

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
JULY 7, 2024
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
COMMUNION SUNDAY
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Loving God, as this day opens into new and untold possibility, purge me of my compulsive need to carry useless baggage - physically, mentally, or emotionally. Teach me to walk simply with you as I trust in your abundant provision. AMEN.

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* ARR. JEREMY POPLIN
Jeremy Poplin, Piano

THE CALL TO COME AND WORSHIP Maggie Swain

The text for the hymn, "God of Our Fathers" was written for the centennial Fourth of July celebration in 1876 by Daniel Crane Roberts when he was rector of St. Thomas Church in Vermont. This distinctively American hymn offers praise to our God who sustains us, leads us, and gives us freedom through the peace and love of Christ. Gathering in that sense of freedom today, we come in a spirit of thankfulness and gratitude. But, also keenly aware of the voice of the prophets calling us to continue to listen, to be present, and to be watchful to the heavens for the One who "fills all our lives with love and grace divine."

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Maggie Swain

O Lord, let my soul rise to meet you
As the day rises to meet the sun.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Come, let us worship the Lord, let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us worship God.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Maggie Swain

**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 62 *God of Our Fathers* NATIONAL HYMN

PASTORAL PRAYER Jeremy Poplin

CALL TO CONFESSION Maggie Swain

Let us confess our sins to God, whose power is made perfect in our weakness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Maggie Swain

**Holy God, you call us to boldly proclaim your name,
yet we are stubborn and rebellious and heedless of your call.
By the power of your Spirit, raise us to new life that we
may return to faithful living, in Christ's name we pray. AMEN.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Maggie Swain

Sisters and brothers, God's grace and mercy are never ending.
Your sins are forgiven, therefore, be at peace.

*HYMN 474 *Softly and Tenderly* THOMPSON

OFFERTORY *Flutes* JOSEPH HAYDN
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

MUSICAL MESSAGE	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i> Jeremy Poplin, Tenor Barbara Salter, Piano	ARR. CRAIG COURTNEY
SCRIPTURE READING	Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123 Pew Bible Old Testament, Pages 770-771; 572 This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.	Charles Qualls
MESSAGE	<i>The Fruit of Willingness</i> Blink If You Can Hear Me	Charles Qualls
CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION INVITATION, BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS, DISTRIBUTION		
*HYMN 254	<i>Diverse In Culture, Nation, Race</i>	CANONBURY
*BENEDICTION		Charles Qualls
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>Christians, Let Us Go and Serve Him</i>	HOLY MANNA

**Christians, let us go and serve Him, serve the One who gives us life.
Let us serve in love and power, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Serve in love and serve in wisdom, reaching all we know and see.
Christians, let us go and serve Him, now and through eternity.**

*POSTLUDE	<i>Allegro di Molto</i> Barbara Salter, Organ	JOHANNES BRAHMS
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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER
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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 – July 7, 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), toothpaste and paper towels!



Dr. Qualls Returns to International Radio – July 7th!

Don't miss our own Dr. Charles Qualls as he returns to Day1 Radio worldwide. His sermon from Mark 6:1-13 is titled "Appreciated But Not Always Wanted." This is a repeat of the sermon itself, but the extensive interview portion of the show is brand new! He will not deliver the sermon here at Franklin

Baptist Church, so you might want to enjoy the podcast for yourself. To catch the full program, just go to www.Day1.org and listen beginning now.



VBS needs easy to assemble and disassemble tents. These will be 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.



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.

VBS 2024 invites children on an exciting journey where they learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings, know God is always with them, and feel confident in sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.

Registration is now open on our website under the VBS Registration Tab. There are a limited amount of spaces, so please pre-register!

Summer Schedule



Wednesday Summer Breaks

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



Summer Office Hours

Please note the change in the church office hours during the summer months. The office will close at Noon on Fridays and will resume normal hours on Friday, September 6th.



Cookies and Lemonade

During the summer months, please join us for Cookies & Lemonade in the fellowship hall following the worship service.



Casual Summer Sundays

Be comfortable. Break out the seersucker or the sun dress. You could just leave the jacket at home. We don't care as long as you don't let the heat of June through August keep you away. We'll look forward to worshipping with you at Franklin Baptist Church!



Chancel Choir Summer Break

Chancel Choir will be taking a summer break and will return on August 14th!



Faith on Draft Summer Break!

Faith on Draft will be taking a summer break during July and August. See you in September!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Warren Bridges, Bonnie Kostelnik,
Betty Lowe, Patty Murphy, Lisa Turner

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Rose Annette Holt (Jean Hedgepeth's sister), who passed away on June 23, 2024.

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 7

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

Tuesday, July 9

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, July 10

NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room
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Thursday, July 11

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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Songs of the Stage - July 28th @ 2:00 PM, Atrium

Come and join us on Sunday, July 28th at 2:00 PM in the Atrium for a fun and casual concert of the music of Broadway! The recital will be presented by Jeremy and Holly, plus some special guest performers you won't want to miss.