

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
MARCH 5, 2023  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
COMMUNION SUNDAY  
11:00 A.M.

\*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE *Prelude in E. Minor* J.S. BACH  
Ron Cornwell, organ

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Suzanne Blythe

God of the covenant, you call us to be fruitful servants within creation,  
and to offer our lives as the foundation of your realm.

**We lay before you the desires of our hearts,  
that we may be transformed by their fulfillment.**

Grant, O God, that the worship we offer may be your  
channel for new and abundant life not only hoped for,  
**but also worked for, through faithful word and deed. Amen.**

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Suzanne Blythe

**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 45 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

RESPONSIVE READING Suzanne Blythe

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy.  
He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.**

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those  
who hope for his kindness, to deliver them from death  
and preserve them in spite of famine.**

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your  
kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.**

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

\*HYMN 71 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

OFFERTORY *Nocturne* FELIX MENDELSSOHN  
Ron Cornwell, 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>Look at the World</i> Chancel Choir	JOHN RUTTER
SCRIPTURE READING	John 3:1-17 Pew Bible New Testament, Pages 93-94 This is the Word of the Lord <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	Charles Qualls
SERMON	<i>For God So Loved the World Sermon Series</i> For God So Loved the World (What Does It Mean to Follow Jesus?)	Charles Qualls
CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION	INVITATION, BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS, DISTRIBUTION	
*HYMN 63	<i>Lead On, O King Eternal</i>	LANCASHIRE
*BENEDICTION		Charles Qualls
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE		
	<b>Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him! How I've proved him o're and o're! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!</b>	
*POSTLUDE	<i>Concerto for Organ 1<sup>st</sup> Movement</i> Ron Cornwell, organ	PAUL FEY



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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

Charles. L. Qualls, *Senior Pastor*  
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 – March 5, 2023

### 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](http://franklinbaptist.org/onlinegiving) or mail your offering to the church. Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

### Help Us Help You

We want to serve you pastorally. But we can only go where we know to go. Help us to help you. If you end up hospitalized or have a surgery scheduled, if you wish for the church office to know, please notify us personally. Often, we end up either not hearing what is happening with our members or hearing all too late. Call our office Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 757-562-5135.

### Aid to Matthew Stout In Light of Fire

Many church members have inquired as to how they can assist Matthew Stout in light of his recent comprehensive house fire. Our church's recently established benevolence fund is an excellent conduit for assistance. The committee that oversees the fund is currently determining how to best assist Matthew. If you would like to make a contribution to the benevolence fund, please make checks payable to: **Franklin Baptist Church**, with a note of **Benevolence Fund** in the memo line. Your help is graciously appreciated.

### Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items: Women's deodorant, women's razors and single serving boxes of dry cereal.



### JuBELLation Ringers

JuBELLation Ringers meet on **Mondays at 6:00 PM** in the fellowship hall.



### 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. Come join us as we will study and discuss our teacher's favorite scripture readings.

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

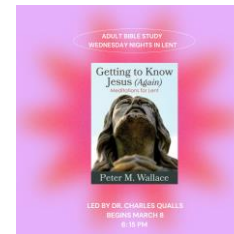
Here's the link: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089014699051>



### 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!

All meals will now be served on a dinner plate. If you need your meal to be a "takeout" meal, takeout containers will be available for you. The servers will fill the orders as you come through, and give it to you at the end of the line. You will be responsible for adding dessert and taking it from there.



### Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study - 6:15 PM

Spend four weeks with us this Lent as we study around Jesus' life of ministry and sacrifice. We'll lean on Peter Wallace's book, Getting to Know Jesus (Again). What a powerful way to prepare our hearts for Easter's victory!

Led by Dr. Charles Qualls at 6:15 PM on Wednesday nights beginning March 8<sup>th</sup>.



### Chancel Choir

Chancel choir meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the choir room. The Chancel choir will be singing an Easter Cantata, *The Weeping Tree*.



**Daylight Saving Time Begins – Spring Forward!**

Daylight saving time begins on March 12, 2023!

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.



**Wednesday Lenten Lunch and Worship**

Our Lenten series of weekly lunch and worship services returns this year after a few years' break.

Every week, we'll meet at Hunterdale Christian Church, 741 Hunterdale Road in Franklin.

As we did previously, lunch opportunities will be offered at both Noon and at 1:00 PM, with a 12:30 PM service in-between on Wednesdays.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Terry Bell, Dollie Bridgers, Graham Copeland, Anna Garcia, Patricia Howell, Kathy Roberts, Georgia Stainback, Matthew Stout, Linda Vick, Sonny Vick, Jeannie Whitley

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, March 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, March 6**

Vision Oversight Committee	2:00 pm	Conference Room
JuBELLation Ringers	6:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, March 7**

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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**Wednesday, March 8**

Morning Bible Study	11:00 am	The Village
Community Lenten Lunch	12:00 pm	Hunterdale Christian Church
Community Lenten Service	12:30 pm	Hunterdale Christian Church
Community Lenten Lunch	1:00 pm	Hunterdale Christian Church
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, March 9**

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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**Lenten Sermon Series**

Come spend these days of preparation with us. Let's learn together about Jesus' love, power and wisdom that can renew our lives. For God so loved the world!

Join us on Sundays at 11:00 AM!