

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 12, 2024

ASCENSION SUNDAY

MOTHER'S DAY

11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

The Ascension of Christ to be seated at the right hand of God is a grand liturgical celebration in the life of the church. It marks forty days of celebrating Easter and God's triumph over the powers of oppression, depression, and our fear of death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is one of many images we have for Christ: Good shepherd, suffering servant, great physician. Holy One, come into my heart this morning and give me eyes to see throughout this day all the ways that you rule. Put your resurrecting power to work in my life and empower me to be a witness to Christ, that my life may be a song of thanksgiving to you. AMEN.

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE *When Morning Guilds the Sky* ARR. MARILYN REIMER
Jeremy Poplin, Piano

THE CALL TO COME AND WORSHIP Harriet Duck

As the Easter season comes to a close, we are reminded that just as Christ was sent to earth with heavenly power to change lives and share God's message, Christ's disciples are also sent with heavenly power to continue this call. The ascension of Christ opened the path for God's glory and power to descend upon those remaining behind. In our scripture today, Paul prays for us to be enlightened with the hope of this call. Why stare at the heavens to find God? Look within, for God's Spirit is there. Look around, for Christ's disciples are all around. Let us worship together this morning.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Harriet Duck

Clap your hands and sing for joy!
Christ is in our midst and in our lives.
Clap your hands and sing for joy!
Christ calls us to worship and praise.
In Christ's love,
we are loved.

In Christ's glory,
we are glorified.
In Christ's grace,
we are saved.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Harriet Duck

**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 590 *The Solid Rock* SOLID ROCK

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

MUSICAL MEDITATION *Give Me Jesus* ARR. TOM TRENNEY
Holly Poplin, Soprano
Jeremy Poplin, Piano

*HYMN 158 *Jesus Shall Reign* DUKE STREET

OFFERTORY *Adagio* MAURICE DURUFLÉ
Barbara Salter, Organ

*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 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* HENRY COLEMAN
Chancel Choir
Barbara Salter, Organ

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:15-23 Charles Qualls
Pew Bible New Testament, Page 192
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE *Never the Same: Life After the Resurrection* Charles Qualls
The Eyes of Your Heart

*HYMN 395 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* SCOTT

*BENEDICTION Charles Qualls

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

*POSTLUDE *Allegro* MAURICE DURUFLÉ
Barbara Salter, Organ



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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

Franklin Baptist Church – May 12, 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!

Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry needs the following items: Deodorant (Men's and Women's), Men's shaving cream and toothpaste!

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**.



Come and join the Chancel Choir on **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM** in the Choir Room. Sing together, fellowship together, worship together!



Handbell Choir rehearsals are on **Mondays at 6:00 PM** in the JuBELLation Ringers Room. Come and join us!



VBS needs 3 easy to assemble and disassemble tents. These will get returned to the owner. We just need to borrow them for VBS week. We also could use some camping style lanterns.

If you would like to volunteer, please call Dawna Walton at 754-620-3703.



Scholarship applications for members of Franklin Baptist Church can be mailed or emailed to you by calling or emailing Peggy Morgan, scholarship committee chair at 757-353-8223, morganpact@yahoo.com. The deadline for returning applications is **Friday, May 31st**.

If the application is emailed to you, please print it out, complete it, and return with required documents by mail to:

Peggy Morgan
214 North Drive
Franklin, VA 23851

If you have questions, you may call or text Peggy.





Relay For Life Yard Sale Fundraiser – June 1st

The Missions team is collecting items for the Relay For Life yard sale fundraiser. If you have items you would like to donate, please place them in the downstairs Missions room, or contact Angela Denson or Debbie Carter. Yard sale spots are also available for \$20 each.

Call Angela @ 757-562-2295 to reserve yours today! Join us at the yard sale on June 1st from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM @ Century 21 on Armory Drive!

Summer Schedule



Wednesday morning bible study, dinner and evening bible study will resume again in September after our summer break.



Please note the change in the church office hours during the summer months. The office will close at Noon on Fridays beginning on **May 24th** and will resume normal hours on Friday, September 6th. For the Memorial Day weekend, we will re-open on **Tuesday, May 28th**.

VBS 2024 – Camp Firelight

Dates: July 21st to July 25th

Time: 5:30 PM to 7:15 PM

We will be serving dinner for the children at 5:30 PM.

Watch for registration on our website as the time nears!



PRAYER CONCERNS

Warren Bridges, Betty Hatfield, Georgianna Brabban Johnson, Patty Murphy

We express Christian sympathy to the family of William Alexander “Alec” Phillips, Jr. (Nancy Phillips’ brother-in-law), who passed away on May 4, 2024.

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 12

Sunday School	9:45 am	SS Classrooms
Worship (also Facebook Live/Radio)	11:00 am	Sanctuary

Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

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

Chancel Choir	7:00 pm	Choir Room
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room

Thursday, May 16

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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Faith on Draft – May 23rd, 6:30 PM - The Village (Back Porch)

What has caused you to believe? Genuine faith through Jesus Christ is a choice. Doubts can come just as easily to some as faith. If someone asked you, "Why aren't you an atheist?" then how might you answer?

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 PM. Mark your calendar now for May 23rd!