

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
APRIL 2, 2023
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
COMMUNION SUNDAY
11:00 AM

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race, you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy, enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING

Charles Qualls

PRELUDE

The King of Glory
Ron Cornwell, organ

ARR. PAUL FEY

*HYMN 183

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

OFFERTORY

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ARR. DON HUSTAD

*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.**

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 53:3-9
Pew Bible Old Testament, Pages 683-684
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Charles Qualls

The Weeping Tree Joseph M. Martin

THE THEME

THE NARRATION

The Weeping Tree

Upon the wind there comes a call, a whisper soft and low, a lonesome cry that fills the night and echoes through the soul. It stirs the seekers tender heart. It bids them come and see, to kneel in shadows cast by grace to touch the weeping tree. Against the sky the timbers rise, a silhouette of grace, a rugged throne for heaven's own, the sinner's hiding place. Its burdened arms reach out to all; they draw the world to see the price of love is paid in blood upon the weeping tree. O come to the place where promise lives and rest where hope begins, where crimson leaves adorn the ground, a gift from graceful winds. O come and walk the winding path that leads to Calvary. Come, lay your burdens down and rest beneath the weeping tree.

THE NARRATION

Of Tears and Sorrows

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and hath carried our sorrows. He was wounded for all our transgressions. He was bruised for all our sin. And the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed. *Kyrie eleison.* (Lord, have mercy)

THE NARRATION

Lamentation on the Cross

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown. How pale Thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn! How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn! Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, where the blood of Christ was shed, perfect Man of thee did suffer, perfect God on thee has bled! Faithful cross above all others, standing for eternity! Rugged wood and cruel branches, perfect fruit is hung on Thee. How pale Thou are with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn! How does that visage languish which once was bright with morn!

THE NARRATION

Wondrous Love, Wondrous Cross

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the heavy cross for my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and poor contempt on all my pride. See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? *Kyrie eleison.* (Lord, have mercy)

THE NARRATION

Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed

Alas, and did my Savior bleed and did my Savior die? Would He devote that sacred head for sinners for such as I? Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree! Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut His glories in, when Christ the mighty Maker died for man the creature's sin. Thus might I hide my blushing face while Calvary's cross appears; dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my heart with tears. But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe. Here, Lord, I give myself away 'Tis all that I can do. *Kyrie eleison!* (Lord, have mercy) *Alas and did my Savior bleed and did my Sov'reign die!*

THE NARRATION

Without His Cross

Without His tears there is no comfort. Without His death there is no life. Without His blood there is no pardon. Without His cross there is no crown. Without His shame there is no glory. Without His grief there is no joy. Without His stripes there is no healing. Without His cross there is no crown. Lamb of God, You bring salvation, and with Your grace our hearts are sealed. Lord, with Your tears of love You bathe our sorrows. In Your eyes we stand revealed.

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INVITATION, BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS, DISTRIBUTION

*BENEDICTION

Charles Qualls

POSTLUDE (SEATED)

Epilogue to the Weeping Tree
Ron Cornwell, organ and Orchestra

JOSEPH MARTIN

Worshippers are asked to depart in silence,
meditating on the deep meaning of Holy Week.

Soloists

Melody Tayloe, Soprano
Dr. Charles L. Qualls, Tenor

Guest Musicians

Johnathan Spence, violin
Heejin Weisbrod, violin
Jocelyn Smith, viola
Dionne Smith, cello
Anne Epperly, flute
David Garcia, oboe

Readers

Nancy Bridges
Travis Felts



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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 – April 2, 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!

Help Us Help You

We want to serve you pastorally. But we can only go where we know to go. Help us to help you. If you end up hospitalized or have a surgery scheduled, if you wish for the church office to know, please notify us personally. Often, we end up either not hearing what is happening with our members or hearing all too late. Call our office Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 757-562-5135.

Aid to Matthew Stout In Light of Fire

Many church members have inquired as to how they can assist Matthew Stout in light of his recent comprehensive house fire. Our church's recently established benevolence fund is an excellent conduit for assistance. The committee that oversees the fund is currently determining how to best assist Matthew. If you would like to make a contribution to the benevolence fund, please make checks payable to: **Franklin Baptist Church**, with a note of **Benevolence Fund** in the memo line. Your help is graciously appreciated.

Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items: Single-serving dry cereals, single-serving fruit cups and pop-top potted meat.



Wednesday Activities

There will be NO morning bible study, evening bible study, dinners or Chancel Choir on April 5th or April 12th for our Easter break.

All Wednesday activities will resume again on **April 19th**!



Scholarship applications for members of Franklin Baptist Church can be mailed or emailed to you by calling or emailing Eliza Rainey, scholarship committee chair, at 757-562-2949, 757-377-7523 or epr321@charter.net.

The deadline for returning applications is Monday, May 30th.

If the application is emailed to you, please print it out, complete it and return with documents by mail to:

Eliza Rainey
321 Meadow Lane
Franklin, VA 23851

If you have questions, you may call or text Eliza.



April 6 Seder Meal – 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Make your reservations by Monday, April 3rd!

April 7 Tenebrae – 7:30 PM, Chapel

April 9 Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of Our Lord
11:00 AM, Sanctuary

PRAYER CONCERNS

Dollie Bridgers, Tom Morgan, Georgia Stainback, Jeannie Whitley

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 2

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

Monday, April 3

Vision Oversight Committee	2:00 pm	Conference Room
JuBELLation Ringers	6:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 4

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, April 5

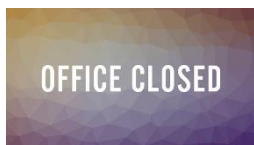
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room
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Thursday, April 6

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Seder Meal	6:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 7

Tenebrae	7:30 pm	Chapel
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Office Closure

Please note that the church office will be closed on Easter **Monday, April 10, 2023.**



JuBELLation Ringers Rehearsal Schedule

Monday, April 3rd at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall

Wednesday, April 12th at 4:30 PM in the sanctuary