

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
MARCH 3, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
COMMUNION SUNDAY
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of heaven and earth, I listen this morning for the sound of your glory: in the songs of birds, in quiet conversations that begin the day, in easy laughter among friends, in sunlight's warmth, pattering rain, or silent snowfall. Give me ears to hear your glory in its many forms. Give me eyes to see your glory in its many guises. Throughout this day, I, too, will proclaim your glory, your grace, and your love so that I may be a part of the chorus of praise that stretches to the ends of the earth. In Christ's name I pray. AMEN.

Welcome our guest organist, Dr. Barbara Salter.

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE *The Old Rugged Cross* ARR. MARK HAYES
Jeremy Poplin, Piano

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Bob Holt

The message of the cross sounds foolish to the world;
but to us it is the power of God!
We proclaim the scandal of Christ crucified.
**The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom,
and the weakness of God is stronger than our strength.**

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Bob Holt

**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 285 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

CALL TO CONFESSION Bob Holt

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Bob Holt

Merciful God, how fickle we are; we sin against you without even knowing it.

**Clear us, we pray of any unknown sin,
and save us from willfully ignoring your way.**

Let your commandments lead and guide us.

Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful.

Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships -

With those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors.

Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness,
rather than words that belittle or destroy.

Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness.

Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power,

**for you are the God who made us, led us into freedom,
and has brought us into the community of faith.**

Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray. AMEN.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Bob Holt

*HYMN 264 *Where Charity and Love Prevail* RESIGNATION

OFFERTORY *Aria* FLOR PEETERS
Barbara Salter, organist

*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 *How Beautiful* ARR. CRAIG COURTNEY
Chancel Choir
Barbara Salter, organist

Franklin Baptist Church – March 3, 2024

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!

Altar Flowers

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 item: Shampoo (not travel size).



Daylight Saving Time Begins – Spring Forward!

Daylight Saving Time begins on **March 10, 2024**. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!



Easter Choir rehearsals have begun! Come and join us on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM** in the choir room as we prepare special music for Sunday, March 24th. Contact Jeremy for more details.



Handbell Choir rehearsals resume **Monday, March 11th at 6:00 PM** in the JuBELLation Ringers Room. Come and join us as we prepare music for the Easter and Spring season. See Jeremy for more details.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study - 11:00 AM at the Village

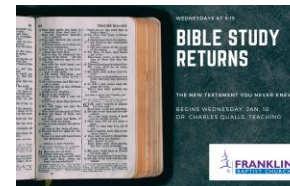
Join our Wednesday Morning Bible Study each week at 11:00 AM at the Village. This month our unit is entitled "Learning Humility". Old Testament texts form the core of our study and will lead us through Lent to Palm Sunday. Faithful humility is not weakness but recognizing God's wisdom strength in our lives and offering a proper response. We will take this journey together.

It will also be livestreamed on its own page. Look for **Franklin Baptist Weds Bible Studies** page on Facebook each time. Here's the link: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089014699051>



Wednesday Night Dinners - 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall

To make a reservation, please CALL the church office at 757-562-5135 by Tuesday at noon! You will be responsible for paying for any meals not cancelled by Noon on Tuesday!



Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study, 6:15 PM in the fellowship hall - Winter Bible Study- The New Testament You Never Knew

We'll draw from Dr. N.T. Wright as we survey the many components that make up our Bible's New Testament. What was Jesus doing through the disciples that led to Gospel stories? What were the apostles doing that birthed a church? How does an epistle differ from the Acts of the Apostles? Come study with us in the fellowship hall at 6:15 PM on Wednesdays. Dr. Charles Qualls will be facilitating.

Missions - Volunteers Needed

The Missions Committee is supporting the Franklin Cooperative Ministries by providing children's personal hygiene kits on an on-going basis. Our commitment is to provide 40 bags per month. The average cost per bag is \$8.00. Help is needed in making the bags. If you are willing to cut fabric and/or sew bags, we can use your help. Materials will be provided to you. If you have scraps of cotton material (at least ¼ yard or more) lying around and would like to donate them, there will be a box marked "Missions" at the entryway of the fellowship hall. Please see Jackie Howell or Crissie Eubanks if you would like to "lend a hand" to this local mission project.



Wednesday Lenten Lunch and Worship

This year our Lenten series of weekly lunch and services will be held at a different church each week. **Worship service begins at 12:00 PM with lunch being served at 12:30 PM.**

- March 6: St. Jude Catholic Church
- March 13: High Street United Methodist Church
- March 20: Hunterdale Christian Church

Holy Week Schedule

- March 24 Palm Sunday - 11:00 AM, Sanctuary
 During worship we will have a service of special music. Our worship that day will feature our Chancel Choir, strings, soloists, organ, piano, and special hymns to aid us in celebrating this holy season.
- March 28 Seder Meal – 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
 Come and join us for a time of reflection and fellowship during this holy season. Please make your reservations by Monday, March 25th.
- March 29 Tenebrae – 7:30 PM, Chapel
 Meditation and contemplation mark our time together for Tenebrae on Friday, March 29th at 7:30 PM in the Chapel. Join us for this solemn and holy service as we remember and celebrate the love of God through Christ Jesus.
- March 31 Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of our Lord
11:00 AM, Sanctuary
 The sounds of celebration reverberate on Easter Sunday, March 31st at 11 AM during worship. Come and rejoice with our family of faith the good news of the risen King of kings!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sara Hagler (Cindy Jackson’s mother), Mike Johnson

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Samuel Cobb Cotton, who passed away on February 27, 2024.

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 3

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

Monday, March 4

Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, March 5

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, March 6

Morning Bible Study	11:00 am	The Village
Community Lenten Service	12:00 pm	St. Jude Catholic Church
Community Lenten Lunch	12:30 pm	St. Jude Catholic Church
Wednesday Night Dinner	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Adult Bible Study	6:15 pm	Fellowship Hall
Choir Practice	7:00 pm	Choir Room
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room

Thursday, March 7

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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Each year at Easter, you are able to support a missions cause or add to the beauty of our sanctuary by purchasing a lily. The cost of either option is \$25.00. **All requests must be placed by March 11th!**

Forms can be found in the bulletins, Sunday school classrooms, narthex and the church office. Printable forms can be found on our Website under the Bulletins and Weekly Events tab and also on our Facebook page.