

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 30, 2023
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son, you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE *When Morning Gilds the Skies* JOSEPH BARNBY
Ron Cornwell, organ

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Madison Suiter

Life and Spirit have brought us to this day, O God.
You have called us to be here, and so we have responded.

If you have called us together, how can we do anything other than worship?

In the week that has been, life has blessed us and life has challenged us.
May we turn to you on this, and every day, for perspective and wisdom.

God, if you are for us – who can be against us?

We worship you this hour even while we seek to be your people.
We reach out toward you even while we know that you inhabit us with
your presence. We are grateful as we join our voices this morning.

Amen.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Madison Suiter

**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 19 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* FOREST GREEN

RESPONSIVE READING 30 God, the Revealer Madison Suiter

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

*HYMN 27 *Morning Has Broken* BUNESSAN

OFFERTORY *The Splendor of God's Glory* STEPHEN JOHNSON
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

SOLO *How Great Thou Art* ARR. REBECCA BELLISTON
Charles Qualls, soloist

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 Charles Qualls
Pew Bible New Testament, Pages 14-15
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Franklin Baptist Church – July 30, 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!



Chancel Choir

Chancel choir resumes on Wednesday, August 2nd at 6:30 PM in the choir room.



Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items:

Body wash or bars of soap, body lotion, deodorant, detergent (<14 pod pacs or 31-46 oz. liquid), dish liquid (8 - 14 oz.), disinfecting wipes, disposable razors, hand sanitizer (travel size), hand soap (7.5 - 13.5 oz.), household cleaner, shampoo (12.6 - 22.5 oz.), shaving cream or gel, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper.



Missions Team

The Missions Team is collecting pop-tops to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities, in honor of Riley, a local seven year-old, who received a heart transplant when she was four. Riley is very thankful for the Ronald McDonald House and wants to help other families that need their services. There is a collection station just outside the fellowship hall.



The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is delighted to announce the inaugural harvest of **Izzie's Field**. This Farm to Foodbank project aims to increase the availability of fresh produce to our community while also supporting the hard working and generous spirit of a local grower, Elisha Barnes.

The corn is almost ready, so now we need *your* help! Copy this link to your browser <https://foodbankonline.volunteerhub.com/vv2/> or [click here to register!](#)

These unique volunteer opportunities will start on Tuesday, August 1st, and conclude on Thursday, August 3rd, or until all the corn is picked. There will be shifts at both the field and the Foodbank. You can find more information and register via the hyperlinks below.

Two options to serve:

Corn Harvest Shifts at Izzie's Field: Volunteers will be harvesting corn directly from the field.

- Tuesday, August 1st: [6:30-9am](#) and [9:30am-12pm](#)
- Wednesday, August 2nd: [6:30-9am](#) and [9:30am-12pm](#)
- Thursday, August 3rd: [8:00-11:00am](#)

Corn Harvest Production Shifts at the Foodbank: Volunteers will package corn for distribution and perform control measures, including inspection of the corn for freshness, maturity, and absence of contaminants. This is an alternative for those that wish to be involved in this inaugural event without being outside for extended periods.

- Tuesday, August 1st: [1-3:30pm](#) and [5:30-7:30pm](#)
- Wednesday, August 2nd: [1-3:30pm](#)
- Thursday, August 3rd: [1-3:30pm](#)

This is a fantastic opportunity for individuals, families, and groups to make a tangible impact in our community. If you have any questions, please contact Volunteer Manager Stephanie Cuffee at scuffee@foodbankonline.org or 757-314-4559.

Summer Schedule



Please note the change in the church office hours during the summer months. The office will close at **Noon on Fridays** and will resume normal hours on Friday, September 8th.



Wednesday morning bible study, dinner and night time bible study will resume again in September after our summer break!



Be comfortable. Break out the seersucker or the sun dress. You could just leave the jacket at home. We don't care as long as you don't let the heat of June through August keep you away. We'll look forward to worshipping with you at Franklin Baptist Church!



Please join us for Cookies and Lemonade in the Breezeway! Enjoy fellowship with members and guests immediately following worship!

This ministry is hosted by our Deacons.



Faith on Draft

Faith on Draft will be taking a summer break during July and August. See you back in September at the Village!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Anna Garcia, Georgianna Johnson

We express Christian sympathy to the family of William Thomas Royster, who passed away on July 25, 2023.

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 30

Sunday School	9:45 am	SS Classrooms
Worship (also Facebook Live/Radio)	11:00 am	Sanctuary
Cookies and Lemonade	12:00 pm	Breezeway

Tuesday, August 1

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, August 2

Chancel Choir	6:30 pm	Choir Room
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room

Thursday, August 3

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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Calling all cancer Survivors!!! We encourage you to take a moment to register to participate in Relay for Life of Franklin/Southampton 2023 on **September 23rd**. Registered Survivors will receive an invitation to the Survivor Dinner scheduled for September 22nd. Please see Debbie Carter or Angela Denson for more information.

This year our Luminaria (votive candles/glow sticks in paper bags with sand) will be lining the venue area. The Luminaria will be lit in memory and honor of loved ones and friends who have had cancer. We want to give everyone an opportunity to pay tribute to their loved ones and friends and help fight the disease that claims so many lives. **You do not need to be an actual participant in the celebration to take part in this tribute.** With your donation, the name of the individual you designate will be placed on a luminaria bag to be lit. Printable forms can be found on our website, Facebook page or in the church office. If you would like to participate in our candle lighting, please complete the form and return it to the address listed on the form. **Please make all checks payable to the American Cancer Society.** Completed luminarias will be placed around the track by volunteers and relay teams the day of the event. Please join us at Barrett's Landing in downtown Franklin, VA on September 23, 2023. Entertainment begins at 4:30 PM; Luminaria Ceremony opens with a Survivor Lap at 6:30 PM. The Graceful Baker will have yummy snacks and meals available all afternoon!