



THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
OCTOBER 6, 2024  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY  
BABY DEDICATION SUNDAY  
11:00 A.M.

\*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of heaven and earth, I listen this morning for the sound of your glory; in the songs of birds, in quiet conversations that begin the day, in easy laughter among friends, in sunlight's warmth, pattering rain, or silent snowfall. Give me ears to hear your glory in its many forms. Give me eyes to see your glory in its many guises. Throughout this day, I, too, will proclaim your glory, your grace, and your love so that I may be a part of the chorus of praise that stretches to the ends of the earth. In Christ's name I pray, AMEN.

GREETING

Charles Qualls

PRELUDE

*Waltzes No. 15 & 16 (Op. 69)*  
Barbara Salter and Jeremy Poplin, Piano

JOHANNES BRAHMS

THE CALL TO COME AND WORSHIP

Bill Howell

Have you ever taken a trip that didn't seem to go as smoothly as you originally thought it might? Peering through their lenses, the Israelites may have been wondering if their wandering would ever get them to their destination. Through a roller coaster of events, this chapter in our story takes us through a census, a blessing, then a what could seem like a Grimm's fairy tale with poisonous snakes attacking and biting the people. A closer look though reminds us that even amid what could seem like to the people - aimless wandering - God was still with them, providing for them, showing them love and grace. It is this love and grace that binds us to God. It protects us, redeems us, restores us, and makes us whole. We are reminded of it today in the elements of the table, and in the hopeful newness of life in the smile of baby. Let us come today and worship God.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Howell

We shall keep your law.  
**We shall keep it forever and ever.**

We will walk in liberty  
**because we study your commandments.**  
We will tell of your decrees before kings  
**and will not be ashamed.**  
We will delight in your commandments  
**which we have always loved.**  
We lift up our hands to your commandments  
**and will meditate on your statutes.**  
Guide us Lord to walk  
**in courage, wisdom, and love.**

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Bill Howell

**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 366

*O God Beyond All Praising*

THAXTED

BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF RIVERS ALLAN BOGESE

Parents: David Michael Bogese and Courtney Tayloe Bogese

Maternal Grandparents: Jonathan Allan Tayloe and Melody Faison Tayloe

Paternal Grandparents: David Rivers Bogese and Deborah Collins Bogese

Maternal Great-Grandparents: Mills Barrett Faison, Jr. and Loretta Drake Faison  
Ralph Pritchard Tayloe and Rachel Jernigan Tayloe

Paternal Great-Grandparents: Michael Joseph Bogese and Gertrude Rivers Bogese  
Lloyd William Collins and Betty Ann Collins

PRESENTATION

*Matthew 19:14*

Bill Howell

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, who said,  
"Let the little children come to me and do not stop them;  
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Holy Creator of life,

*we celebrate the glorious mystery birth.*

You love children into existence and place them in human arms for tender nurture.

*We ask that you surround Rivers and his family with your steadfast love all the days of their lives.*

We ask your blessings on the church who will support, love and pray for them.

*We pray that as the members of Franklin Baptist Church, we may commit ourselves to assist this precious family.*

Holy God, we ask that as David and Courtney take this step of faith in dedicating Rivers to you, that they may walk in your grace, love, and compassion. AMEN.

## QUESTIONS

Charles Qualls

David and Courtney, by coming forward before God and this congregation, do you hereby declare your desire to dedicate yourselves and your son to the Lord? If so, please respond by saying, “we do.”

**We do.**

Having come freely, I ask now that you enter into the following commitment in the presence of God and this congregation. That Rivers may walk in the abundant life that Christ offers, do you David and Courtney, vow by God’s help and in partnership with the church, to provide Rivers a Christian home of love and peace, to raise him in the truth of our Lord’s instruction and discipline, and to encourage him to one day trust Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord? If so, please respond by saying, “we do.”

**We do.**

There’s an old proverb that says “it takes a village to raise a child.” Parents have first responsibility. But parents need the help and support of the community. So I direct my questions now to the church. I ask now that you make the following commitment to those who stand before you. So that Rivers may walk in the abundant life that Christ offers, do you vow by God’s help, to be faithful in your calling as members of the body of Christ, to help David and Courtney be faithful to God, and to help teach and train Rivers in the ways of the Lord so that he might one day trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord? If you accept this responsibility, please respond by saying, “we do.”

**We do.**

PRESENTATION OF BIBLE AND CERTIFICATE

Charles Qualls

MUSICAL RESPONSE

*For This Child I Have Prayed*  
Melody Tayloe, Soprano  
Jeremy Poplin, Piano

KEN BLOUNT

*For this child I have prayed and you heard my cry  
for this baby I had faith and you gave me life  
in this moment I now I pray and I vow to you this day  
I dedicate this baby back to you  
I dedicate myself to train and love him like you do  
I will do my part I will put your word into his heart  
I dedicate this baby back to you.*

*You have granted such a trust with this precious gift  
with your power by your love my all I commit  
On this straight and narrow way for your purposes I say  
I dedicate this baby back to you  
I dedicate myself to train and love him like you do  
I will do my part I will put your word into his heart  
I dedicate this baby back to you.*

\*HYMN 565

*God of Past, Who By Your Spirit  
(Stanzas 1 and 3 only)*

HYFRYDOL

OFFERTORY

*This is My Father's World*  
Barbara Salter, Organ

ARR. BERRY AND SALTER

\*Doxology

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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                      Numbers 1:1-3, 44-47; 6:22-27; 21:6-9                      Charles Qualls  
Pew Bible Old Testament Pages 116, 117;124; 139  
This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE    *One Story*    Charles Qualls  
Wandering in the Wilderness

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION  
INVITATION, BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS, DISTRIBUTION

\*HYMN 642    *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*    NEAR THE CROSS

BENEDICTION    Charles Qualls

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE                      *A Year of God's Favor*    ST. DENIO

**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.**

POSTLUDE    *Wie Schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern*    D. BUXTEHUDE  
Barbara Salter, Organ



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Dr. Charles L. Qualls, *Senior Pastor*  
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Dr. Barbara Salter, *Interim Organist*  
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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 – October 6, 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 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 needs the following items: Women's deodorant and toothpaste!

### 2024 Hurricane Helene - Franklin Baptist Giving Options for Victim Support

Hurricane Helene has left devastation in its path, especially in the Carolinas, Tennessee and Florida. Many of you want to know how you might help. There are two primary paths we would ask you to choose from and follow:

- Through the BGAV, we have been asked to pack an initial 200 Hygiene Kits using American Red Cross guidelines. In past natural disasters, we have provided these kits. Often, they will come back to us with additional requests as recovery unfolds. Approximate cost per kit is \$20. **Donations toward these can be made via check** made out to: Franklin Baptist Church with "**Missions**" in the Memo Line - or - via our **website's online giving portal** at [www.franklinbaptist.org/online-giving/](http://www.franklinbaptist.org/online-giving/).
- **Give through our denominational affiliation**, The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. 100% of gifts to support Disaster Relief make their way to points of need. The link for that online donation is as follows - [Donate to CBF Hurricane Relief \(classy.org\)](http://www.classy.org).

## Prayer Concerns

Dayton Crowder, Sandy Edwards, Glenda Jervy, Linda Johnson, Julie Qualls,  
Rachel Tayloe, Linda Vick, Melody White (Holly Ferguson's sister)

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, October 6

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

### Monday, October 7

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

### Tuesday, October 8

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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### Wednesday, October 9

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, October 10

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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### *The Art of the Hymn - A Piano Concert*

Come and hear our Associate Pastor/Music, Jeremy Poplin, on **October 20th at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary** as he performs some of the beloved hymns of the faith. Fusing elements of jazz, classical music, gospel, and blues, listeners will experience these timeless melodies in a bold and fresh new way!

### *Community Living Nativity - Volunteers*

Work has begun to prepare for the Community Living Nativity. The event will be held 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to participate in scenes and physically assist in set up/break down. Please let us know if you can help by contacting Kay Drumheller (757-377-6557), Eliza Rainey (757-377-7523), or Billie Turner (757-651-9137).