

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
MARCH 24, 2024
PALM SUNDAY
11:00 AM

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Ride on, King Jesus, ride with passion and compassion. Ride in triumph and joy. Ride in humility and gentleness. Ride with us as we travel the journey with you. God of salvation, our Lord entered his passion to raise us to life. In this holiest of weeks, help us to walk the way of the cross, that we may be raised in a resurrection like his and dwell forever in you, Eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN.

Welcome our guest organist, Dr. Barbara Salter.

Welcome our guest musicians: Johnathan Spence (Violin); Hoorig Poochikian (Violin); Jocelyn Smith (Viola) and Emma Johnson (Cello).

GREETING

Charles Qualls

REDEEMED HOW I LOVE TO PROCLAIM IT...

PRELUDE

Wondrous Love, Wondrous Cross
Jeremy Poplin, Piano
String Quartet

JOSEPH MARTIN

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul...
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the heavy cross for my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul.*

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*

THE CALL TO COME AND WORSHIP

Travis Felts

Humility flows through today's messages in song and spoken word. Even the celebrative entry into Jerusalem. The path of a joyful parade quickly turned into the Via Dolorosa, reminding us that humility is perhaps the wisest and most difficult guide on any journey. Walking gently and humbly on the journey into Jerusalem, Jesus rode a colt among a crowd that celebrated and honored him. With this same humility, Jesus gathered with his disciples in servanthood and compassion, faced his accusers, and hung on a cross with criminals. We begin at the beginning of the journey, the entry into Jerusalem.

Everything is here - humbleness and triumph - foreshadowing the mystery of death and resurrection yet to come.

Let us call ourselves to worship.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Travis Felts

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosanna, we beseech you, O Lord!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

*HYMN 172

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
(arr. Jeremy Poplin)

ELLACOMBE

Congregation; String Quartet; Barbara Salter, Organ and Chancel Choir

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Travis Felts

**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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:5-11
(Travis Felts – Reader 1)
(Lin Bittick – Reader 2)

Reader 1: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, assuming human likeness.

Reader 2: As being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death –

Reader 1: even death on a cross.

Reader 2: Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name,

Reader 1: so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

Reader 2: in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

Reader 1: and every tongue should confess

Reader 2: that Jesus Christ is Lord,

Reader 1: to the glory of God the Father.

CHORAL RESPONSE

My Jesus, I Love Thee
Chancel Choir;
Barbara Salter, Organ;
String Quartet

ARR. JEREMY POPLIN

REDEEMED BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB...

CALL TO CONFESSION

LIN BITTICK

Even among Jesus' closest disciples, not all were clean.
During this Holy Week, we confess the ways we disappoint,

deny, and even betray Jesus, our Teacher and Lord.
Our confession of sin is made in the sure knowledge
that Jesus is able to wash us in forgiveness and love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LIN BITTICK

**Holy God, you have called us to serve
others as Christ has served us.
We confess that we have not followed Christ's
example as fully or as often as we should.
We turn away from people in need.
True humility eludes us, and we hide our own
vulnerability before others. You have commanded
us to love one another as you have loved us.
We confess that we do not love so generously.
Forgive us merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin;
then guide our feet to walk with you always.
In Christ's name we pray. AMEN.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

LIN BITTICK

Followers of Jesus, having loved his own who were in the world,
Jesus loved them to the end. Jesus knows us fully and offers love
and forgiveness unconditionally. In gratitude for the grace
given to us, and as a witness to our faith in Christ,
we will love one another.

OUR TESTIMONY OF GRACE

Amazing Grace
Charles Qualls, Tenor;
Jeremy Poplin, Baritone;
Barbara Salter, Organ

ARR. OVID YOUNG

*HYMN 175

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

OFFERTORY

O Man Bewail Thy Grievous Sin
Barbara Salter, Organ

J.S. BACH

*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

REDEEMED THROUGH HIS INFINITY MERCY...

OUR TESTIMONY OF MERCY

Arise, My Soul, Arise
Holly Poplin, Soprano;
Jeremy Poplin, Piano;
String Quartet

ARR. DAN FORREST

INTERLUDE

There is a Fountain
Jeremy Poplin, Piano

ARR. MARY McDONALD

*There is fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's vein;
and sinners, plunged beneath the flood, lose all their guilty stains...
For since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die!*

PSALTER READING

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
(Travis Felts - Reader 1)
(Lin Bittick - Reader 2)

Reader 1: I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Reader 2: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Reader 1: Then I called on the name of the Lord,

Reader 2: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

Reader 1: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

Reader 2: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord;

Reader 1: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Reader 2: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

People: O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

Reader 1: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

Reader 2: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

People: Praise the Lord!

CHORAL RESPONSE

Jesus Paid it All
Chancel Choir;
Barbara Salter, Piano;
String Quartet

ARR. ROBERT STERLING

HIS CHILD AND FOREVER I AM!

*HYMN 184

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

OUR CALL TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE

Travis Felts

Palm Sunday is the entrance into the holiest time of the Christian year, the Sunday when we joyfully parade into Jerusalem so that we might be able to fully parade out of the empty tomb next Sunday. Today, we take our places in the most curious of parades, a procession that seems to change direction midway through,

turning from our false messianic expectations toward the true Messiah who wins his victories through suffering and death.

This parade was a jolt to popular expectations for lordship, for salvation, for liberation. It still is. The question for us today is: will we come forward and join this parade? Will we walk behind Jesus as he moves down his narrow path this coming week, as we move from shouts of “Hosanna!” to a mob screaming, “Crucify him!”? Will we lay aside our preconceptions of salvation, deliverance, and power and take our place in this parade?

Welcome to Holy Week. Come, let us join Jesus’ parade wherever he takes us this week. For the day of resurrection is coming and our joy will have no end! Thanks be to God!

CHORAL RESPONSE

The Day of Resurrection
Chancel Choir;
Barbara Salter, Organ

JOEY HOELSCHER

*BENEDICTION

Charles Qualls

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;
and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on.
And when from death I’m free I’ll sing and joyful be;
and through eternity, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;
and through eternity, I’ll sing on!**

POSTLUDE

O Sacred Head Now Wounded
Barbara Salter, Organ

JOHANNES BRAHMS

PRAYER CONCERNS

Brian Carter, Sara Hagler (Cindy Jackson's mother),
Betty Hatfield, Mike Johnson

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 24

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 25

JuBELLation Ringers	6:00 pm	JuBELLation Ringers Room
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Tuesday, March 26

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, March 27

NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room
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Thursday, March 28

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	1 st Floor SS Classroom
Seder Meal	6:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 29

Tenebrae Service	7:00 pm	Chapel
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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!

Franklin Cooperative Ministry

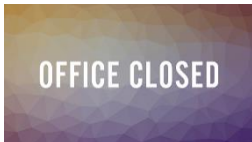
Franklin Cooperative Ministry needs the following item: Shampoo (not travel size).

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. We have spots available for April!



Handbell Choir rehearsals meet on **Mondays 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.



Office Closure

Please note that the church office will be closed on **Monday, April 1st** for the Easter holiday. Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter!



Wednesday Activities

There will be NO morning bible study, evening bible study, dinners or choir practice on Wednesdays, March 27th and April 3rd for our Easter break.

All Wednesday activities will resume on **April 10th**!

Holy Week Schedule

- 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 – 7:00 PM, Chapel**
Meditation and contemplation mark our time together for Tenebrae on Friday, March 29th at 7:00 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 11:00 AM during worship. Come and rejoice with our family of faith the good news of the risen King of kings!

Updated Church Directory

We are currently working on updating the church directory. If you have moved, have a new email address, no longer have a landline phone, or have changed your cell phone number in the past year or so, please notify the church office. We'd like to update your record so that your correct information will be in the new directory. If you wish to include a photo, please email one along with any updated information to fbc@franklinbaptist.org by **May 31st**

We're Hiring

Franklin Baptist Church currently has the following position available and is seeking an individual who would be an asset to our staff. Fillable application forms can be found on the church's website.

If you know someone who is reliable and able, please feel free to share this information with potential candidates.

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT

STATUS: Part-time. Three days a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) (24-hours per week).

JOB DESCRIPTION: This position offers part-time employment providing assistance to the church's maintenance supervisor in the upkeep of the church facility and grounds.



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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

Dr. Charles L. Qualls, *Senior Pastor*

Jeremy Poplin, *Associate Pastor/Music*

Dr. Barbara Salter, *Interim Organist*

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