

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
NOVEMBER 12, 2023
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE *Pastoral in C Major, Sect. II* J.S. BACH
Will Viverette, organist/pianist

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Melody Tayloe

Dear God, from the day when Joshua said in our scripture,
"Choose this day whom you will serve," we confess
that we have had to make that same choice daily.

Each of us has traveled our own way.

**Each of us comes to a series of choices that cause
us to wonder whether we will let you be Lord, again and again.**

No matter how we have chosen in the past, we acknowledge today
that you have acted graciously on our behalf. You have loved
us as though we would choose faithfulness each time.

**We come now to worship you, not ourselves.
We come now to affirm once again that you reign as our God.**

May our worship this hour be pleasing to you.

Amen.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Melody Tayloe

**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 52 *O Worship the King* LYONS

RESPONSIVE READING 78 God the Son: The Incarnate One Melody Tayloe

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

*HYMN 68 *He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought* HE LEADETH ME

OFFERTORY *Air, from Water Music* G.F. HANDEL
Will Viverette, organist/pianist

*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 *Lead Us, Heavenly Father* IAN HIGGINSON
Chancel Choir
Will Viverette, organist/pianist

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:1-13 Charles Qualls
Pew Bible New Testament, Page 28
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Fall Series: An Entrusted Church* Charles Qualls
Who Is Responsible?

Franklin Baptist Church – November 12, 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!

JuBELLation Ringers

JuBELLation Ringers meet on **Mondays at 6:00 PM** in the JuBELLation Ringers room in the Community area.

Come Join the Chancel Choir!

Do you enjoy singing Christmas Music? If so, the Chancel Choir invites you to join us as we prepare for Christmas Music Sunday, **December 17th**. Rehearsals will be **every Wednesday from 7:00 PM to 7:40 PM**. This year we will be celebrating Lessons and Carols. We are excited to have our string quartet play again this year. Please speak to any choir member or Will for more information.

150th Anniversary Ornaments

We still have some 150th Anniversary ornaments available! If you would like to purchase one, please contact the church office. The cost of each ornament is \$20.00.

Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items (regular sizes, not travel or giant sizes): Boxes of tissues, dish liquid, hand soap and toothpaste.



Year-End Contributions

In compliance with IRS regulations, all contributions for 2023 must be **received by December 31, 2023**. Any contributions received after that day will be posted to 2024. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Anyone interested in donating stock to the church prior to the end of the year may use our accounts at Wells Fargo or Edward Jones in Franklin. If you have any questions, please call Bill Howell at 757-650-8893.



The Missions Team is doing something different this holiday season by combining two missions projects - Coats for Franklin High School students and the Salvation Army Angel Tree.

Last year, due to your generosity and our expert shopper, we purchased coats for 120 Franklin High students. We also collected and donated a great amount to the Salvation Army for the Angel Tree, helping area children have a wonderful Christmas.

If you would like to donate to assist with either of these missions projects, please have checks (made payable to Franklin Baptist Church with “**MISSIONS**” in the memo line, no need to specify which project) in by **Sunday, December 3, 2023**.



A meal train has been established for Betsy Brantley for the month of November. There is one spot available – November 15th! Please copy this web address and paste in a browser bar for sign-up: <https://mealtrain.com/m3vd7l>



Community Living Nativity - Drive through the journey to Bethlehem, where Jesus Christ was born.

Franklin Baptist Church will once again sponsor the Community Living Nativity. We would love for you to participate in a scene, provide on-site assistance, or promote the event. We are working with the City of Franklin to again hold the event at the boat ramp at Barrett's Landing. **The dates are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, December 13, 14 and 15. The times are 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.**

There will be eight scenes: Angel speaking to Mary; Joseph's dream; Decree from Caesar Augustus; No room at the inn for Mary and Joseph; Shepherds watching over their sheep; Host of heavenly angels; Journey of three wise men; Nativity scene with baby Jesus.

If you would like to help area churches and organizations tell the Christmas story, please contact Kay Drumheller: kaydrumheller@gmail.com, 757-377-6557; Eliza Rainey: epr321@charter.net, 757-377-7523 or Billie Turner: billie@villageatwoodsedge.com, 757-651-9137.

Upcoming Events

November 19	Thanksgiving Dinner Meal
November 26	Christ the King Sunday
December 3	Advent I - Lighting the Candle of Hope <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Communion • Church Christmas Party
December 10	Advent II - Lighting the Candle of Peace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JuBELLation Ringers
December 17	Advent III - Lighting the Candle of Joy Christmas Music Sunday with Orchestra and Chancel Choir
December 24	Advent IV - Lighting the Candle of Love
December 24	Christmas Eve Service: 4:00 PM: Pre-Service Music 4:30 PM: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 31	First Sunday of Christmas/New Year's Eve



Annual Thanksgiving Dinner – Last Weekend to Sign Up

Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, **November 19th at 6:00 PM** in the fellowship hall. If you are planning to attend, please complete the form in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate, sign up in your Sunday School class or call the church office at 757-562-5135. The dinner is a **covered dish** with the church providing beverages, paper products and serving utensils. There is no charge for this meal. The deadline to sign up is **Monday, November 13th!**

PRAYER CONCERNS

Betsy Brantley, Ron Cornwell, Linda Johnson, Georgianna Brabban Johnson, Janna Qualls (Charles and Elizabeth's sister-in-law), Ron Rusnak, Danny Simonsen (Sue and Mike Johnson's son-in-law), Virginia Stone

We express Christian sympathy to the family of William Stanley Harrison, who passed away on October 22, 2023.

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 12

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

Monday, November 13

JuBELLation Ringers	6:00 pm	JuBELLation Ringers Room
Administrative Council Meeting	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 14

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, November 15

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, November 16

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Decorating for Thanksgiving	1:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

Church Closing for Thanksgiving Holiday

The church office will be closed the following days for the Thanksgiving Holiday: Wednesday, November 22nd - Closing at Noon, Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th - Office Closed. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Day!



Our in-house Christmas message exchange (post office) will be returning on **November 26th!** The "post office" will be located in the narthex and will **be available until January 2nd!** No postage is required! This is the perfect time to take a minute to let someone know you are thinking of them, or that you appreciate their hard work. Just place your cards/messages in the box by last names. Please remember to check for YOUR mail each week!