

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
NOVEMBER 17, 2024
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so our souls long for you, O God. Draw us into your presence as we worship this day. Quench our parched souls, which thirst for you. In music, in silence, in word, in fellowship, may our souls be renewed for your service. AMEN.

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE *Near to the Heart of God* ARR. ROGER HOUSE
Jeremy Poplin, Piano

THE CALL TO COME AND WORSHIP Travis Felts

God sometimes comes in the unexpected, uncontrolled, and unscheduled silence. God just may come to us most when we think God has come the least. When we think God is saying nothing, God may be saying something. That was the case for a major voice in our story today. Elijah, the prophet experiences God in a powerful way. Not in miracles or signs, but in the silence when Elijah felt that he had been abandoned and was all alone. The drama opens this morning with a death and the passing of the torch. From the forty-year reign of David would come another long reign with his son Solomon. After the building of the temple in Jerusalem, which would be Israel's finest hour, everything went downhill from there. Wars, the splitting of the nation, and eventually exile. Through the desperation and loneliness that would come to the Hebrews, voices of hope and the prophetic love of God would emerge through the piercing sound of "Thus says the Lord." May we listen through "the sound of silence" that is not hollow, empty, or void. But a silence that is filled with a word of revelation - something that is alive, intense, and redemptive. Let us call ourselves to worship this morning.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Travis Felts

Come into the light of God's love.
Fear cannot separate us from its blessing.
Come to the house of healing and hope.
God's love makes us whole.

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.**

*HYMN 302 *Come Away from Rush and Hurry* PROMISE

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Travis Felts

Deep calls to deep, O Lord.
From the depths of our souls, we cry to the depth of your love.
In you we take refuge, and this day we come to you with gratitude for
the gift of our messy, complicated, and joyful lives.
**We know that in all of it, you are with us,
and for that we are your grateful children.**
Send out your light and truth to lead us to your presence.
**For the gift of this day and this time of worship in your house,
hear our prayers of thanks as they rise like incense.**
Lead us into deeper community, that we may offer your grace
to each other and be your presence in each other's lives.
Our hope is in you, O Lord,
and it is in the hope we have in Christ Jesus that we offer this prayer this day.
AMEN.

*HYMN 406 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* ABERYSTWTH

OFFERTORY *Now Holy Spirit We Pray to You* D. BUXTEHUDE
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	<i>Hear My Words</i>	STEPHEN PAULUS
SCRIPTURE READING	1 Kings 1:28-31; 19:1-4, 9-13, 18 Pew Bible Old Testament, Pages 303; 326 This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.	Charles Qualls
MESSAGE	<i>One Story</i> God is Heard in the Silence	Charles Qualls
*HYMN 383	<i>Near to the Heart of God</i>	MCAFEE
*BENEDICTION		Charles Qualls
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>A Year of God's Favor</i>	ST. DENIO
	Fulfilled in our living be God's word today, fulfilled in our loving, our work, and our play, fulfilled now in justice, in mercy and peace, in joyful thanksgiving and praise without cease.	
*POSTLUDE	<i>We All Believe in One True God</i> Barbara Salter, Organ	J.S. BACH



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of a remarkably talented organist, Barbara Salter, with gratitude for the beauty she brings to our worship each week.



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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 – November 17, 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!



Year-End Contributions

In compliance with IRS regulations, all contributions for 2024 must be **received by December 31, 2024**. Any contributions received after that day will be posted to 2025. 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 Travis Felts at 757-650-8893.

Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry needs the following items: Men's deodorant and toothpaste!



Annual Thanksgiving Dinner – Last Weekend to Sign Up!

Our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on **Sunday, November 24, 2024 at 6:00 PM** in the fellowship hall. **The deadline to sign up is Monday, November 18th.** The

dinner is a **covered dish** with the church providing beverages, paper products and serving utensils. There is no charge for this meal.



Thanksgiving Office Closings

The church office will be closed the following days for the Thanksgiving Holiday: Wednesday, November 27th - Closing at Noon, Thursday and Friday, November 28th and 29th - Office Closed. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Day!



Community Living Nativity – Volunteers Needed

Community Living Nativity, 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM on December 11th, 12th, and 13th. There are still opportunities to volunteer. Please contact Kay Drumheller (757-377-6557), Eliza Rainey (757-377-7523), or Billie Turner (757-651-9137) for ways your assistance can help bring this gift to the community.



Again this year, you have the option of donating a gift to missions or purchasing a poinsettia. The cost of either is \$25.00 and can be given in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Please complete a form and

place it along with payment in the offering plate, bring it to the church office, or send it by mail.

All requests must be placed by **December 2nd**. Forms can also be completed and purchases made on our website (<https://franklinbaptist.org/order-form-for-poinsettias-and-mission-donations/>). In the payment section, choose either the Missions or Poinsettias option.



Our in-house Christmas message exchange (post office) is back! The “post office” will be located in the narthex starting December 1st and will **be available until January 5th**. No postage is required!

This is the perfect time to take a minute to let our *immediate and local church family* 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!



150th Anniversary Ornaments

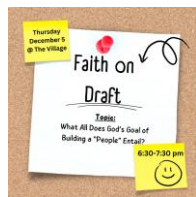
We still have some 150th Anniversary ornaments available! If you would like to purchase one, please contact the church office. The cost of each ornament is \$20.00.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

We are looking for volunteers to help with the following events. If you are able to help, please call the church office at 757-562-5135.

1. Decorating the fellowship hall for our Thanksgiving Meal:
Date: Thursday, November 21st from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.
2. Decorating the church for Advent:
Date: Monday, November 25th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.
Decorations include: Chrismon Tree, Banners, Garland and Candles.
3. Preparing for our Christmas Party:
Date: Thursday, December 12th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.



Special Holiday Edition of Faith on Draft - December 5th

Join us on **Thursday, December 5th** at the Village, Back Porch, for a special "holiday" edition of Faith on Draft. As we move through the Old Testament history collection, it becomes clear that God is marching toward a stated goal. What was that goal which was moved forward by Jesus' birth? To build a people. There are

several elements to that. Let's see if we can become clearer on what God has been doing all along!



Community Messiah Sing-A-Long - December 17th

All are welcome to come and hear the choir, soloists, and orchestra for the Sing-A-Long Performance on **Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 PM** in the Sanctuary! Rehearsals are Tuesdays, December 3rd and December 10th at 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Jeremy Poplin at jeremy.poplin@franklinbaptist.org.

PRAYER CONCERNS

David Drewry, Sandy Edwards, Jeff Kostelnik, Patty Murphy

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 17

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

Monday, November 18

JuBELLation Ringers	6:00 pm	Ringer's Room
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Tuesday, November 19

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, November 20

Morning Bible Study	11:00 am	The Village
Wednesday Night Dinner	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Adult Bible Study	6:15 pm	Fellowship Hall
Christmas Choir	7:00 pm	Choir Room
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room

Thursday, November 21

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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Reception Honoring Barbara Salter - Today!

A reception honoring Barbara Salter will be held in the fellowship hall today following the worship service. Barbara has been bringing her considerable talents to our organ since February. The choir has had the pleasure of getting to know her, but the congregation as a whole has not had that opportunity. Please join us and spend a little time with a friend you've yet to meet.



Salvation Army - Angel Tree

The Missions Team, working with the Salvation Army, has decided that again this year as a church, we will make a monetary donation to the Angel Tree Program. Donations can be made via check made out to: Franklin Baptist Church with "MISSIONS" in the Memo Line - or - via our website's online

giving portal at www.franklinbaptist/online-giving/. All contributions are due to the church by **Monday, November 18th.**