

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
DECEMBER 10, 2023  
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT - LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE  
11:00 A.M.

\*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming, strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; 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 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* ARR. LANI SMITH  
Will Viverette, organist/pianist

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Suzanne Blythe

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy.**

Then it was said among the nations around us,  
"The Lord has done great things for them!"

**The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed!**

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Suzanne Blythe

**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 80 *Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love* BAUGH

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE Tom and Beth Ellington

We light this candle as a symbol of the  
purity of heart only God can bring.  
**For he shall purify his people like gold and silver,  
until they shine forth his righteousness.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

SUNG RESPONSE (SEATED) *Emmanuel* MCGEE

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called, Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.**

RESPONSIVE READING 93 The Song of Mary Suzanne Blythe

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

\*HYMN 87 *Arise, Your Light Is Come* FESTAL SONG

OFFERTORY *Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella* ARR. CATHY MOKLEBUST  
(*Love Has Come*)  
JuBELLation Ringers

\*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 *Advent Promise* ANNA LAURA PAGE  
JuBELLation Ringers

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Charles Qualls  
Pew Bible New Testament, Page 205  
This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON                      May the God of Peace Keep You                      Charles Qualls

\*HYMN 127                      *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*                      MENDELSSOHN

\*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                      *Fantasia on "Truro"*                      MARY McDONALD  
Will Viverette, organist/pianist



The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Maeve Bailey Eager, daughter of Kelly and Josh Eager, born on December 2, 2023. Maeve is the granddaughter of David and Irma Drewry and Tina Drewry.



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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 – December 10, 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](http://franklinbaptist.org/onlinegiving) or mail your offering to the church. Thank you for your faithful and generous support!



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

Please help spread the word about this event which involves many community churches and organizations. The dates are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at Barrett's Landing Boat Ramp, downtown Franklin.



### 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.



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!

### 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ornaments

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

### Altar Flowers for 2024

As 2024 is quickly approaching, you can now contact the church office if you would like to reserve Altar flowers beginning in January. 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: Toothpaste, shampoo and men's shaving cream.

### Wednesday Activities

Wednesday morning bible study will meet on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Village. There will be NO Wednesday night dinner or Adult Bible Study on this date. Come join us at the Living Nativity at Barrett's Landing.

We will begin our Christmas break on December 20<sup>th</sup>. All Wednesday activities will resume again on January 10<sup>th</sup>. See you then!

### Faith on Draft Takes a Christmas Break

We've had such a good Fall season. We'll be back in January for our usual monthly session. Mark your calendar now for January 25<sup>th</sup>! Meanwhile, have a blessed Advent and a safe, meaningful Christmas!

### Christmas Office Hours

The church office will be closed the following days for the Christmas Holiday: Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>; and Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!



**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Jim Briggs, Joan Edwards, Darla Howell, Linda Johnson,  
Gerald Roberts, Ron Rusnak, Danny Simonsen  
(Sue and Mike Johnson's son-in-law), Virginia Stone

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

December 10	Advent II - Lighting the Candle of Peace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JuBELLation Ringers</li> </ul>
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  10:00 AM in the Chapel

**There will be NO Sunday School on this day.**

**There will also be NO livestreaming.**

**Christmas Music Sunday - December 17th**

Next Sunday, I hope you will join us for our service of Lessons and Carols. The service will include seven lessons read by members of the congregation and hymns/anthems led by our choir accompanied by organ and string quartet. This service draws its roots from 1880 when it was first performed in Truro Cathedral. The most recognized rendering of this historic service hails from King's College Cambridge where it has been held every year since 1918. In 1928, the BBC began to broadcast the service from King's for viewers at home, a tradition that has carried on now for 95 years. Come be a part of this sacred worship experience telling the story of our Lord's birth through music and scripture.

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, December 10**

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

**Monday, December 11**

Administrative Council Meeting	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
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**Tuesday, December 12**

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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**Wednesday, December 13**

Morning Bible Study	11:00 am	The Village
Community Living Nativity	5:30 pm	Barrett's Landing
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room

**Thursday, December 14**

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Community Living Nativity	5:30 pm	Barrett's Landing

**Friday, December 15**

Community Living Nativity	5:30 pm	Barrett's Landing
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**Saturday, December 16**

Orchestra/Choir Rehearsal	2:30 pm	Sanctuary
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**Save the Date!**

The Vision Oversight Committee will be presenting a candidate for Associate Pastor-Music the first weekend of January. We hope that you will mark your calendar and plan to attend a meet and greet reception on **Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM** and the worship service on **January 7<sup>th</sup>**.

There will be a called business meeting after the worship service to vote on the candidate. Additional details will follow as we get closer to the call weekend. We feel confident that you will be as happy as we are about our candidate. Thank you for your prayer support during this search process.