

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
DECEMBER 17, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT – LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY
LESSONS AND CAROLS
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please welcome today's guest musicians:

Violin: Johnathan Spence
Violin: Hoorig Poochikian

Cello: Emma Johnson
Viola: Ava Figliuzzi

GREETING

Charles Qualls

PRELUDE

Angels We Have Heard
String Quartet and Organ

ARR. KOSCHE

*CALL TO WORSHIP 104

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Solo: Verse 1

Choir: Verse 2

All: Verses 3 and 4

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Charles Qualls

**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 103

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY

David, Shara, Ashlynn and Abby Pearce

We light this candle as a symbol of God's
love for us and our love for one another.

**For the Lord rejoices over us, with gladness,
and renews us in his love.**

He exults over us with singing and turns our shame to praise.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

SUNG RESPONSE (**seated**)

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

MCGEE

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

*CAROL 124

The First Nowell
Verses 1 and 4

THE FIRST NOWELL

OFFERTORY

Coventry Carol
String Quartet and Organ

ARR. ROWLEY

*DOXOLOGY

What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant king, to own Him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.**

Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby.

Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Charles Qualls

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Maggie Swain

CAROL 132

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Verses 1 and 4

CAROL

SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 11:1-4	Rob Carter
ORGAN MEDITATION	<i>Lo, How a Rose</i>	
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 11:6-9	Lin Bittick
ANTHEM	<i>Away in a Manger</i> Chancel Choir and Organ	ARR. WILBERG
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 1:18-24	Nancy Hopkins
ANTHEM	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> Chancel Choir, Organ and Violins	ARR. SHEPHARD
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:1-7	Dianne Rusnak
ANTHEM	<i>What Star is This</i> Chancel Choir, Organ and Violins	ARR. SHEPHARD
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:10-14	Jim Walton
*CAROL 102	<i>Joy to the World!</i>	ANTIOCH
*BENEDICTION		Charles Qualls
*CHORAL BENEDICTION		

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now:
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!**

POSTLUDE	<i>God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen</i> Will Viverette, organist	ARR. BISH
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POINSETTIAS/MISSIONS DONATIONS

THE POINSETTIAS/MISSIONS DONATIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OR IN HONOR OF THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

<u>Given By</u>	<u>In Memory Of/In Honor Of</u>
Jackie Arrington (Poinsettia)	In memory of Charles J. Arrington, Jr.
Martha Barnes (Missions)	In memory of James E. Barnes
Blythe Family (Poinsettia)	In memory of Peggy Blythe
Karen Bond and Suzan Bond Quesenberry (Poinsettia)	In memory of the Bond family - Edward, Lynda, Owen and Elizabeth
Ray Bradshaw (Missions/Poinsettias)	In memory of Burt Bradshaw In memory of Ben Bradshaw
Warren and Nancy Bridges (Missions)	In memory of Bessie and Herman Bradshaw
Charlie and Beverly Brown (Poinsettia)	In memory of William and Virginia Carr In memory of Nan and Adrian Brown
Camp Family (Poinsettias)	In memory of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Camp, Sr. In memory of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Camp, Jr. In memory of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Camp, Sr. In memory of Mr. William M. Camp, Jr.
Sion and Sally Carr (Missions)	In memory of Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Carr
Debbie and Brian Carter (Missions)	In memory of Joe Stephens In memory of Guy Carter, Jr. In memory of Larry Hatfield
Britton and Jo Culpepper (Missions/Poinsettia)	In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Britton B. Culpepper, Sr. In memory of Earl and Fannie Lou Long In honor of Rev. Dr. Charles Qualls
Joyce Davis (Missions)	In memory of E.A. and Emma Davis In memory of Frank Davis
Angela Denson (Missions)	In memory of Jack and Kitty Denson
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wilson Drake, Jr. (Missions)	In memory of Shirley Drake and Roger Wilson Drake III In memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Tracy (Smiley) Atkinson, Jr.
David and Irma Drewry (Missions and Poinsettia)	In memory of Charlie Drewry In memory of Mary M. Babb
Mark, Kay and Harrison Drumheller (Missions)	In memory of Bill and Martha Drumheller In memory of Bob and Oma Joyner In memory of Margaret Ann Joyner Cunningham
Bobby and June Duck (Missions)	In memory of John and Martha Duck In memory of Elizabeth and John Moody

Harriet and Richard Duck (Poinsettia)	In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie R. Duck
Beth and Tom Ellington (Missions)	In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Francis Ellington In memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Tall Jones
Crissie and Bobby Eubanks (Missions)	In memory of Marion and Sam Eubanks
Faison Family (Missions)	In memory of Loretta Drake Faison In memory of Tonya Kay Faison
Vince and Connie Holt and Family (Poinsettia)	In memory of Jeffrey Holt
John and Nancy Hopkins (Missions)	In memory of Phyllis Hopkins In memory of W. Wayne Pixley In honor of Louise Pixley In honor of our Wonderful Church Staff
Stewart Howell Family (Missions)	In memory of Joe and Tena Goodson
William H. Howell III Family (Missions)	In memory of JT and Myra Stewart In memory of William and Helen Howell In memory of Olivia Rose In memory of Robert Cobb Howell
Mike and Sue Johnson (Poinsettia)	In memory of Sidney Earl Long (Jo Culpepper's brother)
"Rob" and John Jones (Missions)	In memory of Robert "Bob" Jones and Olean
Edward and Carlyn Kinney (Poinsettias)	In memory of Edward and Martha Kinney In memory of Carl and Catherine Clark
Sarah Lundy and Michael Milteer (Poinsettia)	In memory of Elizabeth and John Moody
Peggy Morgan and Family (Missions)	In memory of Thomas A. Morgan, Jr.
Shelby Parker, Susan, Larry & Grandchildren (Missions)	In memory of Edgar Parker
Louise Pixley (Missions)	In honor of Nancy P. Hopkins In honor of Wendell Pixley
Rick Poole and Beth and Franklin Drake (Poinsettia)	In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Dick C. Poole
Dr. and Mrs. Charles L. Qualls (Poinsettias)	In memory of Don and Betty Boynton In memory of Winston Qualls In honor of Julie Qualls In honor of Vision Oversight Committee In honor of Will Viverette
Patti Rabil (Poinsettia)	In memory of Clay and Marjorie Moran (my parents)

Jim and Eliza Rainey (Poinsettias)	In memory of Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Pond, Jr. In memory of Rev. and Mrs. L.J. Rainey
Rawls Family (Poinsettias)	In memory of Ann Peace Rawls In memory of Mr. and Mrs. S.W. Rawls, Sr. In memory of Sol Waite Rawls, Jr.
Jeff and Chuck Saunders (Poinsettia)	In memory of Dot and Charlie Saunders
Scarboro Family (Poinsettia)	In memory of Don William (Bill) Scarboro
Shockley Family (Missions)	In memory of Martin J. Shockley
Everett and Amelia Spivey (Poinsettia)	In memory of Josephine and Dewey Howell In memory of Christine and Archer Spivey
Ann Stephens (Missions)	In memory of Bobby Stephens
Susan, Emily, Madison Suiter and Keith Harvey (Poinsettias)	In memory of John Ghio (Ghi) Suiter In memory of Arthur and Joyce Suiter
Kenneth W. Stone and Susan S. Reed (Poinsettia)	In honor of Virginia Y. Stone
Virginia Y. Stone (Poinsettia)	In memory of Jake M. Stone
Rachel Tayloe (Missions and Poinsettia)	In memory of Ralph P. Tayloe
Margaret Vick (Poinsettias)	In memory of Bobby M. Vick In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Stone
Kaye and Donnie Wade (Missions)	In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Baker
Gerald Whitley (Poinsettia)	In memory of Jeannie Whitley
Everett Williams (Poinsettia)	In memory of Carolyn Williams

The wreaths on the High Street entrance have been given in loving memory of *Elizabeth Camp Smith* by Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Agelasto, III.

The swag on the Third Avenue entrance has been given in loving memory of *Wallace E. "Buddy" Butler* by his family.

The wreaths on the Second Avenue entrance have been given in loving memory of *Dick C. Poole* by his family.

The wreaths on the Third Avenue sanctuary entrance are homemade and are given in loving memory of *S. A. and Virginia Carr* by their family.

Prayer Concerns

Jim Briggs, Joan Edwards, Darla Howell, Gerald Roberts,

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 17

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

Tuesday, December 19

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

NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room
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Thursday, December 21

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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Friday, December 22

Church Office Closed



Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship - 4:30 PM

Plan Now to Join Us!

Mark your calendar now! Plan to be with us for our beautiful Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service at 4:30 PM on December 24th. Pre-service music begins at 4:00 PM and we'll end the service holding our candles high while sharing in "Silent Night." You don't want to miss!



Save the Date!

The Vision Oversight Committee will be presenting a candidate for Associate Pastor-Music the first weekend of January. We hope that you will mark your calendar and plan to attend a meet and greet reception on Saturday, January 6th at 2:00 PM and the worship service on January 7th.

There will be a called business meeting after the worship service to vote on the candidate. Additional details will follow as we get closer to the call weekend. We feel confident that you will be as happy as we are about our candidate. Thank you for your prayer support during this search process.

Franklin Baptist Church – December 17, 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 or mail your offering to the church. Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

Christmas Office Hours

The church office will be closed the following days for the Christmas Holiday: **Friday, December 22nd** and **Monday, December 25th**; and Monday, **January 1st** for New Year's. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

December 31, 2023 - Worship Only at 10:00 AM - Chapel

On the First Sunday of Christmas/New Year's Eve we will gather for a brief service in the chapel at 10:00 AM. Join us for music and an abbreviated traditional service. **There will be NO Sunday School.**



Year-End Contributions

In compliance with IRS regulations, all contributions for 2023 must be **received by December 31, 2023.** Any contributions received after that day will be posted to 2024. 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 Bill Howell at 757-650-8893.



Our in-house Christmas message exchange (post office) is back! The “post office” is located in the narthex and will **be available until January 2nd!** No postage is required!

This is the perfect time to take a minute to let someone 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.

Altar Flowers for 2024

As 2024 is quickly approaching, you can now contact the church office if you would like to reserve Altar flowers beginning in January. 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.

Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items: Toothpaste, shampoo and men’s shaving cream.

Wednesday Activities

We will begin our Christmas break on December 20th. All Wednesday activities will resume again on **January 10th**. See you then!

Faith on Draft Takes a Christmas Break

We’ve had such a good Fall season. We’ll be back in January for our usual monthly session. Mark your calendar now for **January 25th**! Meanwhile, have a blessed Advent and a safe, meaningful Christmas!



- December 17 Advent III - Lighting the Candle of Joy
Christmas Music Sunday with Orchestra and Chancel Choir
- December 24 Advent IV - Lighting the Candle of Love
- December 24 Christmas Eve Service:
4:00 PM: Pre-Service Music
4:30 PM: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- December 31 First Sunday of Christmas/New Year's Eve
10:00 AM in the Chapel
There will be NO Sunday School on this day.
There will also be NO livestreaming.

UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS

- January 7 Communion Sunday
- January 10 All Wednesday Activities Resume:
 - Morning Bible Study
 - Dinner
 - Evening Bible Study
 - Choir Rehearsal
- January 14 Deacon Ordination and Installation



**The staff of Franklin
Baptist Church extends our
sincere wishes for a most joyous Christmas season!
Our prayer is that God will continue
to bless us in the New Year!**



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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

Dr. Charles. L. Qualls, *Senior Pastor*

William R. Viverette, *Organist/Pianist*

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**