



THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
JANUARY 5, 2025  
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS  
11:00 A.M.

\*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Glorious God, each day provides opportunity to awaken to the radiance of your presence, and to welcome your blessing into my life. How often I forget that I am your home! Help me to draw more closely to you, that I may manifest your love more deeply in the world. May every bright place and darkened corner grow ever more luminous as I bear your light this day. AMEN.

GREETING

Charles Qualls

PRELUDE

*We Three Kings*  
Jeremy Poplin and Barbara Salter, Piano

ARR. JOEL RANEY

THE CALL TO COME AND WORSHIP

Burt Evans

As our one story continues to unfold, we come to a book of high drama. Job is not a book of solutions, but rather a book of mirrors reflecting the basic human experience. With the central character, Job, we find someone who finds himself in suffering that is unexplained and undeserved. Uttering something that they do not understand, Job's friends offer no help as they try to help him make sense of his turmoil. On this day of Epiphany, when Christ is revealed and shown to be the gift of love and life, may we look to true wisdom that comes from God rather than wisdom of our own making. May we bring our gifts of service and hope. Let us call ourselves to worship.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Burt Evans

Magnify the Lord.  
**Praise God's holy name.**  
The Lord hears the pleas of the perishing.  
**God transforms our suffering into songs of joy.**  
Bring your gifts and bring your love to honor the King of love.  
**We bring our worship and bring our praise  
to pay homage to Christ Jesus, our King.**

**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 150 *As With Gladness Men of Old* DIX

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

MUSICAL MEDITATION *Here I Am, Lord* ARR. CRAIG COURTNEY  
Melody Tayloe, Soprano;  
Jeremy Poplin, Piano

\*HYMN 158 *Jesus Shall Reign* DUKE STREET

OFFERTORY *Adagio* S. BARBER;  
Barbara Salter, Organ ARR. SALTER

\*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

SCRIPTURE READING Charles Qualls

Job 1:1-22; 2:3-13; 11:5-6; 19:25-27; 42:1-6, 12, 17  
Pew Bible Old Testament, Pages 453; 454; 461; 468; 488  
This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *One Story* Charles Qualls  
I Have Uttered What I Did Not Understand

# THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING DEACONS

Charles Qualls

Tom Ellington, Burt Evans, Travis Felts, Elizabeth Qualls, Maggie Swain

PRESENTATION OF DEACONS

Charles Qualls

To Be Ordained: Lonnie Gray and James Walton

To Be Installed: Charlie Brown, Sharon Spivey and Trina Stout

LITANY OF INSTALLATION

Jeremy Poplin

Leader: Let us remember the model of leadership provided by our Lord, who came not to be served, but to serve, and who said to his disciples, "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all."

**Deacons: In Christ's name and by His grace we accept our mission of witness and service to all people.**

Leader: Let us remember the unity that God has given us: one body, one spirit, one hope, one calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and creator of all, over all, through all, and in all.

**Deacons: We rejoice in God, maker of heaven and earth, and in the covenant of love which binds us to God and to one another.**

Leader: Let us remember the church we are chosen to serve using the gifts with which we are equipped "for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."

**Deacons: We are joined together in discipleship and in obedience to Christ.**

Leader: Let us remember the commission the head of the church gave his followers to go into all the world witnessing, making disciples, baptizing, teaching, serving, and realize that charge is intended for all.

**Deacons and Congregation: In the bonds of Christian faith, we yield ourselves to God that we may serve the One whose kingdom has no end.**

Leader: Do you now gladly accept the office of Deacon to which you have been elected, and do you promise to fulfill its duties?

**Deacons: We do with the assistance of the Lord. We commit to serve the church to the best of our ability, with the Lord being our helper.**

ORDINATION PRAYER		Jeremy Poplin
LAYING ON OF HANDS		Charles Qualls
PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES		Charles Qualls
*HYMN 278	<i>We Are Travelers on a Journey</i>	BEACH SPRING
*BENEDICTION		Charles Qualls
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve</i>	AZMON

**Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.  
God's spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name!**

*POSTLUDE	<i>Lord Jesus On You My Hope is Stayed</i> Barbara Salter, Organ	J. PACHELBEL
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The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of Bobby M. Vick, by his family.



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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

Dr. Charles L. Qualls, *Senior Pastor*

Jeremy Poplin, *Associate Pastor/Music*

Dr. Barbara Salter, *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 – January 5, 2025

### 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 as it passes.

### Church Offerings

Help our church remain vital by continuing to give. Gifts can be made online on our website at [franklinbaptist.org/onlinegiving](http://franklinbaptist.org/onlinegiving) or mail your offering to the church. Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

### Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry will be collecting household cleaners throughout the month of January (40 oz. Pine Glo, Lysol, Ajax, Fabuloso).



### 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.



### Christmas Mailbox

Today is the last day to check if you have any mail!



### JuBELLation Ringers

Rehearsals resume on Monday, January 6th at 6:00 PM in the JuBELLation Ringers room.



**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 at Woods Edge. It will also be livestreamed on its own page. Look for **Franklin Baptist Weds Bible Studies** page on Facebook each time.

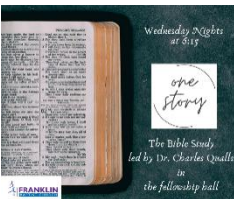
Here's the link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089014699051>

Our lessons this month offer several significant biblical texts that help us prepare for, pray for, and live into the church's unity. We can discover our common faith and missions as we learn from and honor one another's distinct traditions.



**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!

If you need your meal to be a "takeout" meal, takeout containers will be available for you.



**Wednesday Adult Bible Study - 6:15 PM, fellowship hall**  
 Each week, we're going to continue the *One Story* theme by drilling down a little deeper in each book. We'll try to survey each book of the Bible with material that didn't make it into the sermon. We'll dialogue around key themes and see what questions you might have.



**Chancel Choir**  
 Rehearsals resume on **Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00 PM** in the choir room.

## Prayer Concerns

Sandy Edwards, Barry Roberts (Gerald Roberts' brother), Joyce Spivey

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Victor Blake Putze (brother to Robert Putze and Alice Putze Taylor, son of Claudette Putze), who passed away on December 20, 2024.

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, January 5

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

### Monday, January 6

JuBELLation Ringers	6:00 pm	JuBELLation Ringers Room
Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, January 7

Vision Oversight Committee	7:00 pm	Conference Room
AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room

### Wednesday, January 8

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

### Thursday, January 9

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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### Saturday, January 11

Deacon Retreat	8:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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