

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
MARCH 30, 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Trustworthy God, nothing is new under the sun, except your faithfulness, which is new every morning. Jesus, our champion, you renewed all creation by being buried into earth, then breaking the bonds of death. Powerful Spirit, work that same resurrection in our life by putting to death our selfish lusts, and raise us as a new people bearing the image of God. AMEN.

GREETING Charles Qualls

PRELUDE *Were You There* ARR. NIELSON AND YOUNG
Barbara Salter and Jeremy Poplin, Piano

THE CALL TO COME AND WORSHIP Lisa Turner

Our story continues today as personal tragedy is turned and traded for a prophetic lens. We find Hosea alone and betrayed by his wife; seared, scarred, and shaped by the infidelity of Gomer. But his tears became telescopes, and he gained his gospel through grief. The tragedy of his heart taught him the tragedy of Israel’s altar. Seeing Israel’s betrayal to God as the same betrayal Gomer had done to him, Hosea speaks with renewed clarity and purpose about the need of the people to return to the God of their ancestors-a God whose love has never failed or left them. May we as God’s people see and know the divine love that is excelling and never ending. May we experience the love of God which lifts us up and carries us through tragedy and pain. May we know the God that still speaks to us with grace and goodness. Let us call ourselves to worship.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Lisa Turner

Give thanks to the Lord, for God’s love is reliable.
God will never withhold compassion from us.
God keeps rescuing us, no matter how often we lose ourselves.
God is our Savior! How can we keep from praising such love?

INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER Lisa Turner

**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 Jeremy Poplin

CALL TO CONFESSION Lisa Turner

Jesus declares that those who are well have no need of a physician,
but those who are sick; Christ calls not the righteous but sinners.
Disciples of Jesus, let us confess our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Lisa Turner

**Merciful God, your love for us is undivided, but we confess that we have
been unfaithful in our devotion to you. Our affections stray to false gods of
money and power. Our commitments fracture among the demands of work
and family. Our loyalties spread across the obligations of social class and
nation. Forgive us, we pray. Reconcile our wandering hearts and restore us
to faithfulness. Ground us in your righteous covenant that we may know to
whom we belong, live as your committed partner, and honor you as our
gracious Lord. AMEN.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Lisa Turner

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding
in steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

*HYMN 618 *Love Lifted Me* SAFETY

OFFERTORY *Stations of the Cross* DUPRE
Barbara Salter, Organ

*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	<i>In Heavenly Love Abiding</i> Chancel Choir; Barbara Salter, Piano	WARRING/EVANS
SCRIPTURE READING	Hosea 1:1-3, 3:1-5; 4:1-3; 6:1; 14:1-3 Pew Bible Old Testament, Pages 835; 836; 837; 838; 844-845 This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	Charles Qualls
MESSAGE	<i>One Story</i> I'm Just Preaching Through the Bible	Charles Qualls
*HYMN 280	<i>Speak, O Lord</i>	SPEAK O LORD
BENEDICTION		Charles Qualls
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>God Be With You</i>	GOD BE WITH YOU
	God be with you till we meet again! By his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again!	
POSTLUDE	<i>Toccata</i> Barbara Salter, Organ	MULLET



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of Donna and Burt Evans, 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 – March 30, 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 or mail your offering to the church. Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

JuBELLation Ringers

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

Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry will be collecting paper towels throughout the month of April. A roll of paper towels goes in every household bag they distribute.



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.



Come and join the Easter Choir on **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the Choir Room**. Come and sing with us as we prepare special music for Palm Sunday, April 13th with our guest string quartet.



Easter Lily/Missions Donation

Again this year, you have the option of donating a gift to missions or purchasing a lily. The cost of either is \$25.00 and can be given in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Please complete a form and place it along with payment in the offering plate, bring it to the church office, or send it by mail. Deadline is April 7th.

Printable forms can be found on our website and Facebook page. Order forms can also be completed and purchases made on our website <https://franklinbaptist.org/order-form-for-easter-lily-and-missions-donation/>. In the payment section, choose either the Missions or Easter Lily option.



Wednesday Lenten Lunch and Worship Services

Our Lenten series of weekly lunch and worship services returns! This year it will be held at a different church each week. **Worship service begins at 12:00 PM with lunch being served at 12:30 PM.**

April 2nd:
April 9th:

Franklin Baptist & Sycamore Baptist at FBC
Congregational Christian Church



Easter Sunday – Flowering Cross

The tradition of a flowering cross at Easter dates back to the sixth century when worshipers would adorn the barren cross with fresh flowers to symbolize the hope and power of resurrection over death and new life in Christ. Join us this Easter Sunday by bringing fresh flowers and placing them on our new "flowering cross" that will be placed outside in the front of the church as a symbol of hope and life for our community.

Holy Week



And Easter



Services and Events

Prayer Concerns

Betty Jo Ipock (Jo Culpepper's cousin), Glenda Jervey, Linda Johnson, Tamara Sloop (Avis and Martin Shockley's daughter), Bette Whitley (Jim Whitley's sister-in-law)

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Jacquelyn Walker Clinton (Lisa Clinton's mother), who passed away on Mach 14, 2025.

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Ray Poland Bradshaw, who passed away on March 26, 2025.

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 30

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 31

JuBELLation Ringers	6:00 pm	JuBELLation Ringers Room
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Tuesday, April 1

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, April 2

Morning Bible Study	11:00 am	The Village
Community Lenten Service	12:00 pm	Franklin Baptist Church
Community Lenten Lunch	12:30 pm	Franklin Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Dinner	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Adult Bible Study	6:15 pm	Fellowship Hall
Easter Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm	Choir Room
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room

Thursday, April 3

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Community Room
AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room