

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
NOVEMBER 26, 2023
REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY
LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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 *Variations I, II, and III
on "Nettleton"* GORDON YOUNG
Will Viverette, organist/pianist

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Elizabeth Qualls

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

**Know that the Lord alone is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.

**For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Amen.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Elizabeth Qualls

**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 339 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION
(v. 1, 2, 4)

RESPONSIVE READING 338 Jesus Christ Is Lord Elizabeth Qualls

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

*HYMN 323 *How Great Thou Art* STUART K. HINE

OFFERTORY *Variation No. IV on "Nettleton"* GORDON YOUNG
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 *Hymn of Promise* NATALIE SLEETH
Chancel Choir
Will Viverette, organist/pianist

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-46 Charles Qualls
Pew Bible New Testament, Page 29
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Fall Series: An Entrusted Church* Charles Qualls
No One Is An Island

*HYMN 215

Rejoice, the Lord Is King
(v. 1, 2, 4)

DARWALL

*BENEDICTION

Charles Qualls

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Trust and obey for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

*POSTLUDE

Final Variation on "Nettleton"
Will Viverette, organist/pianist

GORDON YOUNG



Flowers are placed in the sanctuary, by the Morgan family, in thankfulness for our Franklin Baptist Church family for their on-going love, support and prayers.



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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

Dr. Charles. L. Qualls, *Senior Pastor*

William R. Viverette, *Organist/Pianist*

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 – November 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!

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.

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**.



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: kayidrumheller@gmail.com, 757-377-6557; Eliza Rainey: epr321@charter.net, 757-377-7523 or Billie Turner: billie@villageatwoodsedge.com, 757-651-9137.



Again this year, you have the option of donating a gift to missions or purchasing a poinsettia. The cost of either is \$25.00 and can be given in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Please complete a form and place it along with payment in the offering plate, bring it to the church office, or send it by mail. **The deadline to submit a form is Monday, December 4th!**



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



Our in-house Christmas message exchange (post office) is back! The "post office" is 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!

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Mary Davis Drake, (beloved relative of several church members), who passed away on November 17, 2023.

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 26

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 27

Decorating Church for Advent	9:00 am	Sanctuary
JuBELLation Ringers	6:00 pm	JuBELLation Ringers Room

Tuesday, November 28

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, November 29

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 30

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Decorating for Christmas Party	1:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Faith on Draft	6:30 pm	The Village



Faith on Draft – November 30th at 6:30 PM, The Village

We historic Baptists say that Jesus is the lens through which all scripture is to be understood and interpreted. That is a high Christology, if you will. How does Jesus shape the way you understand God? Let's talk about what we learn through his life, ministry and teachings. **Thursday, November 30 at 6:30 PM** we'll gather at The Village to talk it over!

Come about 5:00 PM for an enjoyable meal in the Back Porch and Grill (reservations please: 757-516-0031). Or, drop by the bar for a beverage before you join us at 6:30 in The Resident Den.