

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
COMMUNION SUNDAY
DECEMBER 3, 2017
11:00 A.M.

GREETING Charles Qualls

VOLUNTARY *Triptych and Pastoral on Divinium Mysterium* AUSTIN LOVELACE
Steve Gibson, Organist

*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love BAUGH

**Hope, peace, joy, and love!
These are gifts You bring from above.
Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be
light of Your hope, reflected in me.**

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Nancy Phillips

**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.**

*CAROL 79 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH The Candle of Hope Burt and Donna Evans
Isaiah 60:2-3

IL EST NE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Light the Light, the Fire of Life*

**Light the light, the fire of life, let the candle reveal His glory.
Jesus Christ has come to earth and for us shall come again.**

**Light the candle of His hope, light the light of prophet's story,
light the candle of His hope, light the light we all must hold.**

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CAROL 100 *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* WESNATE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* MARK HAYES
Chancel Choir
(Text is found in the Hymnal, # 96)

*Offertory Response *He is Born* IL EST NE

**He is born, the divine Christ Child; play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the divine Christ Child; sing we all of the Savior mild.**

*Prayer of Dedication Charles Qualls

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 64:1-9 Nancy Phillips
Pew Bible Old Testament Pages 694-695
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION Tear Open the Heavens and Come Down Charles Qualls

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION
INVITATION, BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS, DISTRIBUTION

*CAROL 83 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION Charles Qualls

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

BAUGH

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VOLUNTARY

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Jackie Arrington, Pianist

DIADEMATA

*Please stand if you are able.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Reginald Kitchen and in honor of Alyce Page Kitchen from their children,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Franklin Baptist Church

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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

Charles. L. Qualls, *Sr. Pastor*

Steven R. Gibson, *Associate Pastor/Music*

Sharon James, *Associate Pastor/Education Emeritus*

This worship service is broadcast on radio WLQM - 1250 AM

ADVENT
EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



December 3rd

Communion at both services

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love... (Celebrating Grace, # 80)

(Note: This is the **last** early service for 2017, the early service will return on January 7, 2018.)

Hanging of the Greens



December 10th

Nowell, Born is the King of Israel! (Celebrating Grace, #124)

(Today's coffee is replaced with a Christmas Party with food provided by the Administrative Council and Deacons - just come and enjoy!)

Christmas Music Sunday



December 17th

Good Christian Friends Rejoice! (Celebrating Grace, #122)

The combined voices of the Chancel Choir and Children's Choir present **Christmas Carol Celebration** by Benjamin Harlan and Ragan Courtney. This musical service will be accompanied by a string quartet and organ and will include the singing of favorite Christmas Carols.

Christmas Eve



December 24th

Once in royal David's city...(Celebrating Grace, # 104)

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service - 4:30 PM

On Christmas night the angels sing to hear the news the angels bring... (Celebrating Grace, # 133)



December 31st

Worship in the Chapel

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bessie Best, Daryl Billups, Ray Bradshaw, Elizabeth Brinster (Lynda Bond's daughter), Shirley Drake, Mac Edwards, Richard Edwards, Bobby Eubanks, Dick Hachey (Shirley Hachey's father-in-law), Chris Hicks, Dawn Holland, Al Johnson, Paul Kaplan, Alyce Page Kitchen, Peggy Pearce, Horace Pierce, Daisy Vann, Kirk Whitley

We express Christian sympathy to the family of John Lee who passed away on November 26, 2017.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 3

Casual Worship	8:45 am	Chapel
(Last Early Service for 2017)		
Friends, Food and Fun	9:30 am	Atrium
Bible Study	9:45 am	
Sunday School for Children/Youth	10:00 am	
Worship	11:00 am	Sanctuary
Fellowship Coffee	12:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Youth Group	6:00 pm	Youth Room

Monday, December 4

JuBELLation Ringers	6:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Deacon's Meeting	7:30 pm	Everett & Amelia Spivey's

Tuesday, December 5

AA Group	8:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, December 6

Bible Study	11:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Children's Chimes	5:00 pm	Chimes Room
Vesper Dinner	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Children's Choir	6:00 pm	Choir Room
Adult Vespers	6:15 pm	Fellowship Hall
Children's Missions	6:30 pm	Kindergarten Room
Christmas Choir	7:00 pm	Choir Room
Chancel Choir	7:40 pm	Choir Room
NA Groups	7:30 pm	Community Room

Thursday, December 7

Senior Citizens	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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Wednesday activities end on December 13, 2017 and will resume again on January 10, 2018.

Franklin Baptist Church – December 3, 2017

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.

Worship

Franklin Baptist Church offers two services. Our casual service is at 8:45 am in the Chapel; and our traditional service is at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. **Today will be the last early service for 2017. The early service will return again on January 7, 2018.**

Building Security

Our Security Committee, in concert with the Administrative Council, are reviewing current guidelines and practices. We want you to be assured that we are operating as safely and reasonably as possible. As adjustments in practice are suggested, we will keep you informed.

Year-End Contributions

In compliance with IRS regulations, all contributions for 2017 must be **received** by December 31, 2017. Any contributions received after that day will be posted to 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Melody Tayloe at 562-5135.

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 Bill Howell at 757 650-8893.

Everyone Knows 1

Everyone at Franklin Baptist knows that one friend, relative, neighbor or co-worker who would be here. That is, IF you invited them. Think of the one person who needs your prompting, and ask them to join you here next Sunday!



Franklin Baptist Church 3D keepsake ornaments are on sale for \$10.00 each. You can pay for and pick them up at the church office. Please make checks payable to Franklin Cooperative Ministry. For more information, contact the church office at 757-562-5135 or Trina Stout at 757-653-8417.



Please return your wrapped gifts to the church office no later than Monday, December 4th (tomorrow). Remember to affix the tag containing the child's name to your package. **(Isaiah 9:6...For a child has been born unto us...)**



The church office will be closed the following days:

Christmas:

Friday, December 22nd – closing at 12:00 noon;
closed December 25th and 26th

New Year's: Closed January 1, 2018

Regular office hours resume January 2, 2018

ADVENT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO FRANKLIN BAPTIST – EVERYONE KNOWS ONE! INVITE AT LEAST ONE PERSON TO OUR SERVICES!

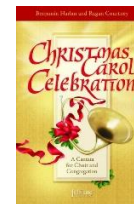


Annual Hanging of the Greens Service and Church-wide Christmas Party

Sunday, December 10th at 11:00 AM is our traditional Hanging of the Greens Service. This is the service where we sing carols and decorate the Sanctuary for the coming of the Christ Child. Wreaths, banners, candles and the Chrismon Tree will make their appearance that day. Music will be provided by the JuBELLation Ringers, Children's Chimes, Chancel and Children's Choirs and the congregation. Following worship, everyone is invited to the church-wide Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall.

NOTE: FOOD FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY IS PROVIDED BY MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL AND DEACONS.

Christmas Music Sunday



Sunday, December 17th at 11:00 AM is Christmas Music Sunday. The cantata that serves as the guide is Christmas Carol Celebration by Benjamin Harlan. This work will feature the Chancel and Children's Choirs and congregational singing accompanied by organ and strings.

This service certainly puts you in the Christmas Spirit!