's victory!

Led by Dr. Charles Qualls at 6:15 PM on Wednesday nights beginning March 8th.



Chancel Choir

Chancel choir meets on **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM** in the choir room. The Chancel choir will be singing an Easter Cantata, *The Weeping Tree*.



Daylight Saving Time Begins – Spring Forward!

Daylight saving time begins on **March 12, 2023!**

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.



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 1st**.
Every week, we'll meet at Hunterdale Christian Church,
741 Hunterdale Road in Franklin.

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Dollie Bridgers, Graham Copeland, Kathy Roberts,
Georgia Stainback, Sonny Vick, Jeannie Whitley

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 26

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 27

JuBELLation Ringers	6:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, February 28

Faith on Draft	6:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room

Wednesday, March 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, March 2

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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