

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
FEBRUARY 9, 2025  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
11:00 A.M.

\*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beloved Savior, my heart overflows with your goodness. The night has passed. The morning has come. Your voice calls me to arise and come with you into this new day. Let your love strengthen me to answer your call and follow you, caring for those in need of your love. AMEN.

GREETING

Charles Qualls

PRELUDE

*The Love of God*  
Jeremy Poplin, Piano

ARR. MARILYN HAMM

THE CALL TO COME AND WORSHIP

Rob Carter

Our journey in the wisdom literature continues today as we encounter what some have described as “the owner’s manual for the human heart.” Song of Solomon is a collection of love poetry and songs. They are sublime and beautiful representations of human love and affection. Through the detailed imagery, we catch a glimpse of two people that are deeply in love. In seeing this book this way, we recognize in it the supremacy of love, and we find ourselves asking, “if two human beings can love like this, how much more is the measure of God’s love?” Through this question, we come today, asking and seeing not only the love between two people, but also the immense and unshakeable love of God. Let us call ourselves to worship.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rob Carter

God has lavished us with every perfect gift from above and called us  
to living intimacy through the Beloved One, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Let us come and worship the one whose love is boundless and divine!**

INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

Rob Carter

**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 281

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

BEECHER

PASTORAL PRAYER

Charles Qualls

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rob Carter

Beloved One, you have called us to embrace and our hearts  
overflow with your goodness. Your power endures forever.  
You reign with justice and love righteousness.  
**Let the fragrance of your love and the grace on your lips anoint us  
as we pray for the church, the creation, and all those in need.**

Arise, God of love.

**Come to our aid.**

Unshackle your church from bondage to human tradition that  
we may worship you freely and serve others with a pure heart.

**Redeem and renew your creation to bud, blossom, and  
bring forth fruit as we care for the land and for one another.**

Let us embrace the distressed, the diseased, the devalued, and the denied.

**Cause us to care for the abandoned, the bereaved, the weak, and the weary.**

Clothe those who are in distress, sick, lost, or lonely  
with your fragrant grace and renewing love.

**Blessed forever are those who have answered your invitation:**

**“Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.”**

They now rest in your embrace. Bless us now to follow in their footsteps of faith.

**Arise, God of love. Come to our aid. AMEN.**

\*HYMN 41

*There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*

WELLESLEY

OFFERTORY

*Aria*  
Barbara Salter, Organ

F. PETERS

\*Doxology

OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him all creatures here below;  
praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Charles Qualls

ANTHEM

*Beloved*  
Chancel Choir  
Barbara Salter, Piano

MARK MILLER

SCRIPTURE READING

Charles Qualls

Song of Solomon 2:10-15; 4:1-7; 5:10-16, 8:6-7  
Pew Bible Old Testament, Pages 623; 624; 625; 627  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

*One Story*

Charles Qualls

Arise My Love, My Fair One, and Come Away

\*HYMN 406

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

ABERYSTWYTH

BENEDICTION

Charles Qualls

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

AZMON

**Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.  
God's spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name!**

POSTLUDE

*Hyfrydol*

R.V. WILLIAMS

Barbara Salter, Organ



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God  
and in honor of Maggie Swain, by a friend.



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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

Dr. Charles L. Qualls, *Senior Pastor*

Jeremy Poplin, *Associate Pastor/Music*

Dr. Barbara Salter, *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 – February 9, 2025

### 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 will be collecting boxes of tissues and household cleaners throughout the month of February (40 oz. Pine Glo, Lysol, Ajax, Fabuloso).



Come and join the Easter Choir! Rehearsals begin **Wednesday, February 19th at 7:00 PM** in the Choir Room. Come and sing with us as we prepare special music for Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> with our guest string quartet.



### Bereavement Committee – Volunteers Needed!

Bereavement support for members is an important ministry at FBC. At a time when most needed, the church provides a meal for the immediate family or a reception at the time of the service so family and friends can be together.

The Bereavement Committee, led by Jo Culpepper, is composed of three teams who plan and prepare the event. Work involves preparing the food, setting up for the event, serving, as well as cleanup. Both men and women are needed! If you are willing to help, please call the church office so that you can be added to the group.



### 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>

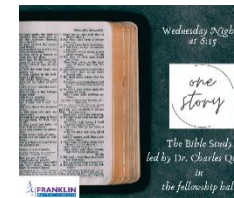
In this unit, Blessed or Cursed, we will explore the paths of those whom God calls, whether as prophets or as disciples. Even as they receive God's blessing, they face the world's curses. Jesus, Isaiah, and Jeremiah all faced the painful reality of the world's response to God's Prophets. These stories challenge and encourage us in our own faithfulness.



### 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!

If you need your meal to be a "takeout" meal, takeout containers will be available for you.



### 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.



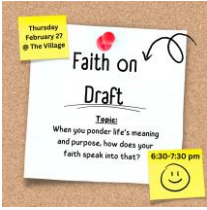
### JuBELLation Ringers

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



### Chancel Choir

Chancel choir meets on **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM** in the choir room.



**Faith on Draft - February 27th - 6:30 PM (Village/Back Porch)**  
Have you ever planted a tree whose shade you will never sit under? Legacy. Meaning or purpose. Sooner or later, we all ponder what our lives are about. We muse on what we have accomplished that matters or what we may leave behind. Next Faith on Draft, we'll talk about what our faith can and does (should?) add to our conclusions. 6:30 PM on February 27th at the Village Back Porch and Grille.

Come about 5:00 PM for an enjoyable meal in the Back Porch and Grill (reservations please: 757-516-0031). Or, drop by the bar for a beverage before you join us at 6:30 PM. Mark your calendar now for February 27th!

## Upcoming Events



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**  
March 4th at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall

Shrove Tuesday is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Please join us for a pancake supper, games and other activities. To participate, you **MUST** make a reservation by calling the church office or registering on our website. The deadline to sign up for this free pancake supper is **Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** so that adequate food will be prepared.

Copy and paste in a browser or click on this link to make your reservation online: <https://franklinbaptist.org/shrove-tuesday-pancake-supper/>



**Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025**  
Ash Wednesday (March 5th) marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is the season that we prepare for Easter. Franklin Baptist marks Ash Wednesday with two services - **11:00 AM (at the Village)** and **6:15 PM in the fellowship hall**. Come and join us as we begin our Lenten Journey on Ash Wednesday.

## Prayer Concerns

Charlie Brown, Jo Culpepper, Patsy Fowler, Carlyn Kinney, Rick Poole, Everett Spivey, Dan Stainback, Bette Whitley (Jim Whitley's sister-in-law)

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

## Calendar of Events

<b><u>Sunday, February 9</u></b>		
Sunday School	9:45 am	SS Classrooms
Worship (also Facebook Live/Radio)	11:00 am	Sanctuary
Fellowship Coffee	12:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
<b><u>Monday, February 10</u></b>		
JuBELLation Ringers	6:00 pm	JuBELLation Ringers Room
Administrative Council Meeting	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
<b><u>Tuesday, February 11</u></b>		
AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
<b><u>Wednesday, February 12</u></b>		
Morning Bible Study	11:00 am	The Village
Wednesday Night Dinner	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Winter Business Meeting	6:15 pm	Fellowship Hall
Chancel Choir	7:00 pm	Choir Room
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room
<b><u>Thursday, February 13</u></b>		
High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall



**Winter Business Meeting**  
The Winter Business Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 12th at 6:15 PM in the fellowship hall**.