

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
11:00 A.M.

\*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Living God, maker of light, thank you for the gift of this day. Let me be a light in your world so that people will look at me and see the goodness of your creation; in Jesus' name I pray. AMEN.

GREETING

Charles Qualls

PRELUDE

*Rhapsody No. 2 in G Minor (Opus 79)* JOHANNES BRAHMS  
Jeremy Poplin, Piano

THE CALL TO COME AND WORSHIP

Paul Kaplan

Once upon a time...any good story begins with that phrase causing us to lean in, to capture the moment, to anticipate what comes next. Scripture begins with its own "once upon a time." "In the beginning" sets the stage for the story, for the *one story*. In the beginning, we see a God who puts things together, who orders the world, who creates humanity in the image of God the Creator. In the beginning, we experience a God who calls us to join in this glorious and splendid creation. So this day, listen for God's word calling forth creation. Listen for God's word working with power and majesty. Listen for God's word speaking blessings. Listen for God's word in this moment, in the beginning. Let us call ourselves to worship.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Kaplan

In the beginning...

**God.**

In the beginning...

**God's Spirit.**

In the beginning...

**God's Word.**

In the beginning...

**God's Light.**

In the beginning...

**a new day.**

A new beginning for every day.

**God's gift of creation.**

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Paul Kaplan

**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 307

*All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PASTORAL PRAYER

Charles Qualls

RESPONSIVE READING 16

God the Father:  
The Source of All Being Paul Kaplan

HYMN 17

*This is My Father's World* TERRA PATRIS

OFFERTORY

*Dearest Jesus* JOHANNES BRAHMS  
Barbara Salter, Organ

\*DOXOLOGY

**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.**

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Charles Qualls

ANTHEM

*Look at the World* JOHN RUTTER  
Chancel Choir  
Barbara Salter, Piano

SCRIPTURE READING	Genesis 1:1, 26-27; 12:1-5; 50:15-21 Pew Bible Old Testament, Pages 1-2, 10, 48 This is the Word of the Lord <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	Charles Qualls
MESSAGE	<i>One Story</i> Created in God's Images to Live	Charles Qualls
*HYMN 26	<i>God of Creation, All Powerful</i>	SLANE
*BENEDICTION		Charles Qualls
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>A Year of God's Favor</i> <b>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.</b>	ST. DENIO
*POSTLUDE	<i>Fugue in D</i> Barbara Salter, Organ	J.S. BACH



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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 – September 15, 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](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 needs the following items: Paper towels and toilet paper.

### Sermon Copies Available

Sometimes you want to slow down and read a message after you've already listened to it. Maybe you want to focus on a particular idea or hear a sentence again. Copies of Dr. Qualls' sermons are available either: 1) as a PDF file by email ([charles.qualls@franklinbaptist.org](mailto:charles.qualls@franklinbaptist.org)) or 2) in print by calling the church office at 757-562-5135.

### Church Directory Update

We are currently working on updating the church directory. If you have moved, have a new email address, no longer have a landline phone, or have changed your cell phone number in the past year or so, please notify the church office. If you have a new photo you'd like to send or if you are a new church member and were not included in our previous directory, please let us know.

Please email photos and information updates to [fbcb@franklinbaptist.org](mailto:fbcb@franklinbaptist.org) by no later than **October 13th**.

## Volunteers Needed for Wednesday Night Dinners

Looking for some “substitute” volunteers in case any of the teams are short-handed. If you are able to help out, please call the church office.



### Handbell Choir Rehearsals

Handbell Choir meets on **Mondays at 6:00 PM** in the Bell Room.



The Church picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 29th** at the Bronco Club from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Rain or Shine! There will be indoor air-conditioned seating. **Call the church office to RSVP if you will be attending by September 16th!**

**Bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert, lawn chair and we'll supply the rest!** Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship!



**Luminaria Forms:** Printable forms can be found on our website, Facebook page or in the church office. If you would like to participate in our candle lighting, please complete the form and return it to the address listed on the form. **Please make all checks payable to the American Cancer Society.** Please join us at Barrett's

Landing in downtown Franklin, VA on **September 21, 2024**. The event begins at 3:00 PM with the Luminaria Ceremony starting at 6:30 PM.



### Faith on Draft Resumes

Join us on **Thursday, September 26, 6:30 PM at The Village**. We'll have one big table in the Back Porch and we'll have one big topic each time. This month: What Is the Bible (and What Is It Not?) Relax with your favorite beverage and enjoy this safe place to ask big questions...without any pressure to reach agreement.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**  
11:00 AM AT THE VILLAGE

This month, we will consider how to follow God's commands, who Jesus includes in his community, and how the disciples related to Jesus and other followers. We will study and practice discipleship as we learn from Jesus.

September 11: Crumbs and Crowds  
(Mark 7:24-37)

September 18: Questions and Directions  
(Mark 8:27-38)

September 25: First and Last  
(Mark 9:30-37; James 3:13-18)

Livestreaming on Franklin Baptist Weds Bible Studies page on Facebook.

**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>

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**Franklin Wednesday Night Dinners**  
5:30 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Make Your Reservations No Later Than Tuesdays at Noon!

Week 1 Lasagna	Week 2 Fried Chicken	Week 3 Meat Loaf	Week 4 Baked Chicken
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Meals Catered By: FRED'S RESTAURANT

Adults - \$9.00  
Children - \$6.00  
Family Max - \$20.00

**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!

Adult meals will be \$9.00, children's meals will be \$6.00 and family maximum will be \$20.00. If you need your meal to be a "takeout" meal, takeout containers will be available for you.

Wednesday Nights at 6:15

*one story*

The Bible Study led by Dr. Charles Qualls in the fellowship hall

**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.

**Christmas Choir Rehearsals**

Begins Sept. 18th  
7 PM, Choir Room

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Christmas Choir rehearsals begin on **Wednesday, September 18th at 7:00 PM** in the Choir Room. Come and join us!

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

David Drewry, Sandy Edwards, Glenda Jervey, Julie Qualls, Rachel Tayloe, Melody White (Holly Ferguson's sister)

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, September 15**

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

**Monday, September 16**

JuBELLation Ringers	6:00 pm	Ringers Room
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**Tuesday, September 17**

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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**Wednesday, September 18**

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, September 19**

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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One of our major mission projects each year is providing **NEW** coats to local high school students who are identified by staff as having a need. The gifts are done privately, in a way that protects the self-esteem of each child. Kristin Felts, who does the purchasing and coordinating of this project, does a remarkable job. Last year, she purchased 188 coats for \$3,636.51, approximately \$20/coat!

We are beginning this collection early so Kristin can take advantage of the best purchase opportunities. Please support this very worthwhile project with your donations. Please mark your check with "**Missions**" in the memo line. **Deadline is September 30th.**